

CIHA Members,

It is my intent to run for an open position on the CIHA board for March 2017.

I have one son, Wyatt, who has been playing hockey for the last 4 years and is now at the Squirt level. I have had the opportunity to be involved with Mite evaluations for the past 3 years and during the 2016-2017 season, I was an assistant coach of the Squirt A team. I also have 3 nephews involved with CIHA at the Pee wee, Squirt and Mite levels.

This past year, I have served as the Secretary for the CIHA board and have also been your Communications Director. I would like to continue to be involved with CIHA, working to make our association stronger. I would like to see the board reaching out to the membership to get more people involved and to gather new ideas. This could be done in a couple different ways, I would like to see the use of committees to help research and plan projects. In order to allow for easy access to volunteering and involvement, I would like to see open operation positions posted on the website for members to apply as I was approached a few times this year from parents wanting to volunteer in the association, but they didn't know how.

I believe in order to build a strong house; you need a strong foundation. I believe our association needs a strong Mite program in which we can build upon to help form stronger players and teams as kids' progress to higher age levels. I believe in order to achieve stronger teams, each level needs an appropriate and consistent amount of ice time. Every player deserves the chance to be on a competitive team with the opportunity to develop their hockey skills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shawn Garvey.