



**Board Position – Candidate Bio**

**APRIL 2019**

**NAME:** Michael Hughes

**POSITION RUNNING FOR:** Midwest High School Director

**EXPERIENCE THAT I BRING THAT WILL BE HELPFUL IN THIS BOARD POSITION:**

I have served multiple different terms within the association. My first term was serving as the VP/Risk Manager, Squirt – Bantam House Director and most recently as the Midwest High School Director. I have current experience with divisional management, budgets and scheduling that will help with developing this position and I currently hold the USA Hockey Level 4 coaching certification.

I have coached high school, squirt and peewee with the hockey club and helped run the Spring Joust (now Stampede) for many years. During my first term as the Midwest High School Director I was part of the group that brought the USA Hockey High School Nationals to Omaha in; we were proud hosts and would be interested in bringing the event back to Omaha one again. Also during this time we have turned the program around to compete with some of the better programs in the Midwest and around the country. In 2016 and 2017 the Varsity program placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at USA Hockey Nationals at the high school level.

**WHY I WANT TO HOLD THIS POSITION ON THE OMAHA HOCKEY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

I have been an active member in the Omaha Hockey Club since 2000 coaching different levels and participated on the High School Club steering committee. The volunteer work that people have done is amazing and I want to continue that tradition with that amazing track record.

I have an interest in building the brand and ensuring that the high school teams are successful in the coming years – thus far that has been a reality. I believe that with my experience as an administrator, an active listener and communicator I am capable of directing this program and making it better one step at a time.

My goal was to try and bring in fundraising and sponsorship to the team to help offset costs to the players and families and with little steps at a time I have been able to do that along with the support and help of the parents. Along with that I believe that I can help bring a quality product to the Omaha Hockey Club that will allow the younger players that want more out of competitive hockey to have a place to play.



## **ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE THE MEMBERSHIP TO KNOW ABOUT YOU:**

My hockey experience consists of my youth hockey growing up in central Ontario playing on the ponds and indoors until I went to college. During that time I also officiated for twelve years and started student coaching when I was thirteen and have been involved ever since. In High School I played the various sports, football, ice hockey and carried that through to college club where an injury with a hit from behind prompted me to decrease playing the sport on an active full time basis.

I am currently the Director of Hockey Operations with the Junior Lancer High School program and feel that my experiences with the team have helped not only myself but the program grow. I had successfully submitted a bid for the 2014 USA Hockey High School National Championships and I was on the executive committee that helped organize this national event for our community and hockey club. This was a great honor for our city, state and hockey club to be a part of this event and I worked hard to ensure that each detail is tied up to make Omaha and the state of Nebraska the best host that USA Hockey has ever seen.

I look forward to working with the parents, steering committee, the new and existing board members and the players that make up our program.

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