



April 9, 2018

Nominees for the SSYHA Board of Directors

The following statements were submitted by each nominee and are presented in alphabetical order. There are 7 nominees and 4 seats available on the Board. The election takes place on April 18, 2018 at the Spring Membership Meeting.

Jennifer Gibson

To the Steamboat Youth Hockey Board,

I, Jennifer Gibson, would like to be considered for a position on the board. I am a parent of Fisher Gibson, a previous four year Mite and soon to be first year Squirt. This past season I was the Team Manager for the Mites. Holding this position allowed me to be more personally involved and get to know better, individuals such as, Brian Ripley, Kate Znamenacek and Kerry Shea that are so involved in running a successful program. This has furthered my interest in being more involved in the program.

My husband, Scott Gibson, has been a coach for the past four years and as hockey is Fisher's favorite sport, we intend to be involved in the program for many years. I, myself have signed up for the Spring Rec League.

I am involved in the PIC at SCE. I have helped coach both Soccer and Baseball in the past few years. I know the value of being involved in your community and specifically activities that my children participate in. I feel that I would be a good candidate for the board. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Regards,
Jennifer Gibson

Meredith Hare

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding four seats are currently open for appointment to the board of the SSYHA. Please accept this brief explanation of why I would be an asset to serve in one of those seats.

I have two boys who play hockey in Steamboat and this will be my 8th year involved with the SSYHA. I understand what a benefit the SSYHA is to our children. The ability to invest in these kids is due largely to the fact that a good portion of our parents understand the commitment it



takes to make the kids and the association successful, and I am willing to invest my time into this program. My husband, Chad Hare has been coaching for the past seven years for our Mites, Squirts and PeeWees. I have team managed within the association for a total of four years. I intend to be involved with this association for the next six (plus) years and will dedicate my efforts to making the association even stronger. With the involvement we currently have and the qualified board members, I envision SSYHA will grow and continue to move forward in a positive direction for the next generation of young hockey players to enjoy.

Sincerely, Meredith MacFarlane

Fred Honebein

Hello Kate and Brian,

I would like to be considered for the open Board of Directors position to Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey. I have extensive experience as a junior through international/elite level athlete and coach in the sport of rowing. I also coached rowing Collegiately for 12 years where I was responsible for not only developing athletes but also recruiting, fund raising and facility management. In 2010, I accepted the position of National Team Programs Manager for USRowing. Along with the duties of team management, I was also responsible for selection procedure(s) and selection events for the 2010 and 2011 World Championships (U19, U23 and Elite) and the 2012 Olympic Games.

I would love the opportunity to contribute to Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey as a Board Member.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you need additional information.

Fred Honebein

Matt Kotzen (current Board Treasurer)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board,

I would like to formally submit my bid to continue serving as Treasurer of the SSYHA. Having taken over the position from Steve in the Spring of 2017, I have since come to relish the work the board does on behalf of the entire hockey community in Steamboat. In an attempt to be terse; hockey has always been my greatest passion. Getting the opportunity to coach Bantam B's this season was not without it's challenges, but it was one of the most rewarding experiences I have been privileged with in my short 28 years. It gave me a much greater sense of how the organization operates on a day to day level vs. the 300 ft level on which boards normally operate. More importantly it reaffirmed my personal understanding of just how important youth



hockey is to maturing hockey players. I think my unique (at least as of last year) perspective of a non-parent, lends itself in complementing the majority parent board membership.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matt

P.S. Go Bruins!

Kerry Shea

Brian/Kate,

I am writing to formally be considered for the SSYHA board. My connection with hockey dates back to my elementary years in Detroit playing recreationally and competitively through juniors. I transitioned to coaching from there and have kept the game a critical element in my life. Returning to Steamboat in 2007, I quickly re-engaged with the local hockey community as a player, coach and supporter. Over the course of the past eleven years I've increased my level of involvement including coaching, administrating and fundraising for the benefit of the organization and more importantly for the positive impact on our youth as respectful, hard-working and compassionate members of our community. I have two daughters who have graduated up through the SSYHA ranks and now entering their Squirt and U14 years. I look forward to the opportunity to expand my role and impact as a board member.

Boards/Leadership

- SSYHA, Development Director (2016-present)
- Rotary Club of Steamboat, Board Member (2017-present)
- Rotary Club of Steamboat, Member (2007-present)
- MVP, Board Member (2017-present)
- MVP, board member (2015-present)
- Steamboat Hockey Classic, Co-Chair/Co-Founder (2014-present)
- Steamboat Men's A Winter Hockey League, Commissioner (2014-present)
- Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association, President (2013-2014)
- Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association, Marketing Chair (2009-2010)
- Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association, Board Member (2008-present)
- 4 Yellow Foundation, Co-Chair/Co-Founder (2008-2011)

Coaching

- SSYHA, Mites Head Coach (2013-present)
- SSYHA, Introduction to Hockey Head Coach (2015-present)
- SSYHA, Squirt Assistant Coach (2014-present)
- Steamboat Springs High School Hockey Team, Assistant Coach (2012-2016)
- SSYHA, Bantam Assistant Coach (2008-2009)
- Hyland Hills Bantam A Hockey Team, Assistant Coach (2000-2001)

Best,
Kerry Shea



Paula Stephenson (current Board member)

Dear Steamboat Youth Hockey Board,

Please accept this e-mail as my letter of interest to run for a position on the Board of the Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association.

I am the parent of Heck Stephenson, a PeeWee, and Link Stephenson, who I hope will return to play squirt hockey next year. I have served as a team manager for three years and plan to continue to do so for as long as my son's team and coach need me in that role.

Being on the Board these past two years has been a great experience, as I have been able to better understand how the board and organization work. It is my goal to continue to build upon the work we have begun and move the organization forward for the betterment of all members.

Sincerely,
Paula Ross Stephenson

Rob Van Deren

To the Steamboat Youth Hockey Board,

Please accept this e-mail as my letter of interest to run for a position on the Board of the Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association.

I am Max Van Deren's father. I have helped coach since Max entered the program nine years ago. I have also assisted with the organization and preparation of the past Alumni Classic events and fund raisers.

My goal would be to build upon the foundation that has been laid, and to help improve and grow the program via the oversight of the board. I would like to assist the organization in developing a program to help further advance the development and support of all players.

Sincerely,

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