



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – June 2024

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:04pm

Reporting on the month of April (always report 2 months behind). It was another good month at all of our locations. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support us through pull-tab sales.

Thirsty Buffalo remains as our highest selling site. Paper tabs continue to outsell e-tabs, but the e-tabs are starting to catch up.

Matt A. will be added to the bank account this week.

We continue to receive a 5-Star rating for our gambling operations.

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$254,678.34
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$4,886.72
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$204,200

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Mike, Maria, Kent, Jeremy, Bridget, Eric, and Adam

Julie is requesting \$204,200 for the month of June.

A motion was made to approve \$204,200 (\$129,200 for gambling expenses and \$75,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Jeremy, 2nd Mike. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (6-0).

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
(The next meeting is July 7th)

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be July 10th

Gambling

THIRSTY BUFFALO

Bingo: Monday 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
Pulltabs: Sunday (12-10pm), Monday -Thursday (12-11pm), Friday (12-Midnight) and Saturday (11-12pm)
Meat Raffle: Thursday @ 5:30pm, Sunday @ 4:00pm

The Heights - Buffalo

Pulltabs: Sunday – Saturday 11am-11pm

J's Down Under - Buffalo

Pulltabs: Monday-Thursday 3pm-11pm, Friday-Sunday 12pm-12am
Meat Raffle: Saturday 4:00pm

Wild Marsh - Buffalo

Pulltabs: 11am-10pm

Evelyn's Wine Bar - Buffalo

Pulltabs and ETags: 5pm-9pm



The board meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

Attendance: 8 Directors

Matt Adams, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Eric Kolkind, Bridget Lindeman, and Adam Hennen

Visitors:

Members Present:

President Report:

We would like to invite all our members to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Civic Center in the Purple Rink Conference Room.

A two-week notice to the President is requested for time on the agenda.

Secretary Report:

No changes made to the May newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of May 2024.

- Jeremy 1st, Bridget 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$532,802
- 2.Expenses paid: \$120,397 in expenses in May 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$109,835 in June 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$48,400 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$27,964 in June 2024

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jeremy 1st, Eric 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).



The finance committee will be meeting in the next month to plan for the next season. So far, we are under budget going into the end of the fiscal year.

BYHA now has a Venmo account. Parents can now make payments through our Venmo account using the account name @BYHA-MN and code 1104

BOD/HOC Report

We would like to invite all BYHA members to start attending the BOD/HOC meetings. This is a great way to see what is going on throughout the association.

HOC Report

This meeting is our annual joint HOC/BOD meeting. The next BOD meeting will be held July 7th @ 7:00 PM in the Purple Rink Conference Room at the Buffalo Civic Center. Members of the BYHA are also able to attend this meeting. If you would like to be placed on the HOC Agenda, a two-week notice to the HOC VP is required.

HOC Department Updates:

- **Boys High School** - Summer STP registration is open. Bean Bag tournament is scheduled for July 17th at 5pm. Please come out and support us at Huikkos.
- **Girls High School** - Summer STP registration is open. The annual Girls High School Golf Tournament will be happening the end of August. Details to come.
- **Teams/ABC** - Tentative team numbers for next season are as follows: (these are not set in stone, but rather just a tentative estimate for the year ahead). Squirrels-5/6, Peewee-4/5, Bantam-4, U10-2, U12-2, U15-2.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Some ideas the coordinators are looking into for this season are: Having non-parent coaches at the top level with a 3-year commitment, annual reviews, and having the head coach act as a sort of liaison for development of each level. Pre-season, mid-season, and end of season meeting with all coaches. Suggesting a change to the handbook regarding who is on the Coaches Committee. Looking at hosting a Positive Coaching Alliance meeting.
- **Girls Coordinators** - Coordinators haven't come to a consensus as to whether U15 tryouts should be before or after high school tryouts. The action plan is to send out an survey to U15 families this month. Parents should be watching for this email. Discussing things such as, high/low group split before hs tryouts, registration fees, options to not fully roster teams until after hs tryouts, any player who wishes to make the 'A' team must attend U15 tryouts.



