First Name	Last Name	Past Wayzata Youth Hockey Association involvement	Your goals and/or objectives for youth hockey	What areas do you feel are strengths within the youth hockey program	What areas do you feel are weaknesses within the youth hockey program and what would you propose for solutions	Why do you want to be elected to the Board
Dave	Kleyman	I have been involved with WYHA since 2009 either as an Assistant Coach, Manager or treasurer from mites to Pee Wees and girls U10.	My goal is to improve the kids experience and make their time in WYHA more fun. I also believe that youth hockey is an effective way to teach young athletes life lessons such as developing leadership skills, self-discipline, respect for authority, competitiveness, cooperativeness, sportsmanship, and self-confidence. I believe that if our kids leave WYHA having enjoyed themselves, have success in relating to their coaches and their teammates, are feeling better about themselves, having improved their skills, and looking forward to future sport participation, then something far more valuable has been accomplished than having a winning record.	The strengths of WYHA are the number of members, the quality of facilities we have access to and the number of members in the association who have hockey experience at the college and professional levels.	We need to improve our girls program both in coaching and numbers. I believe we should be offering free hockey to girls U-10 and below to give them an opportunity to experience hockey and fall in love with the sport. The quality of the girls coaches should be as good or better than their male counterparts. With the cost of hockey increasing we should be offering parents the option to pay for assessments with a credit card and charge 3% fee upfront for that option. It will cut down on Treasurers having to chase people down for payments. I would like to see a more consistent approach to developing kids starting at the mite program. All coaches at that level should be working off the same page/practice plan and working toward one common goal of mastering certain fundamental skills for advancement to squirts. It seems like each coach has a different approach and everyone is doing their own program at that level. There should be a sequential development program and a minimum level of skills that must be mastered by end of mites. I also think there is a huge demand and need for transparency. There are too many things being done and decisions being made in the association that appear to be made without any checks or balances and no communication to the members. People pushing their own agendas in the interest of their own kids and without regard for what is in the best interest of the association. I want to be part of the solution and not the problem.	I have been around a number of years and want to contribute to making WYHA comparable to other large associations like, Edina, OMG, and Eden Prairie. I think we need to take a hard look at how we are doing things, how we are developing our skaters, see how other associations are doing things and make changes where necessary to continue to evolve and be relevant as an association. I would also like to see our athletes doing more in the community becoming more visible and viewed as role models. I have some partnerships that I would like to tap into to develop more in the way of community service/outreach. Most of our kids are privileged and we should be doing more too give back.
Michael	Nispel	Ending eighth year serving on Association board of directors. Currently hold VP-Administration position. Position is responsible for registration, ice scheduling, equipment, Association website and tournaments. Position also reviews and approves Association bills and serves on Executive Committee of Board which hears grievance and SafeSport issues. Lead planner for recently completed USA Hockey National High School Tournament. Zero players in Association. Three sons have played through various levels of Association. Have served as team manager.	For a high percentage of hockey players to sign-up the following year to play hockey again. For all players to experience being part of a team sport, playing on different teams, serving in multiple roles, having a variety of experiences. For all players to have a sense of pride and appreciation in their team mates, their coaches, their hockey facilities and their hockey association. For all players to experience the â€œlessons learnedâ€• (sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, dealing with adversity, cooperation and respectivefulness) of a team sport. For all players to be treated fairly regardless of skill level or position played. For all players to have very memorable hockey times in their lives.	Large number of hockey players, with a wide variety of skills, with many different reasons for wanting to play hockey. Four sheets of ice within our community, skilled and dedicated coaches. A dedicated base of volunteers supporting Youth Hockey.	Better market youth hockey to a growing Plymouth population as well as to a population that may not have grown up playing hockey. Plymouth demographics and direction (building new grade school, adding onto high school) suggest we have an opportunity to increase our membership numbers. Increase diversification of Association board members. The Association board needs to be comprised of individuals without players in the Association, as well representation from individuals with mite through Junior Gold level players. We need to improve attracting new/first time board members who are interested in changing the Association based upon our member feedback. We have several key positions where the current incumbent will be retiring in the near future. I will help to find qualified individuals to fill these openings. Additionally, we need to increase the number of individuals volunteering. We need to continue to create more teams of volunteers. Like Association board diversification, it is very important to ensure the individuals on these volunteer teams are represented by individuals from Mite through Junior Gold level players. Continue increasing transparency and better communication via the Associationâ€™s website. Continue past efforts to make improvements to our website so it works efficiently for its users, contains valuable Association information and current information for our members.	Wayzata Hockey has given a lot of opportunities to my kids and my family. A lot of my closest friends are hockey parents whom I've met through my kids playing hockey. Iâ€™d like to continue to give back to Wayzata Youth Hockey.
