



Board Position – Candidate Bio APRIL 2019

NAME: Jordan Lill

POSITION RUNNING FOR: Board Secretary

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

My family and I have been involved with the Omaha Hockey Club since 2015 as parents and as active volunteers within the Club. We have two young boys who have been participating at both the Initiation Program and Mite House levels. I have been so pleased to watch each player and family introduced to the sport. My boys' experiences within OHC brought me off the proverbial couch and on to the ice. I now skate in local adult tournaments, drop-ins, and play in the Hockeyfinder leagues in Omaha.

During the 2018-2019 season, my wife Abigail and I also served as Initiation Program co-Commissioners. As Initiation Program Commissioners, we organized equipment rentals, tournaments, rosters, practices, and coaching schedules. We have been privileged to witness each player exposed to tremendous coaching that allows each player not only to learn the game, but also to create friendships, practice work ethic, and learn cooperation skills. It is with the IP commissionership that my family has been able to create and develop relationships with the families of the IP, OHC, and the Omaha hockey community.

Professionally, I am currently the Lead Board Certified Behavior Analyst at the Munroe-Meyer Institute's school-based behavioral program, which serves Omaha community schools. In addition to my clinical position, I am also a Doctoral Candidate in the Ph.D. program in Applied Behavior Analysis at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. As a Candidate, it is imperative that both clinical and research goals are met within deadlines to complete the program. While a student enrolled at UNMC, I have authored or contributed to professional manuscripts, training materials, book chapters, and grants applications. It is with these experiences that I feel would be valuable to the secretary's position with OHC.

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

I believe my experiences as co-Commissioner of the IP program, my professional career, and my education background that will allow the Board to complete the necessary objectives to grow the sport of hockey within the metro area. It is the relationships that my family has built within the OHC that have motivated me to seek additional volunteer duties, such as Board membership, and to give back and contribute to an important organization within our community.

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

Before accepting an invitation to the Ph.D. program in Applied Behavior Analysis at the University of Nebraska-Medical Center, I served on several professional committees at the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency which provides school-based educational and behavioral services to students in north-central Iowa. The professional committees that I actively served on included professional development committees, school-wide behavior intervention committees, and lead a committee that provided training opportunities in school-based Applied Behavior Analysis with the cooperation and direction of the University of Iowa's Children's Hospital. Additionally, I lead the development of a virtual parent training program assisting families with autism. The program was the first in Iowa to be billable by Medicaid which provided opportunities for rural families who may otherwise not have been able to receive behavioral services for their children.

I wholeheartedly agree with the OHC as to why children should play hockey. Not only does hockey provide physical fitness and develop responsibility, but the sport also gives *all* children the opportunity to develop potentially lifelong friendships. If selected to the Board, my mission will be to develop relationships within the hockey community further and to continue to develop OHC players sportsmanship and teamwork. I believe that OHC could become a model within the Omaha sports community for developing socially-accepting and tolerant boys and girls.

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