- **Player Development** - Coordinators want the focus this season to be training, development, coaching support and ice utilization. Ideas to accomplish this are: supporting coaches through feedback and practice plans, looking to attract high-quality non-parent coaches, getting creative with practice times (possible morning practices for some levels), renting more ice in other towns (this could be a good way to host scrimmages for metro teams that don't want to drive all the way to Buffalo) and multi-team practices. Changes for 10K Puck Club with a focus on stick handling. Looking at implementing shooting clinics throughout the season.
- **Mites** - Learn to Skate is underway (60 kids). Need coaches to help with these sessions. A request was made for two more intermediate nets to have four in each rink.
- **Squirts** - Looking to improve the 3v3 league this season (opt-in option, 2 seasons). Considering morning practices and offering more coaching support.
- **Safesport** - Safesport coordinators will not be rostering locker room monitors and team managers this year. The Registration Coordinator will have access to the USA Hockey Database and can roster both lists.
- **Goalies** - Coordinators have budget requests ready for the BOD. Looking for new quick change gear for mini mites. Adding the option for goalie equipment voucher for PW/U12 levels and above. Preparing for tryouts and the potential evaluator conflict - looking to get two outside evaluators from MEGA to help with this. Also, looking to make some changes to better protect the goalie gear that the BYHA rents out to teams and how to improve checkout system currently in place.
- **Try-Outs** - Coordinators have made a number of suggestions for the handbook changes to be made. Suggestions will be presented to the BOD so they can review.
- **Tournaments** - Several travel teams will have back to back tournament weekends this season. It is harder to find local tournaments for several Peewee and Bantam teams this season. The coordinator is still looking to fill a few more tournaments and waiting to hear back from a few associations.
- **Ice Schedulers** - Clinics are starting September 15th. Reformatting power skating times, skills night and 3v3 times. Working to better manage practice/scrimmage trading and visibility. Looking for all options that can help with the extra teams (morning, late night, shared, different location, etc.)
- **Jr. Gold** - Jr. Gold tournament is already full, with two teams on the waitlist. Have the opportunity to grow the tournament to 24 teams if we want.
- **Vice President** - The Home Tournament Coordinator role will be filled by Mike Peterson. Risa suggested possibly adding a Coaching Registration Coordinator. Looking at how we can host the PWC tourney this upcoming season with a lot of teams at away tournaments that weekend which will make it harder to fill DIBs. Jessica Fudali will be the new Registration Co-Coordinator. Dan Gladu will be the new



Retention and Recruitment Coordinator. Brittany Myers, Amber Theil and Holly Chase will be the new Ice-in Coordinators.

District 5 Report:

No updates at this time.

Volunteer Report:

The DIBs for the upcoming season have already started to roll in.

Concession Stand:

We are looking for a concession stand manager, if you are interested, please contact the BOD.

Apparel:

Apparel should be ready for registration night. Looking to also have a summer clearance sale to clear out the old inventory.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Looking at getting neck guards available in the shop as well adding them to all of the One Goal kits. Replacement game and practice jerseys are almost ready to order.

City of Buffalo:

Nothing new to report.

Wall of Fame:

Looking for recommendations for the Wall of Fame. If you have a recommendation, please reach out to Eric Kolkind.

Tournament Report

Most tournaments are filled with the exception of few teams still needing one. Not a lot of metro offerings this year, so some teams unfortunately have back to back tournament weekends.

Registration Report:

Jessica Fudali is going to help with registration this season. Thank you Jessica!

Registration dates are: July 18th 6-9pm, August 11th 4-7pm and October 5th 11-2 (Mites)



Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The Ice In Party is scheduled for September 14th. We are looking for sponsors to help make this event a success. If you are interested in being a sponsor please reach out the Jeremy Welter.

Brittany Myers, Amber Theil and Holly Chase are joining the Ice In committee. Thank you Brittany, Amber and Holly!

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Flyers and supplies are ready for the parades this summer in Buffalo, Hanover and Annandale. Watch your email for details so your skaters to join the parade.

New Business:

Upcoming Rock on Ice:

August 14th 7-9pm

Registration Dates:

July 18, 6-9pm

August 11, 4-7pm

October 5, 11-2 (mites)

A motion to eliminate the FUNdraiser coordinator position.

- Mike 1st, Kent 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).

Positions that still need to be filled. (Get your DIBS hours completed when you hold a coordinator position.)

- Registration Coordinator (1)
- Recruitment and Retention Coordinator
- 10,000 Puck Club
- Dryland Coordinator
- Concession Stand workers and coordinator
- Game Sheet Coordinator



Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 PM.



