



Board Position – Candidate Bio

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NAME: Krista Morrison

POSITION RUNNING FOR: Girls Travel Director

EXPERIENCE THAT I BRING THAT WILL BE HELPFUL IN THIS BOARD POSITION:

I have been invested in the Omaha Hockey Club since my two youngest children could fit their feet in skates. This season my son played for both the Bantam A and Millard West hockey teams as a goaltender, while my daughter played on the 16U girls travel team. Additionally, I understand the game firsthand, as I've been playing for 5 years, building a stronger understanding of the game. I have supported and watched the growth and development of OHC through both the girls and boys program since my daughter and son started in the IP program. As a team manager for the last 3 years, I have developed strong relationships with families, players, other managers, and coaches alike. I also truly have a thorough understanding of the girls program as my daughter has been a member of the 10U, 12U, and 16U teams.

I have worked within the girls program for 8 years as a parent and a builder of girls' hockey. I have continuously participated in volunteer activities such as recruiting players, open house, tryouts and team related events. This has allowed me to have a full understanding of the unique needs and required effort of organizing a growing girls' program.

I am an elementary school teacher within Millard Public Schools (MPS). I have my Educational Leadership Master's through Doane University, which will prove effective for the girls' director position, guaranteeing effective communication skills, and a teambuilding mentality. As a teacher leader within MPS I have served as a staff development presenter, I have planned and facilitated Action Team meetings, have served on the building's Grant Committee, and helped create the school's master schedule for teacher planning, ensuring strong organizational skills. I have a solid understanding of youth motivators and teamwork building within a classroom, since I have taught kindergarten, first, second, fourth, and fifth grades! This has proven to translate well in the hockey community.

WHY I WANT TO HOLD THIS POSITION ON THE OMAHA HOCKEY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

I am passionate about hockey and the growth of our program. I have seen the benefits that playing hockey has given both my daughter and other girls that play within our program. I will bring an energetic outlook and can impact the program through research and development to

maximize the potential of this program. I hope to build our program by instilling in each player a strong sense of personal achievement, along with a focus on learning how to be a member of a team, identifying a sense of accountability, understanding the value of hard work, and accepting challenges that are faced in a hockey season. It is empowering for the players to compete in a traditionally male sport. I want continued opportunities and development for these girls. I would like to continue building a strong representation across the national hockey community, here in Omaha.

ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE THE MEMBERSHIP TO KNOW ABOUT YOU:

My goal for the program is to continue to develop a safe and healthy environment that encourages girls to participate in a great sport, while developing as a person.

My mission is to embrace, inspire, and foster relationships, while nurturing all individuals to reach our highest potential. With my mission in the forefront of my mind I truly want to see continued growth of the girls' hockey program, increase our national exposure, and focus on sportsmanship and personal development through youth sports. My commitment and passion for learning extend to the development of girls within the hockey community!