Christian	Peterson	WYHA head coach in mites/squirts for last 6 years, head coach of two teams each of last 4 years. VP of Mites for the last 3 years.	Hockey is not just a great sport, it's an incredible community and an opportunity for kids and their families to make lifelong friends and have fun playing a game they love. When our kids grow up and look back at their hockey experience, they won't remember the wins, losses, or scores of the game - they'll remember the experiences in between games - bonding with teammates, traveling to tournaments, and making lifelong friends. Player and skill development is certainly important and should be emphasized at all levels of play, but youth sports should be all about fun and learning lessons along the way that will be valuable long after the kids have stopped playing.	The Wayzata program is run very well from the top down. There is a great base of volunteers that are dedicated to running the program the right way. Kids learn from an early age to be respectful and to play with good sportsmanship - I have enough experience with other programs to know that this isn't necessarily always the case. I've also been impressed with the attention given to all levels of play, not just the elite-level AA and A teams.	I think there are some things the Association could do better. Among them are communicating better and utilizing technology to the fullest extent. I think WYHA should have a communications person leading the way and managing communications for each level of play, via emails and especially via social media. Not only is social media a great way of communicating, it's another way to strengthen the Wayzata hockey community. I also believe the website can be tweaked to be more intuitive and helpful for the families, coaches, and players that are using it.	I believe I'm an ideal candidate for the Board. I've dedicated a huge amount of time to the mite program over the last 6 years, both as a volunteer coach and as the VP of Mites. Being so close to the mite program, I feel I can provide valuable feedback and insights about how to grow the Wayzata program from the youngest levels up. I would love to continue helping the Association in the coming years after my time with the mites is done.
Carmen	Sauer	The 2017-18 season was the first season for my family in the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association, as we just recently moved to the area. We had six children playing for WYHA in the 2017-18 season. My husband, Kurt, helped coach 3 teams.	My goal is to help create a thriving community of coaches, players and parents. A place where lifelong friendships are developed, life lessons are learned, and opportunity for success is provided for individuals and teams at every level.	I feel WYHA is an association that creates a strong family atmosphere. As a new family within the organization I was very impressed with how WYHA families welcomed us. It is an association that has strength in numbers, and great hockey resources within it's community.	There is a lack of cohesiveness and consistency between the levels of hockey within the organization. WYHA is filled with members who have extensive hockey knowledge and professional knowledge. Utilizing the resources within the association, I think it is possible to create cohesiveness and consistency within all levels of the program.	I have watched my children participate in youth hockey for the last 11 years, and I would like to give back to a sport that has given so much to my family. We currently have six children playing hockey, with many more years of youth hockey to go. My children have played youth hockey in multiple states, for multiple organizations, so I feel I bring a unique perspective to the WYHA Board.
Erik	Schindler	two terms on the board. 15 years of coaching 4 players through the program No active children involved	Grow participation in youth hockey Ensure we run a transparent hockey association with the focus being on the kids. Keep Wayzata a competitive, premiere hockey development program.	Experience with kids ranging from the "C" level player to the "A" level player. Understanding of the game. Level 5 coach who has seen what works with development and things that don't.	Participation at the lower levels of hockey - we need to build our feeder system to keep young kids moving into the sport. Make sure our development model parallels USA Hockey and their plan.	To continue to give my time to an organization that was a key part of my children's sports experience.
Trevor	Tallackson	- 12 years coaching in WYHA - Mites, Squirt A/B1, PeeWee B1/B2 and Bantam B2 - Advanced Mite Coordinator 2015-2016 and 2014-2015 - Mini Mite Coordinator 2017-2018 - WYHA Player Development member 2011-2017		Strength: Fun, friendly, positive environment for kids and families. - Focused on developing skill and depth - Wayzata Way (Focused on developing quality kids with good sportsmanship)	-Goalies goalies goalies: Add more goalie focused training at advanced mites -Puck handling and puck protection skills: Better coaching direction on practice plans and add a 1 day a week in-house 3v3 league at squirts. -Dryland, as in puck handling/shooting. (Treadmill is not Dryland): Better shooting areas for teams to #1 reserve and/or #2 add before on ice skill sessions on Mondays. -Coaching depth (skill and hockey knowledge): Better coaching direction from WHYA -Tryouts: Focus more scrimmages then just skill nights.	To share life long hockey experiences and knowledge and provide input on past experiences in WYHA over the past 12 years. Most of all I would like to be more involved in decisions that can positively impact young athletes and their families.
Ryan	Wilson	I am a current board member completing my first term. I've coached for 5 years at the mite and squirt level. I also grew up in the organization playing from 1990-1998.	I think that players should learn both individual skills as well as team play. Its important that youth develop both in parallel. This will help kids to perform better and allow them to play as a team, which makes the game more fun for them.	Wayzata does a good job at accommodating skaters at all levels and ensuring that there is a place to play for everyone. In addition, Wayzata has great parent volunteers throughout the organization, including coaching, that are willing to dedicate their time to youth.	Our association does a lot well, but could continue to communicate better with families, including more lead time and advanced notice for things like scheduling. In addition, we can bring more consistency among coaches at a given levels, and between levels, so that when players join a new team the next year they have a common base of knowledge and skill that they're working from.	I want to continue to improve the processes and transparency of the organization. I worked with others to redevelop several important processes over the last couple of years however there is still much to be done to bring more communication, transparency and consistency to our processes across the board, including for tryouts, team selection, coaching philosophies and overall player development.