Please continue to support the businesses who support us:

- A110 Athletics
- Adjust to Health Chiropractic
- Andy Austin
- Annandale Art and Textile Center
- Artistic Me
- Bayer Built Woodworks
- Big Bore Barbecue Co
- Billy D's Crooked Tavern
- BJ's Deli
- Brenner Dental Group
- Bridging Hope Counseling
- Buff N Glo Car Wash
- Buffalo American Legion Post 270
- Buffalo Bison Hockey STP
- Buffalo Books
- Buffalo Chiropractic Clinic
- Buffalo Pizza
- Carlson & Jones, PA
- Christensen Group Insurance
- City of Buffalo
- CK Seafood
- Community Lawn Care
- CorTrust Bank
- Coborn's Buffalo
- CUB Foods
- Dixon Farms
- Domino's Pizza-Buffalo
- First Class Mortgage – Dulcea Arden
- Hat Trick Hockey
- Holiday Station Stores - Annandale
- Huikko's Bowling and Event Center
- In Hot Water Coffee Shop
- Insurance Center of Buffalo
- J&J Athletics
- Jimmy Johns - Buffalo
- Jimmy's Pizza-Annandale
- Johnson, Larson & Peterson P. A.
- Kwik Trip –Buffalo
- Lakeside Nutrition
- LPG & NH3 Supply, Inc.
- Mill Creek Inn
- Miller's Jewelry
- MidCountry Bank
- Old National Bank
- Omann Brothers Paving
- P-M Custom Woodworking
- Play It Again Sports - Buffalo
- ProTech Restoration
- Production Stamping
- Ryan Chevrolet
- SDP Hockey (Select Development Program)
- South Brook Gold Club and Grill
- Spilled Grain Brewhouse
- State Farm – Mark Olson
- Stewart Plumbing
- Sweet Escape Ice Cream
- Sylvia + Louisa
- Taco Bell-Buffalo
- Target-Buffalo
- The River Inn of Hanover
- The Vision Companies
- Thirsty Buffalo
- TruStone Financial
- Waterfront Lakeside Grille
- What's the Scoop?
- You Betcha Popcorn



BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

June 2024	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	President	Matt Adams	April 2027
	Vice President	Deb Blaeser	April 2027
X	Secretary	Maria Rosso	April 2026
X	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	April 2025
X	Director	Jeremy Welter	April 2025
X	Director	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
X	Director	Eric Kolkind	April 2025
X	Director	Kent Baker	April 2027
	Director	Jake Comee	April 2026
X	Director	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
	Director	Adam Hennen	April 2027

NOTE: 8 Directors were present for June 2024 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Rissa Peterson		
Co-Coaching Coordinators	Mark Lemen Ryan Otto		
Player Development Co-Coordinators	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth		
Goalie Development Co-Coordinators	Matt Griffith Nate Dixon		
A/B/C Level Coordinator	Wes Asleson		
Tryout Co-Coordinator	Josh Hawkinson Mike Peterson		
Scheduling Director	Hans & Sadie Iverson Colin & Carly Hribal		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Aaron Johnson Devon McNamara		
HOME Tournament Coordinator	**OPEN**		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Serinity Kurzhals		
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Tina Klaphake Michelle Munn		
Squirt Coordinator	Chris Pearsall Tiffany Dixon		
Girls Coordinator	Ben Guck Amy Kotish		
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson		
Girls High School Coach	Ryan Huddy		



Volunteers

D5 Rep	Ryan Ferguson
Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
Wreath Coordinator	Caitlin Chovan
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinator	Michele Siemek
Registration Coordinator	Danielle Rakos (Traveling Level) Alicia Kettenacker (Initiation Level)
One Goal Coordinator	Matt Griffith Chris Pearsall
S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator	Rissa Schrick
T.E.A.M. Coordinator	Jolene Frank
Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator	Jeremy Welter
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kari Magaard Heather Knight
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kelsey Harps
Initiation Mite Events Coordinator	Karin Brinkhoff
Initiation One Goal/Learn 2 Play Coordinators	Karin Brinkhoff Jolene Frank
Initiation Level Scheduler	Emily Starry
Volunteer Coordinator	Sarah Shult Lisa Comee



Social Media Coordinator	Megan Omann Lena Gawtry
Rock on Ice Coordinator	Jennifer Kurth
	Lena Gawtry
Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Alyssa Domagala Tate Moser
Billing Managers	Mike Honsey Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Dusty Pierce