March 26, 2020

I am writing this letter in support of Trista Sutter as a candidate for the Vail Mountaineer Hockey Club Board of Directors.

Trista is not only one of the most passionate hockey moms I know, she is also one of the most dedicated individuals when it comes to her role on the VMHC Board of Directors, and specifically in the Fundraising Director role. Trista has served on the VMHC Board of Directors for the past two years and was appointed the Fundraising Director from the start. She whole-heartedly jumped in and works year-round to raise funds for the Mountaineer families and keeps the costs of hockey VERY LOW, relative to other hockey clubs.

I've experienced Trista's dedication to fundraising and Mountaineer hockey firsthand. During her son's first year as a Mountaineer, he played on the same team as my daughter and Trista was the Team Manager. She is extremely organized and does a great job following through on her communications. Likewise, I have attended the Avalanche Alumni Weekend events, organized by Trista and her team of volunteers, the past two years and seen the success. The Avalanche Alumni players LOVE coming up to Vail for the event, in part due to Trista's incredible attention to detail. Nothing goes overlooked and she works day and night to ensure we can have an outstanding event.

It is my hope that Trista will get your vote so she can continue to support all Mountaineer families with her passion for hockey, the Vail Valley and our VMHC program.

Thank you-

Benno Scheidegger