

## **Candidate Letter Of Interest**

### **Contact Information**

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Children currently in WAHC programs - their level (current season) Emilia (12A), J Thomas (Pewee B1), Paul (Squirt A)

Positions Seeking – President

### **Biographical Data**

- Current President, Retirement Planning Specialist, and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional, with Woodbury Wealth Management (affiliated with Equitable Advisors, LLC.)
  - Understanding Core Values, building processes, and creating clear plans is what I do on a daily basis as I help clients take control of their future, worry less, enjoy life more, and be great stewards of their financial resources.
- Completed B.A. Business Management at Gustavus Adolphus College (2001), attended Law School at Valparaiso University (2001-2003), received Masters Education Professional Development at University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire (2004) with emphasis in Leadership and Communication, obtained CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER designation from University of St. Thomas (2014), Retirement Planning Designation from Wharton School – University of Penn (2015), certificate in Asset Allocation and Wealth Management Strategies from Harvard University (2016), and certificate in Holistic Financial Coaching from Columbia University (2022).
- I am currently a member of the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, Woodbury Lions Club, and chair of the Woodbury Area Prayer Breakfast (2016-present). Former President of Woodbury Lions Club (2019-2020).
- Grew up in Woodbury, MN and graduated from Woodbury Senior High in 1997. Lettered in Hockey, Baseball, and Football. I grew up playing hockey in WAHC from Age 5 to being one of 2 Seniors on our Varsity team in High School. Played collegiate football and baseball at Gustavus Adolphus College. Spent 8 years coaching American Football Internationally. Final collegiate coaching experience 2005-2009 at Guilford College as Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator. Graduated 4 All-American Wide Receivers and All-Time Division III Leading Passer Josh Vogelbach, while leading top overall offense and top passing offense in the nation.
- Have been involved as a coach for WAHC the past 5 seasons: Head Coach Mite 1, Head Coach 10UB2, Head Coach Squirt B1, Assistant Coach Squirt A, Head Coach 12UA.
- I have one daughter, Emilia, and two sons, Paul and J Thomas, who all play hockey. Paul is a goalie and the other two are skaters.
- I have coached baseball and football within WAA and ERAA.
  - As coaches we are leaders who should be educators, to teach the lessons in life, and help guide the players to the right answers. Sometimes we have to push and pull the right answers, other times we have to allow them to find those answers by trial and error and stand back so that they have the space to find the answers on their own.

### **Why do you wish to become a WAHC Board member?**

At the core, it is to be involved and give back to this community. To make a positive difference in the lives of youth, and to ensure that all are treated fairly, provided with positive leadership, and to help families raise children to gain confidence. No matter the level each player reaches in life with hockey, one day they will all be done playing a game we all love, when that day comes to ensure that we are raising good humans who treat others with kindness, know what accountability and ownership is, and impact the lives of others in a positive way.

Giving back to this community is a trait I inherited, something that I have enjoyed pursuing, and has become a great passion of mine.

One of my favorite quotes is “The Man in the Arena” and if you want changes to be made, you have to get involved to earn the right to voice an opinion.