



Hockey Saskatchewan

Board of Director Nominee – Information Package

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My name is Edward Watson and I am currently running for a position on the Board of Hockey Saskatchewan. I am a current Board member and the current Board Chair. I have served on the Board for 9 years and feel that I still have value to offer to Hockey Saskatchewan. As the current Chair of the Board, I have been continuing our transition to a policy/governance board and I believe that my experience with the board is important to ensure the transition gets to a place where the Association is better served. I am requesting your support in the Board election process to allow me to continue to serve the Membership and Association.

Background

I am 47 years old and live on a ranch with my wife Lisa. We have 3 children, Katie, Colby and Mia. We bought the ranch from my parents 18 years ago and we have been volunteering in the community and surrounding area since returning home. We have recently started a regenerative agriculture supply business based on the ranch. We are seeing success with the new business and are excited to be able to bring our daughter in full time to run the business.

Coaching

I had been coaching hockey for 15 years beginning in Rosetown coaching U15 A and U18 AA. In Elrose I coached the Female U18 team winning provincials that season, then won provincials a second time as the coach of the Elrose U18 team.

In 2011, I was honoured to receive the SHA Coach of the Year Award as well as the Rivers West Volunteer Coach of the Year.

I coached 3 years within the SaskFirst program and evaluated on several other occasions.

Officiating

I have been an official for the last 8 years along with my daughter Katie, son Colby and believe it is important to support all young officials, male and female. I continue to officiate minor and senior

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hockey and enjoy the friendships and camaraderie that comes with working with different people, often in high stress and emotional situations.

Administration

2013 – 2017 - served in the Hi-Way 14 hockey League as President

2017 – 2019 – Vice President of Hi-Way 14 Hockey League

During my time with this League, I initiated some changes including a new governance model, new Constitution and Bylaws and implementation of a tracking system to increase supervision and coaching of officials.

2014 – 2019 – Director on Board of the Saskatchewan Hockey Association for Zone 7

2019 – 2021 – Officer Position at the Saskatchewan Hockey Association

2021 – 2024 – Vice Chair of Hockey Saskatchewan

2024 – Current – Chair of the Board of Directors of Hockey Saskatchewan

During my time as a SHA Zone Director I have served on the Registration Committee, making decisions that ensure that all players have a place to play. Also served on the Awards Committee, Code of Conduct Committee, Strategic Planning work group, the Minor/Female Development Committee and as the SHA Rep for the Saskatchewan Female Hockey League.

As the Chair of the Member Engagement Committee, I lead the initiative which ended in the creation and hiring of the position of Manager of Culture and Inclusion within Hockey Saskatchewan. This position brought the association into the present and shifted some of the outdated thinking within our Board and staff and brought great value to the Association as a whole.

As the Chair of Discipline for 4 years, I was responsible for the transition implemented by Hockey Canada to create a zero tolerance for maltreatment and discrimination specifically within our branch. This had many challenges. But I believe I left a system that while still needing improvement was much better than when I was initially tasked by Hockey Canada.

Female Hockey Involvement

As the current Chair of Hockey Saskatchewan, I am a committee member for the Women and Girls in Hockey steering committee with Hockey Canada. I believe that I bring grassroots experience to this national committee and will continue to share our Saskatchewan perspective to this important committee.

I was also instrumental in the creation of the Western Prairie Female Hockey Committee. This committee continues to be strong and serves as a template to other areas in how to better serve female hockey players.



My goal is to continue to work for the betterment of all hockey, continuing to strongly support females in the game.

I wish you all the best and thank you for your consideration.

Regards

Edward Watson