

Cambridge-Isanti Hockey Association

I would like to take this opportunity to express my interest in running for the CIHA Board, and tell you a few things about myself.

I grew up and went to school in a small town called Long Prairie, MN. I started playing hockey there around 5 years old and played all the way through my senior year of high school. After High School I went to a technical college in North Mankato for wireless communications. While in Mankato I got married to my wife Jackie. After we both graduated we moved to Grand Forks, ND, so she could get her master's degree. While in Grand Forks I continued to play hockey on a recreational league. After Jackie graduated from her master's program we moved back to MN to Waseca. In Waseca I continued to play rec hockey as both skater and goalie. In 2007 we moved to Cambridge and I started working for the cable company what at that time was called US Cable, now called Midco.

I have been coaching Mite and Squirt level hockey, I also am the assistant goalie coordinator, and have helped with learn to skate and Mite evaluations with the CIHA for the last 4 years and have seen how great leaders can and have helped this organization. For me playing hockey kept me focused on many aspects that helped me become a better person, friend, and teammate. I believe that without it I could have easily not had the discipline to work as hard in different aspects of my life. It is important to me to give back in whatever way I can to try to help this association grow.

First I believe that we need a strong mite program that will in turn work its way up for strong higher levels. Second I also believe that we must have the appropriate number of players on a team that is also placed at the appropriate level of competition to keep it fun for the kids. 3rd I also believe we need to look at how we can improve the girls program. I am confident that I would make a great addition to the CIHA board and would help bring in new ideas and a new way to look at existing and future hurdles that may come our way.

Thank you for your consideration,

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