

JACKSON AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



Hello my fellow JAHA family members,

It seems like forever ago that we were able to feel the cold of the rink on our face or that awesome smell of used hockey gear after a hard fought game. It's hard to remember the taste of freshly popped popcorn or the cooked to order cheeseburgers from the grill. It's hard to remember the cheers, the celebrations, the sighs, the hugs, the high fives, the laughs and yes even the tears. I have good news though, we will get back there and when we do, I'm sure there will be a much greater appreciation for what this great sport offers us.

I want to introduce you to your new Association Board for the 2020-21 season. But before I do, I want to thank last years board members for their hard work and selfless devotion to all of our kids. They have sacrificed countless time and energy to make sure this organization remains strong and a place where we want our kids to be. Again, thank you to Derrick McCreedy, Mike Lafernier, Mike Kelly, Mike Nau, Brian Miotke, Larry Decker and Jeff Mazur. We appreciate you. Your incoming board is as follows.

Chad Linabury	President
Melissa Jaakkola	Past President
Jim Wheeler	Vice President
Justin Warren	Secretary/Communications Director
Matt Atwood	Treasurer
Ben Jones	Registrar
Jamie Ziebell	Growth Coordinator
Dan Bucholtz	Operations Director
Kyle Field	Sponsorship Director
Brian Sharlow	Tournament Director

These and other changes will be updated on our website soon. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns, we are #heretohelp.

We are excited to be able to work with you to help this Association grow and be a place where your children can grow, not only as hockey players but as people as well. With that said, any positive ideas are welcome. We are also asking for people that would like to be involved to be a part of subcommittees. This is a great way to be a positive influence for the kids.

I recently met with Don, Melody and Dave at the rink and they were gracious enough to give me a tour of the facility. They have been working hard at cleaning, sanitizing, repairing, painting and upgrading the place so that they are ready to go for us when they get the ok to reopen. I know they are excited to show off some changes that they've made.

Speaking of reopening. As you all know, our current stay at home order has been extended until May 28th. We have no idea what will happen after that. Once the order is given that we can restart hockey operations again, it will be very different for awhile. We all know the basic safety precautions that will be maintained. However, we do not know what other restrictions will be put in place. What ever they are, we will get through it. We will be updating everyone as we get more information.

Things that can be done while we wait. If you are planning on being a coach/manager/volunteer, make sure that you are USA Hockey Registered, get your Background Check done (if done last year, your are good for 1 more year), your SafeSport modules and coaching modules (if applicable). Please ask if you have any questions.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of JAHA. On behalf of the board, we look forward to seeing you at the rink very soon. Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,
Chad Linabury
President, Jackson Area Hockey Association