



2019 Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Application

1. Your reasons for applying to be on the NLYHA board. **I have served on the board for about the last 3 years (I have served as President the last 2 years) and am running again as I am very enthusiastic about the current trajectory of our association. I believe we have an open-minded board in place with diverse backgrounds that work as one for the betterment of our association. I have 2 boys (a squirt and a peewee) and I have a vested interest in making the youth hockey experience a positive one for all the girls and boys we serve.**
2. Do you have any previous Board of Directors or Non-Profit organization experience? **I have served on the Board of Directors for the Mid-Minnesota Builder's Association and the Northern Lakes Lightning Youth Hockey Association.**
3. How do you plan on helping with the betterment and longevity of the Association? **By volunteering my time!! During my involvement with NLYHA over the last seven years I have coached, served on the board, volunteered at Come Try Hockey events, served on the Hockey Committee, volunteered with tryouts, and many other facets of NLYHA. I've come to realize that running a volunteer association is an "all hands on deck" effort. For those of you reading this, consider volunteering your time, there are so many areas we can use your help, regardless of how much, or little, time you have to give.**
4. How do you plan on helping with the financial growth and stability of the Association? **While at face value we are a hockey association, I can tell you that "behind the curtain" there is a business to run. We have a charitable gambling operation (and staff), we have a paid scheduler, we have busses and bus drivers, we have fundraisers that need to be run such as the wreath and pizza sales, and we have the Big Cash raffle. We do these things so we can provide a hockey experience virtually void entirely of membership costs for all those that participate in those things. We provide free equipment all the way through squirts/10U. We do this to make this financially attainable for anyone who would like to join hockey regardless of economic background. All of this is possible by electing a board that is fiscally responsible with the funds we have, and as a small business owner I believe I have that trait.**
5. Do you have the time to devote to attending the board meetings on a consistent basis? **We**



meet as a board at least once per month and sometimes twice per month during the busier times of the year. You are also expected to be active in other sub-committees that support the association. **Yes, I spend more time with this than I should, and am lucky to be able to do so... I love it.**

6. Provide information about yourself/hockey experience. **I live in Crosslake with my wife Renae and our 3 kids (Sydney, Wyatt, and Huck). I am a graduate of Pequot Lakes High School and played for what was the predecessor of our organization (CIA-PL) until I graduated. My two sons Wyatt and Huck are PeeWee and Squirt aged.**

Please submit your application to **northernlakeslightning@gmail.com** by March 22, 2019. All applications will be posted to the website for membership review.

Elections will be held at the end of the year Banquet on April 2, 2019.