

Fort Wayne Youth Hockey Board Nominations

2014 Election



George Allwein

Brian Knipscheer and FWYH Board of Directors,

I am contacting you in regards to the board openings for FWYH. I am interested in becoming a board member and think I could offer a non-biased anti-political voice for FWYH. More and more my son is playing for teams outside of FW and because of which I believe that in many scenarios that my hockey background, interest for young hockey players from FW, experiences with youth hockey in Fort Wayne, Detroit, and Chicago, as well as my love for the game could prove beneficial to the development of our young hockey players here in FW. I have coached my son since he started playing hockey 3 years ago, and since then he has been invited to and participated in several AAA programs outside of Fort Wayne. Hunter Ramos has played with programs to include, but not limited to SHD, 200x85, Bauer Selects, Impact Hockey, Serious AAA Hockey, TPH, and is currently playing for the 05 AAA Compuware Team out of Detroit. I think that his resume and success is a testament to my knowledge, coaching ability, and dedication to youth development. My own experience was highlighted while I played for Culver back in 2004. I played in several leagues as my hockey career developed including the HPHL along with LCHL, Buckeye, and many other teams and leagues as a part of Fort Wayne Travel and Select Hockey. As a young man I refereed for a few years for Roy Chin and learned a lot about officiating and the game of hockey. Currently, I hold a CEP Level 3 and am attending the Level 4 clinic here in the summer. I think that I am a well rounded individual that could benefit the FWYH board and hope that if elected that I will be able to help rationalize and consider issues along with other board members in the most unbiased non-prejudicial manner in order to enhance FWYH and promote young hockey players from Fort Wayne and their progressive development.

I would love the chance to be a part of FWYH and hope that you consider me for a board position. Additionally, if you have more qualified individuals that are applying I would urge to choose those who could benefit the kids in the best way regardless of whether that would include me or not. I am sincerely interested in what is best for the development of our FWYH players. These kids are working hard and the parents are not only paying a lot for this experience, but entrusting the Board to direct FW in what is best for their kids and their development.

Thank you for taking the time to review my notion and wish only the best for the board and the families that you have the chance to impact.

Very Respectfully,

George Allwein

Brian Carteaux

My name is Brian Carteaux and I ask for your consideration for a position on the FWYH Board of Directors.

My wife and I have 2 sons that have played travel hockey the last two years and a third son that will be a Mini-Mite this fall. This last year Carson was goalie for the Squirt AA team and Dylan was on the Mite Select team. From the start of my sons playing hockey two years ago I have tried to be involved within FWYH. The last two years I have been the manager for the Mite Select team and this past year I was also the treasurer for the Squirt AA team.

I am a strong supporter of travel hockey because I feel it teaches our kids team work, dedication, work ethic, discipline, and how to be a part of something greater themselves. These are lifelong lessons and I have already seen tremendous growth in my sons since they started playing travel hockey.

I am actuary and currently Senior Vice President – L&H Portfolio Manager at Swiss Re America Holdings Corp. I earned my B.S. degree in Actuarial Science and Statistics from Purdue University. I currently serve as an Actuarial Science Board member for Purdue University and I am a co-Chair for Swiss Re's North America's Actuarial Development program. I have also served as the 2012 President for the Actuaries Club of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio and board member from 2008 - 2012. I believe that through my experience with these organizations that I can contribute positively to FWYH.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeremy Faux

I would like your consideration for a position on the Fort Wayne Youth Hockey Board. For the past year I have been on the board as a team representative. As a team representative I have brought team concerns to the board as well as bringing important information back to our team. My involvement in the board did not stop there. I have been active with the travel committee working to make recommendations for the next season. Most recently I have joined the planning committee for the 2014 Silver Sticks tournament. This next year looks to be very exciting for youth hockey and the FWYH board.

This is not my first experience with a board of directors. I have previously been the treasurer and the president of our neighborhood association. During my 4-year term with the association board we worked together to take an \$8000 negative balance, requiring developer support, and turn it into a \$10,000 reserve budget. We reduced dues and increased membership. The FWYH program needs similar teamwork and dedication of its membership. My dedication to the FWYH board is shown in my activity with the committees.

Why youth hockey? My involvement with youth hockey dates back more than three decades when I would hang out at McMillen Ice arena with my grandfather and uncle. My grandpa coached hockey as long as I can remember. He taught me how to skate. I continue my involvement now with my stepson. For the past 6 years we have worked with him to learn to skate, begin hockey skills and develop into a travel player. This is what I feel Fort Wayne Youth Hockey is meant to accomplish...develop young hockey players...just as my grandfather did.

