



# **Bison Blueline**

BYHA Newsletter – August 2024

## **Gambling Report:**

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:45pm

Reporting on the month of June (always report 2 months behind). It was another great month at all of our locations. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our locations.

End of year audit is underway. The Gambling Control Board will conduct their audit around October.

BYHA continues to receive a 5-Star rating for our gambling operations.

<b>Profit Carryover From this Month</b>	<b>\$197,888.70</b>
<b>Carry over increase / (decrease)</b>	<b>(\$37,936.88)</b>
<b>Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)</b>	<b>\$163,200</b>

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Deb, Mike, Maria, Kent, Jeremy, Bridget, Jake, Matt R. and Adam

Julie is requesting \$163,200 for the month of July.

A motion was made to approve \$163,200 (\$113,200 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- Jeremy 1<sup>st</sup>, Bridget 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (9-0).

## **Event Schedule**

### **HOC Meeting:**

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM  
(The next meeting is September 9th)

### **BYHA Board Meeting**

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
Next Meeting will be September 11th

### **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 ETabs:** 5pm-9pm



**The board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.**

**Attendance: 10 Directors**

Matt Adams, Beb Blaeser, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Bridget Lindeman, Jacob Comee, Matt Rickheim and Adam Hennen

**Visitors:**

**Members Present:**

Amy Kotish, Ryan Otto, Keith Jerpseth

**President Report:**

We would like to invite all our members to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Changes made to the July newsletter after original posting: change the Venmo number to reflect the president's cell phone; removed registration coordinator, recruitment/retention position and concession stand manager from open positions.

A motion to approve minutes for month of July 2024.

- Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

**Treasurer Report:**

**Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$485,609
- 2.Expenses paid: \$71,572.54 in expenses in July 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$39,738.04 in August 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$38,115.94 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$128,304.58 in August 2024



A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jake 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeremy 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0). (Kent absent for vote)

There were a couple questions regarding the opt-in/opt-out option for the Squirt/U10 3v3 sessions. Those sessions are an added bonus if your player would like to participate. If a family chooses to opt-out of the 3v3 sessions, they will not receive any sort of refund.

**BYHA now has a Venmo account. Parents can now make payments through our Venmo account using the account name @BYHA-MN and code 3967**

### HOC Report

The next BOD meeting will be held September 8th @ 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:

- **Player Development** - The HOC would like to post a paid Hockey Director position. This position would be involved in tryouts, coordinating coaches, player development and support all teams on ice.
  - o A motion was made to approve the job description and posting with the salary range up to \$60,000, but interviews cannot take place until we have the process approved, with a 2/3 vote majority by both HOC and BOD.
    - Jeremy 1<sup>st</sup>, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion: Think we should have finalized proposal by the HOC before we approve it and post it. (Maria). Motion passed 8-1 (Maria).
- **Squirts** - Discussion regarding the minimum number of players needed to field five teams at the squirt level. The HOC has talked about tiering the teams this season, example: 11 - A team, 17 - C team. Waiting to see final numbers.
  - o *There is a **Squirt meeting on September 8th at 6pm** in the Purple meeting room. Parents are encouraged to attend.*
- **Boys High School** - Fall STP and breakfast club sign ups are ready to go.
- **Girls High School** - Girls high school tryouts are scheduled for October 28th-29th. Scrimmage Fest scheduled for October 31st.



- **Teams/ABC** - Registration numbers should be for the most part finalized by next meeting. Ideas to boost registration numbers in the future could include guaranteed jersey numbers as well as special incentives for early registrants.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Head coach interviews will be scheduled for August 20th-21st. Thank you to those that have applied.
- **Girls Coordinators** - Working on scheduling Orono/Westonka scrimmage tryouts. Also planning for Girls Hockey Day.
  - A motion was made to follow the HOC recommendation to field two teams at U15s as long as there is a minimum 19 registered skaters.
    - Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).
- **Goalies** - Coordinators are working with MEGA to set up the contract for the season. Working on setting up clinics and tryouts.
- **Try-Outs** - The coordinators are searching for non-parent tryout evaluators. Starting to coordinate evaluation groups and looking at outside scrimmage options for the Bantam tryouts.
- **Tournaments** - The coordinators will be working with the ice scheduler once all the away tournaments have been finalized.
- **Ice Schedulers** - The ice schedulers are getting the schedule ready for the season. Clinic schedules are being finalized and will be posted soon. Tryouts will begin 9/28.
- **Jr. Gold** - Jr. Gold clinics are being scheduled for October. Reaching out to LDC and Delano for potential players.
  - A motion was made from the HOC recommendation to allow Jr. Gold to cut players from outside associations.
    - Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

### District 5 Report:

The fees have increased to \$240 for traveling level teams and \$10 for rostered Mite teams.

There will be a strict enforcement for neck guards at the beginning of game. This year, there is no stamp required on neck guards, but beginning 2025 season a stamp will be required.

Requests for officials must be made within 7 days of the event.



