

REBECCA VALISKA-MOSELE

My name is Rebecca Valiska-Mosele and my daughter Stella Mosele is currently in the mites program. I am the admin for our team, and I enjoy making sure that communication is clear so everyone understands what is going on. We have a lot of first-time hockey families in the program, and it can be very overwhelming and confusing if they aren't kept informed. I am passionate about growing girls' hockey and I am excited for the future of this program. My goal for joining the board is to help make a positive impact not only for my daughter but for all girls wanting to play. We have a good foundation at the mite's level with 17 girls currently enrolled and I would like to have a hand in keeping this momentum going. We have wonderful female role models here at GRAHA and I couldn't ask for anything more. I am thankful that my daughter has Coach Tae and Sophie to look up to. If I can have a hand in helping grow girls' hockey in an organization that has given my daughter so much joy that is what I want to do. My son Zach has been playing hockey since he was 5 and Stella grew up at the rink so there is no question where she gets her passion from. In my personal life, I am a local business owner that cares about our community. Whiskers Resort & Pet Spa has been a part of the community since 2008 and I am extremely passionate about the care we give to all the animals that stay with us. I am married to my wonderful husband Mike Mosele and we share our home with 4 dogs, 2 cats, a bearded dragon, and of course our awesome kids! I love hockey, baseball/softball, animals, and traveling.

TYLER RUMELY

My name is Tyler Rumely. I am a hockey Dad, coach, and Ret. Army EOD technician AKA Bomb Squad. Through my deployments and duties around the world, I developed a passion for helping others to learn and grow. When we aren't playing hockey, we enjoy time in the pool, time on the golf course, and going skiing. My hockey journey started when I was 3 in Livonia Mi, but I hung the skates up while I was on active duty. While at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, I found a learn to play program for my oldest. When we moved home to Michigan, we were quickly welcomed into the hockey community that now has become a second family to us. I want to be a GRAHA board member because I am ready to be more involved within the organization to help make a difference in a community that has meant so much to our family. I know a lot of hard work gets put into this organization by the board and I would love the opportunity to help this organization grow and thrive alongside the other board members. Thanks for reading this and please feel free to say hello if you see me at the rink.

PAUL JENKINS

Paul Jenkins

BIO:

Paul Jenkins has been involved with youth hockey since 2016, and is a certified Level 4 coach with USA Hockey. His hockey experience is diverse amongst youth programs within Districts 6 and 4, including the Lansing Hockey Club, Kensington Valley, Fox Motors, and GRAHA.

During his tenure at Michigan State University, Paul served on several Boards at the State and National level, and has been routinely selected for leadership opportunities throughout his career. Paul is adept at problem solving and building strong collaborative relationships, and he hopes to bring these skills and energy to the GRAHA Board. Serving on the GRAHA Board is an opportunity to give back to our hockey community, and to help grow and support the future endeavors of our program.

Originally from Grand Rapids, Paul is a graduate of Kenowa Hills High School and has undergraduate and graduate degrees from MSU. His family currently resides in DeWitt, Michigan; his Daughter Sophie is on the GRAHA 16U Girls Tier 2 team (Otte), and his daughter Grace is transitioning from the GRAHA Cross-Ice Program (Day) to the GRAHA Girls 8U team.

Thank you,
Paul Jenkins

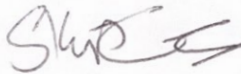
SKIP CONNOLLY

Re: GRAAHA Board of Directors

Hello, my name is Skip Connolly and I am running for a seat on the GRAHA Board of Directors. I would like to become a member of the board because I feel like this is a great way to offer my service to our great association. My wife Leah, my daughter (GRAHA Girls 12U), my son (Pee Wee House) and I have loved being a part of GRAHA since we joined back in 2021 and I feel that I can offer a lot to the board to help lead us into the future

I grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, MI and have been around hockey my whole life, I started skating at the age of three and became hooked on the game soon thereafter. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association and have served on the BODs of the Michigan State Alumni Association where I was the Secretary/ Treasurer and the South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. I love working with and sharing ideas with people working towards a common goal and I feel I can offer a lot to help GRAHA evolve for years to come.