Thank you for your consideration for a position on the FWYH board of directors. Together with the other members of the board I will work to re-build, re-store, and re-vitalize youth hockey in Fort Wayne...for the kids!

Ryan Faux

I would like to say Thank You for your consideration for a position on the Fort Wayne Youth Hockey Board. I have been on the FWYH board for 2 years in an appointed position. During this time I have worked with several committees. Those include FWYH golf outing, assisting the interim treasurer with auditing 2013-14 team accounts, and Silver Sticks 2014 planning. I have been the team treasurer for my son's hockey team the past 2 years and have enjoyed it.

My son Landyn started out at McMillen in the Learn to skate program and then went into the hockey fundamentals. Landyn has been able to develop his skills through several hockey clinics, one on one lessons, and hockey camps. This will be his 2nd year attending Kent University for their hockey camp. As you can see, we are very committed to the success of the Youth Hockey Program in Fort Wayne.

Again, thank you for your consideration for a board position. I am looking forward continuing the development and future of FWYH. I have several ideas for building our tournaments, teams and future programs. I believe FWYH has a lot to offer our kids. We as parents and the board just need to build our presence in the community

Tom Pecoraro

I am interested in applying for a position with FWYH board. I currently have a stepson Drew that plays on the squirt A team and my older son Jake plays high school hockey for Bishop Dwenger. Holding a position on the board would allow me to be more directly involved in the decision making process with our kids and the youth hockey program.

I have been involved in hockey here in Fort Wayne for over 40 years. My playing years took me through all levels of house league, travel, junior B and one year of high school hockey. I still continue to play recreationally in many of the adult leagues here in town. I have also coached at many levels from mite to high school as well as working with Canlan on their learn to skate program as well as running a goalie camp for multiple skill levels. I feel with my background in hockey covers many levels and that my experience can only add to the board.

I have a passion for this game and the kids of Fort Wayne and I look forward to the opportunity to serve on a board to help grow and promote the values and lifelong friendships hockey can provide.

I thank you for your consideration.

Matt Robison

My name is Matthew Robison. I am currently a Level 4 USA hockey coach. I have an 11 y/o son playing for Fort Wayne Youth Hockey. He played on the PeeWee A team last season. I have been very involved in Fort Wayne Hockey over the past 8 years. I started with my child at 3 y/o as an instructor for the 'Initiation Program' at McMillen. I have held an appointed position on the FWYH Board since our McMillen days (approx. 4-5 years) with focus on IP and House League. My coaching experience involves Assistant Coach for Mite Select, New Haven High School and Leo High School. My head coaching experience was Squirt A, Squirt AA and PeeWee A. I have also been a head and/or assistant coach for multiple house league teams from mini mite up to PeeWee.

I have enjoyed my experience on the board and feel I bring a coaching perspective to the decision making process. I would like to continue on with the FWYH Board in some capacity. I would entertain filling an open elected position or an appointed position.

Mike Robison

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Mike Robison
FWYH Board Applicant

I grew up playing hockey in Fort Wayne having played both house league and travel from the Mite to Bantam level. After Bantams I played for Homestead High School for four years and was the Captain of the team for the 1991-92 season. We were fortunate to win State Championships in 1990 and 1992.

After high school I worked to earn my Bachelor's degree in Chemistry at Indiana University in Bloomington. I have been employed with Nalco, An Ecolab Company, as a Chemical Sales Engineer since 2000.

I became involved in youth hockey again seven years ago when my oldest son started in the IP program. I ran the IP program, with my brother, at McMillen Ice Arena when Bill Bailey moved on. I began coaching organized hockey in 2006. Since that time, I've coached New Haven and Leo High School with Dan Scheibel, two Mite Select teams, the 2012-13 Komets Squirt A team, the 2013-14 Komets Squirt AA team, and various YHL teams. I currently have two sons playing hockey. My oldest son recently played for the Komets Squirt AA team and my youngest just moved up to the Mite YHL division.

I have completed the Level 4 USA CEP, Safe Sport, and Midam Screening.

I continue to play organized hockey myself. My brothers and I organize teams to play in USA Hockey tournaments and have been doing so for about 5 years.

I am very interested in a FWYH Board position. I believe that Ice Hockey provides a unique opportunity to develop not only hockey skills, but a strong work ethic, sportsmanship, competition, responsibility and integrity. I would enjoy holding a position with FWYH where I may help improve the experience for our youth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,