



Appleton Area Hockey Association (AAHA)

Board of Directors – Statement of Intent FORM

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1) Please provide a brief summary of the qualifications and/or strengths you feel you would bring to the organization.

I have been a member of the AAHA Board for a little over 2 years, and I was the Director or Program Operations this past year. I have also coached with AAHA at various age levels for multiple years. Moreover, I grew up in a household where my parents were both very active in our local association before I was even playing as well as throughout the entirety of my youth hockey career. Overall, my mom spent just over 20 years as the Secretary of the Waupun Hockey Board of Directors. This has led to some life-long relationships with many people who still continue to be involved with Wisconsin youth hockey, including the current and previous WAHA Presidents and many members of the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame. As a result, I have seen first hand the level of dedication and work that it takes to continually advance the sport of hockey at the youth level. Many of my former teammates are also serving on youth hockey Boards and/or participating in coaching roles for various associations throughout the state. This creates a vast network of people to communicate with for ideas and to gauge differences/similarities between associations to help determine what works well and what doesn't. It is not always easy, but I have also seen the rewards that come out of the hard work when watching kids out on the ice enjoying the game of hockey.

2) Please share why you are interested in being part of the Board of Directors.

AAHA is one of the larger youth hockey associations in Wisconsin and, as a result, has a large number of people involved with a variety of different viewpoints. The kids also represent a wide range of skill levels. I want to help make sure the program continues to thrive with ALL kids in mind, whether they are a U6 skater or a Bantam A/ Girls 14U. This requires a lot of talking to and listening to all members and getting to know as many of them and their skaters as possible, which I thoroughly enjoy doing.

In addition, the arrival of the Community First Champion Center presents a possible turning point for hockey in the Appleton area. I would love to continue being a part of helping steer AAHA through this turning point and make Appleton one of the strongest areas in Wisconsin for youth hockey. As stated previously, it is not always easy, and it requires the type of dedication that I am willing to put forward for AAHA.


Signature

2/14/2020
Date