Thank-you and I hope everyone has a great end to the 2023-2024 hockey season!



Skip Connolly
Golf Course Superintendent
The Mines GC
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EVAN MONTGOMERY-RECHT

Evan Montgomery-Recht

Rockford, MI

PERSONAL PROFILE

My name is Evan Montgomery-Recht, and I have been a member-at-large board member since 2022. My wife and I have a daughter playing in the Girls 19U Tier III as a Goalie. My involvement in organized hockey started around 2017 when we were in the Washington, DC, area as part of the Montgomery Youth Hockey Association (MYHA). I believe that GRAHA offers an excellent place for our children to grow, mature, and build confidence both on and off the ice, and it is an opportunity for them to discover and challenge themselves through the game of hockey.

While on the current GRAHA board, I have focused on contributing to our culture, growth, and communications. This includes our outreach events to new players like Try Hockey for Free and adding our first Try Goalie for Free events this year that brought out 14 new and aspiring Goalies. Both of which are entryway events to the American Development Model (ADM). In addition, I have focused on supporting and ensuring the success of our annual Golf Outing and Equipment Sale events to support our programs across GRAHA and the growth we have seen.

In my professional life, I have been for Booz Allen Hamilton for over 20 years. I am currently responsible for technical delivery in several aerospace-focused clients and running a portion of the R&D portfolio. In that role, I focus on developing innovative solutions for our clients and customers, recruitment, specialized engineering and technical staff training, and technical project planning and estimation.

As my daughter enters her 5th year here at GRAHA, I believe a continued role on the board will provide the opportunity to continue contributing back to making GRAHA an excellent place for our youth, regardless of background or abilities, and to provide an environment to learn and develop a lifelong love for the game.

COACHING EDUCATION AND BACKGROUND

Completed USA Hockey Levels 1-4 Coaching Clinics

Completed USA Hockey Bronze Goalie Coaching Clinic

Completed Age-Appropriate Modules 14&U, 12&U, 10&U, 8&U, Disabled, and Goaltender Development

MYHA Learn to Play – Assistant Instructional Coach

MYHA Assistant Coach – Girls 10U/12U – 2 years

GRAHA Assistant Coach – Girls 12U – 1 year

ROB YAMASHITA

To: Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association

From: Rob Yamashita

Date: February 21, 2024

Subject: GRAHA Executive Board Nominee Application

Experience

- Played Division-1 NCAA hockey for the Western Michigan University Broncos from 1999-2003.
- KOHA travel head coach for nine years from 2004-13. Squirt A to Bantam AA.
- GRAHA travel head coach this 2023-24 season. Squirt A.
- Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for AirLife (a local respiratory and anesthesia medical device company)

Why

I love hockey and our community. I have served on the board for two years and I'm proud of the team's accomplishments. I will continue to contribute to the long-standing success and great reputation of GRAHA. I will continue to strive to help the board maximize our resources and results through critical thinking, prioritization, and communication.

Thanks for the consideration and opportunity,

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Rob Yamashita

MIKE LAVALLEE

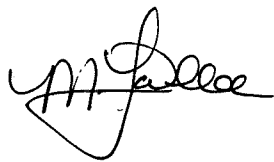
Re: Michael LaVallee Personal Bio

I have lived in the Grand Rapids area for 18 years with my wife, Ashlee, and two sons, Chase (15) and Carter (13). During that time, I have been actively involved in coaching at every age and level from Learn to Skate through Boys Varsity at Forest Hills Central.

I come from a hockey family and the sport has been and still is a huge part of my life. I grew up playing AAA hockey in Canada, eventually playing Junior hockey in Canada for 3 years before going to university where I graduated with a Chemical Engineering Degree.

Please consider this as my letter of interest to continue to serve the Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association (GRAHA) as a board member. Over the years, I have really enjoyed getting to know the other GRAHA families and seeing the development and growth of players both on and off the ice: I look forward to providing insights as a coach, parent, and former player to help GRAHA continue to grow and be successful.

Sincerely,

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Mike LaVallee