

Vail Mountaineer Hockey Club
March 24, 2020

Fellow Members,

I'm writing to recommend Jack Skjonsby for the Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club Board of Directors. I've had the pleasure of playing hockey with Jack every Monday night for nearly 10 years. He's always coaching, which I've come to appreciate. His hockey knowledge is incredible - not just through the lens of playing the game, but from organizing and participating in a vast array of organized recreational hockey. It's his love of the game that makes Jack such a great candidate and his experience makes him an ideal fit for the VMHC board.

Jack and his wife Linda Jackson live here in Eagle. They moved to the valley 25 years ago and have 3 grown daughters and 2 grandkids. Jack recently retired from Bank of America Mortgage as a Vice President and Branch Manager. Before working in the mortgage world, Jack spent 25 years in the tech industry. Presently a full-time ski instructor, Jack works at Vail Lionshead and operates a small consulting business.

Jack grew up playing youth hockey in Fargo, N.D. up to the Midget level. He got involved in senior hockey in his 30's starting in Minneapolis - St. Paul, then Boston, Denver and now in the Vail Valley. Jack continues to play locally at Dobson and Eagle. He also plays in National Senior Tournaments in Santa Rosa, CA. (The Snoopy Senior World Hockey Tournament in July) and the USA Senior Nationals in Wesley Chapel, FL.

Locally, Jack has been involved with hockey programs in collaboration with the Vail Recreation District. He also works with Andy Clark, helping organize the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Camps and the original Avon Pond Hockey Championships.

Jack's experience and diverse background makes him perfectly suited to the VMHC Board of Directors. We have a lot of parents on the board (myself included). Jack has no children in the program which allows him to bring a non-parent perspective. We'll soon say good bye to Paul Backes who, as an accounting professional, has served well as the club's treasurer. Jack's experience in the banking industry will help fill the void left by Paul. I believe Jack will prove valuable in terms of keeping the club's finances in order. I ask you to join me and vote for Jack. His experience and knowledge will be of great benefit to our club.

Sincerely,



Kevin Sharkey
Board of Directors, Secretary
Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club
eaglesharkey@yahoo.com