



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – September 2025

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 7:03pm

Reporting on the month of July (always report 2 months behind). We had a decent month. Tap Inn had a good month. The meat raffle was lower than in past months. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our gambling partners.

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

We are currently looking to fill a volunteer position for end of month Inventory Auditor. This position will fulfill your DIBs hours for the season. If you interested, please contact anyone on the BOD for more information.

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Deb, Jeremy, Maria, Kent, Adam, Matt, Alex, Brandon, and Shannon

Julie is requesting \$169,700 for the month of September.

A motion was made to approve \$169,700 (\$119,700 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- Kent 1st, Brandon 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (9-0).

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$188,189.73
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$6391.25
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$169,700

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting

Meeting has moved to second Wednesday before BOD meeting
October 8th 2025 at 6pm

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be October 8th

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 UND'R - BUFFALO

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

TAP INN WILD MARSH - BUFFALO

Pulltabs: 11am-10pm

EVELYN'S WINE BAR - BUFFALO

Pulltabs and ETags: 5pm-9pm

HAYES' PUBLIC HOUSE - BUFFALO

ETags



The board meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Attendance: 12 Directors

Matt Adams, Deb Blaeser, Jeremy Welter, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Bridget Lindeman, Matt Rickheim, Jake Comee, Adam Hennen, Dan Gladu, Brandon Gladu, Shannon Worden, and Alex Trogstad

Visitors:

High school boys hockey captains - Brandon Rodenwald, Evan Hinnenkamp, Charlie Rosso
The boys came to thank the BOD for their continued support for the high school program. This season, the team plans to continue helping with Little Wild, Bison Buddies and the mentorship program.

A motion to approve a donation of \$5,000 to the Boys school team

- Kent 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (12-0).

Members Present:

Tina Klaphake, Jessie Lenton, Melissa Meemken, Kelly Worth, Andrew Worth, Keith Jerpseth, Kevin Werner, Josh Hawkinson, Mike Peterson and Aaron Johnson

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:

A motion to approve minutes for month of August 2025

- Kent 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (12-0).

HOC Report

Members of the BYHA are 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.

The HOC meeting time has changed to the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. The Board meeting will immediately follow the HOC meeting at 7pm.



HOC Department Updates:

- **VP** - STMA is offering youth players free admission to the home high school varsity games. The cost is covered by the youth organization to encourage a stronger link between the high school programs and the youth program. Risa was looking into whether this is something we can offer at Buffalo for our youth players.
- **Player Development** - Checking clinic is scheduled. Sessions with Katrina are scheduled. Working to finish setting up the new shooting area.
- **Squirts** - Concern about team sizes for the season. Looking at 5 teams as of now.
 - o A motion to approve the HOCs recommendation to field 5 squirt teams if the numbers stay the same as they are now.
 - Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. Discussion: As long as the numbers stay the same as they are now. If numbers drop, need to discuss again. All Approved and motion passed (11-0).
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** -
Projected numbers:
 - Bantam (49 skaters, 4 goalies)
 - Pewees (54 skaters, 4 goalies)
 - Squirts (58 skaters, 5 part-time goalies)
 - U15 (27 skaters, 2 goalies)
 - U12 (19 skaters, 3 goalies)
 - U10 (19 skaters, 1-3goalies)
- **Coaching Coordinators** - The following coach recommendation were discussed at the HOC.
 - o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Aaron Johnson as the squirt head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Dan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0) (Shannon, Jake and Brandon absent for vote).



- o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Ryan Huddy as the peewee head coach.
 - Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. Discussion around needing clear communication with coaching staff when not able to attend practices and games. Motion passed (11-0) (Shannon absent for vote).
- o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Jake Comee as the bantam head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0) (Shannon, Jake and Brandon absent for vote).
- o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Brandon Gladu as the U10A head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0) (Shannon, Jake and Brandon absent for vote).
- o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Taylor Ryan as the U12A head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Brandon 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (11-0) (Shannon absent for vote).
- o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Matt Bergstrom as the U15A head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (11-0) (Shannon absent for vote).
- **Girls Coordinators** - As numbers in the girls program continues to drop, the HOC is looking at what has been done in the past few years to recruit and grow the program and how they can turn around the numbers and get more girls into the program. A comparison to North Wright County shows,
 - o Buffalo with 32 (U8/U6 skaters), with NWC showing 72 (U8/U6 skaters);
 - o Buffalo with 73 (travel skaters), NWC 122 (travel skaters)



- o A motion was made to add additional marketing and equipment grant to help recruit new girl skaters for this season. (\$200 for gear for 2-U10s and 2-U12s)
 - Jeremy 1st, Shannon 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (11-0).
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - Looking at reversible jerseys (cost around \$12,700) for games. Kent has about 30 black/white jerseys mites could use for game day.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - No updates at this time.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - No updates at this time.

There is an open position for tryout coordinator, bantam coordinator, girls coordinator and mite coordinator. If interested, please reach out Risa or anyone on the HOC or board.

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$510,296
- 2.Expenses paid: \$16,359 in expenses in August 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$56,102 in September 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$196,786 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$53,550 in September 2025

The budget is tighter than in years past at this point in the season. The BOD will need to keep an eye on budget requests this season and spend carefully.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (12-0).

