

THE KYHA STAR-TELEGRAM



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As you have probably heard, as of our September board meeting, I have officially taken over the role of President for KYHA. I previously served as Vice President and have

already learned a lot in that role. I want to thank Steve Williamson for his time and amazing contributions to KYHA and for his help in making this a seamless transition. Steve will continue to serve as an advisor for me and the rest of the Board and we are grateful for his service.

Although I just joined the Board a couple of years ago, I have been a "KYHA Kid" my whole life. I played hockey for KYHA and Kirkwood High School and have continued to coach and play ever since. I live in Kirkwood with my family - my wife, Leslie, my daughter, Kendall, age 12, and my son, Clayton, age 7, who is a first year Mite at KYHA.

I am so excited to continue to volunteer at KYHA in my new role and I look forward to meeting all of the KYHA families that I have not yet met. This is a very exciting time for KYHA with our amazing growth, our first full time employee, and our development as a USA Hockey Model Association, and I am glad to be a part of it. I hope everyone has a great season this year and I look forward to seeing you at the rink! **Go Stars!**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Hockey is a unique sport in the sense that you need each and every guy helping each other and pulling in the same direction to be successful."

-Wayne Gretzky



THANK YOU!

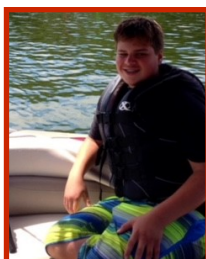
We would like to again extend a huge

THANK YOU to Clayton Financial Group for sponsoring our Icebreaker Picnic !

Thank you also to our t-shirt sponsors: Siteman Cancer Center, Mellow Mushroom, Moneta, Porta Party DJs, Agilis Systems, IMS Mortgage Services, Tom Paule Photography, Thrivent Financial, Combs Auto Services, Midwest Systems, Pioneer Pest Management, and Lemcke TV & Appliance.

Please be sure to support these local businesses as they have shown tremendous support for KYHA!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JACK FOSHEE



If you watch a KYHA hockey game, you will likely see many kids in the bleachers cheering on their siblings. Jack Foshee's brother, Brendan, is on the Bantam A1 team this year. However, rather than just cheering for his brother from the stands, Jack has become a very important volunteer for KYHA. Jack, age 17, a junior at Parkway South High School, has spent countless hours over the past several years helping our organization by running the clock during evaluations and games. His willingness to help has made it easier for parents to just enjoy watching their kids play and for coaches to focus on the evaluations without worrying about the clock. When Jack is not sitting in the score box at the ice rink, he can likely be found outdoors. Jack loves going to the lake, fishing, and boating. He is interested in meteorology and he loves to travel. Jack is especially looking forward to a school trip in June to France and Italy. Jack loves all sports, and cheers for the Blues and Cardinals, and, of course, Jack loves KYHA. Thank you, Jack, for your service to KYHA and for being more than just a "hockey brother"!

DATES

10/27
End of Declaration
Season

10/28
Divisional Placements
Finalized

10/29
Regular Season
Scheduling Meeting

KYHA MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

KYHA has been blessed with several years of sustained membership growth. Our commitment to a player-first philosophy and maximizing individual skill development via USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) has led to an 12% annual increase, from 330 players (6U-14U) in 2014-15 to 515 players in 2018-19!

This phenomenal growth challenges us each season to find sufficient ice time to deliver our program. We introduced 4-team skills practices last season for the Squirt and Pee Wee divisions, and we will continue to find innovative ways to maximize the ice available to us. This season, we may need to practice earlier or later than we may have in prior seasons. A number of ideas are under consideration by the coaching committee, and we welcome your suggestions and feedback.

-Mike Mitchell, Board Member and Pee Wee Division Rep

2018/19 BOARD MEMBERS

There have been several changes to the Board this year. Below are the 2018/19 Board Members.

A special "Thank You" goes out to our outgoing Board Members: Steve Williamson, Carrie Duenwald, Patrick Werner, and John Sendobry! We appreciate all you've done to make KYHA a great organization!

2018/19 Board Members

President - Craig Herweck
Vice President - Chris Peterson
Treasurer - Rick Friedrich
Director of Hockey Operations - Mike Carapella
Registrar - Becky Griess
Director of Rink Affairs - Tom Jordan
Director of Administration - Kara Zonies
Missouri Hockey Rep - Mike Mitchell
Secretary - Stacey Grote
Board Member Emeritus - John Luetkemeyer



FUN TIMES AT KYHA!

The Icebreaker Picnic and Greentree Parade were a huge success with tons of fun had by all!

Thanks to Becky Griess and Annie Komadoski for planning these events!