### **Vice President**

Beginning to explore other sports management platforms. Looking to see what else is out there and which one would best fit the BYHA.

A motion was made to amend the previous motion regarding player lock.

**Previous motion:** *Starting with the top level team, team selection will have skaters ranked in the top 50% of the projected number of rostered players “locked”. The tryout committee, including the head coach, evaluators, HOC VP, and BYHA President and any other person or persons as approved by the BYHA Board of Directors, have discretion to complete the team roster.*

**Amendment:** *Starting with the top level team, team selection will have skaters ranked in the top 70% of the projected number of rostered players “locked”. The tryout committee, including the head coach, evaluators, HOC VP, and BYHA President and any other person or persons as approved by the BYHA Board of Directors, have discretion to complete the team roster.*

\* Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

### **Volunteer Report:**

The DIBs for the upcoming season (clinics and tryouts) are being posted. Parents can sign up and get hours completed before season begins.

DIBS requests still need to be submitted two weeks in advance so they coordinators have time to post.

### **Concession Stand:**

No updates at this time.

### **Apparel:**

The apparel shop did very well on registration night and is something to continue in the future. There is new apparel coming in all the time, so please take a minute to stop and shop next time you are at the rink.

### **Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:**

Jerseys, socks, practice jerseys and stickers are all ordered. The new player packs are ready to be ordered as well. The player packs are only for players and will not be available for sale at the shop.

### **City of Buffalo:**

No updates at this time.



### Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

### Registration Report:

Registration dates are: October 5th 11-2 (Mites)

Registration worked well in the meeting room and had a good turnout. 405 players were registered so far. The D5 registration meeting will take place next week. Coordinators will be asking about waivers and how to best handle reviewing those who have already registered.

Those players with a Past Due on their account from last season will not be able to complete registration or participate in tryouts until the account is paid.

### SafeSport:

Coordinating with coaching coordinators to make sure every coach is registered and completed the SafeSport training. Parents who are locker room monitors **MUST** have completed the SafeSport training before they are allowed in the locker room.

Reminder that there is no dressing or undressing players allowed in the lobby.

The BOD ask all coaches to complete their coaching requirements and submit by November 30th, 2024 so the coordinators have time to finalize and submit.

### 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. (See attached flyer)

### Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Looking forward to Girls Hockey Day. Hoping to set up a special guest or two. Checking to see Grace and Taylor would be available.

Also looking into partnering with SCSU or the Norsmen for another fun youth night this season.

### New Business:

There is a Squirt meeting on September 8th at 6pm in the Purple meeting room. Parents are encouraged to attend.

The BYHA BOD received a thank you letter from Max Barton for the scholarship he was awarded.



Thank you to the Annandale and Maple Lake Booster Club that donated \$500 to be put towards the One Goal Program!

**Registration Dates:**

October 5, 11-2 (mites)

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

- Game Sheet Coordinator
- Concession stand workers



**Additional Notes:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

**2024**



#IceInHeartsOut

Invite your family and friends for an ADULT ONLY day of fun!

100% of the proceeds from this event go to support the youth of BYHA, the Scholarship and Financial Aid program!

BYHA is made up of families from Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose, Annandale and other surrounding communities.

## Season Kick-Off!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION & BONSPIEL FUNDRAISER

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

BUFFALO CIVIC CENTER

### Event Tickets:

Cocktail hour, dinner & auction - \$40  
 Bonspiel with dinner & auction - \$100  
 Register early, prices increase after 9/1

### Schedule of Events:

-  11 am **Player Check-in, Lunch & Curling Instruction**
-  12 pm **Curling Starts**
-  3:30 pm **Cocktail Hour**
-  5:30 pm **Dinner**
-  6:45 pm **Live Auction Starts**

**Silent & Live Auction**

Bid online starting 9/7:  
 → [bidpartner.net/byhaicein](http://bidpartner.net/byhaicein)  
 \*\*Silent Auction Ends @ 6:30pm\*\*

Contact Shannon to donate:  
[BisonIceInAuction@gmail.com](mailto:BisonIceInAuction@gmail.com) / 612-618-1295



 **Register**

**Curling Tournament**

4 - person teams required  
 Cash prizes for the top 3 teams!  
 First Place = \$500

REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY 9/1 AND YOU WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE!

To register email:  
[BisonIceInRegister@gmail.com](mailto:BisonIceInRegister@gmail.com)

For more details: <https://buffalo.pucksystems2.com/>



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- Thirsty Buffalo
- Wave Armor
- What's the Scoop?
- Wild Marsh



## BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

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

NOTE: 10 Directors were present for August 2024 meeting.



## BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

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



## Volunteers

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



<b>Rock on Ice Coordinator</b>	Jennifer Kurth
<b>Webmaster Coordinator</b>	Deb Blaeser
	Alyssa Domagala
<b>Billing Managers</b>	Mike Honsey
	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
<b>Hall of Fame Committee Chair</b>	Eric Kolkind
<b>Safesport Coordinator(s)</b>	Tina Klaphake