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



District 5 Report:

D5 is putting into place a zero tolerance towards swearing, vulgar language and abuse of the officials this season. D5 would like to remind parents who are removed from a game for behavior will serve a 3-game suspension.

Vice President

Jake gave an update for the BYHA to use Spiideo for game day video. The cost would be \$12,000 for a three-year contract.

Concession Stand:

Reminder that the concession stand will be cashless. The city will not fix the refrigerator so BYHA will need to get this fixed.

Apparel:

Stop by the Pro Shop to see the new selections and stock up.

Equipment Report:

Practice jerseys are in and ready. Jerseys are still on order but hoping they will arrive before the start of the season. Coach and player packs are slightly delayed but families will be notified when they arrive.

Volunteer Report:

DIBs are already rolling in so this is a great way to get your hours done early.

City of Buffalo:

The city is looking into a plan to complete the joint locker room between locker rooms 1 and 2. The new upstairs locker room and the girls JV locker room updates are underway.

Registration Report:

Coaches will need to complete their registration asap. This needs to be done for coaches to take to the ice. There will also be a parent info meeting following the final session of Rookie Bison on October 5th with that registration closing on October 7th.

SafeSport:

No updates at this time.



Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

A big thank you to all of you who attended the Ice-In party and made it a success! Another big thank you to all of the volunteers who put in many hours to make the event so successful! THANK YOU ALL!

New dasher was purchased by the MN Air National Guard.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Rookie Bison numbers are still growing. Looking to increase the number for the remaining four sessions. Will be hosting a parent meeting after the last Rookie Bison session. We have added 6 new girl skaters at the mini/mite level.

Making plans for Girls Hockey Day! Looking to line up some special guests for the day.

We are looking for someone to step into the Recruitment and Retention position. If you are interested, please reach out to the board.

Culture/Sportsmanship

Dan is finalizing window prints and scheduling measurements.

Mentorship Program

Looking into using Signup Genius to get the high school players assigned and signed up for the season.

New Business:

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 10:09pm.



Please continue to support the businesses who support us:

- Allina Health
- Alpine Hardwood
- Bayer Built Woodworks
- Buffalo Pizza
- Community Lawn Care
- CorTrust Bank
- Coborn's Buffalo
- Dunkin' Donuts
- E & M Outdoors
- Evelyn's Wine Bar
- Insurance Center of Buffalo
- J's Down Under
- Just Once Viking Shop
- Lake Country Decks
- North Star Pro Reality
- Omann Brothers Paving
- Otter
- Play It Again Sports - Buffalo
- Ryan Auto Mall
- State Farm – Mark Olson
- State Farm - Troy Crank
- Stellis Health
- The Heights
- Thirsty Buffalo
- Wave Armor
- What's the Scoop?
- Wild Marsh



BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

September 2025	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	President	Matt Adams	April 2027
X	Vice President	Deb Blaeser	April 2027
X	Secretary	Maria Rosso	April 2026
X	Treasurer	Jeremy Welter	April 2028
X	Director	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	Director	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
X	Director	Jake Comee	April 2026
X	Director	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	Director	Adam Hennen	April 2027
X	Director	Dan Gladu	April 2028
X	Director	Brandon Gladu	April 2028
X	Director	Alex Trogstad	April 2026
X	Director	Shannon Worden	April 2026

NOTE: 13 Directors were present for September 2025 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name
HOC Vice President	Risa Peterson
Coaching Coordinator	
Player Development Co-Coordinators	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth
Goalie Development Co-Coordinators	Matt Griffith Nate Dixon
Tryout Co-Coordinator	Mike Peterson
Scheduling Director	Colin & Carly Hribal
Jr. Gold Director	Josh Hawkinson Brent Tanzeisen
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Devon McNamara
HOME Tournament Coordinator	Breanna Bouley
Away Tournament Coordinator	Serinity Kurzhals
Safesport Coordinator	Tina Klaphake
Peewee Director	Chris Pearsall
Squirt Director Squirt Coordinator	Aaron Johnson Michelle Munn
Girls Coordinator	Amy Kotish
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson
Girls High School Coach	Ryan Huddy



Volunteers

D5 Rep	Adam Hennen
Equipment Manager	Kent Baker
ProShop Manager	Jamie Johnson
Wreath Coordinator	Caitlin Chovan
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinator	Michele Siemek
Registration Coordinator	Bridget Lindeman and Deb Blaser 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 Shannon Worden
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	Bridget Lindeman
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kelsey Harps
Initiation Mite Events Coordinator	Karin Brinkhoff
Initiation One Goal/Learn 2 Play Coordinators	Karin Brinkhoff Jolene Frank



BYHA
Buffalo youth hockey association

Initiation Level Scheduler	Emily Starry
Volunteer Coordinator	Samantha Hack
	Bethany Gladu
Social Media Coordinator	Deb Blaeser
Rock on Ice Coordinator	Jennifer Kurth
Webmaster Coordinator	Deb Blaeser
	Alyssa Domagala
Billing Managers	Jeremy Welter
	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Jacob Comee
Gambling Manager	Julie Prince