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I have been actively involved with FYHA as both a parent and volunteer since 2017. With three children who have participated in FYHA programs, I have gained broad experience across the organization, from the 6U Club program to the Northstars travel teams and the 10U, 12U, and 14U Club programs.

In 2024, I was honored to be appointed to a two-year term as FYHA Club Director. In this role, I combined years of firsthand observation with feedback from families to help strengthen the club program, making it more accessible, engaging, and supportive of player development. Over these two years, I valued the opportunity to collaborate with the FYHA community and to listen carefully to member input. These efforts have contributed to the club program's growth to nearly 100 participants, helping ensure its long-term sustainability.

For 2026, I am seeking a position on the FYHA Board to continue this work. Drawing on my experience as Club Director, my goal is to represent the membership effectively, ensure all perspectives are considered, and help guide future programs and policies. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to continuing to support the future of hockey in Flagstaff.