

Hello, My name is Brent Sorenson and I am looking for your support in the upcoming MYHA board elections. My wife and I, Molly, have 3 wonderful children with our oldest two sons proudly playing hockey at Mahtomedi since they were 4 years old. I have been coaching in MYHA since 2014 and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience at the mite, squirt and now pee wee levels. I would describe myself as a driven to succeed, yet understanding the diversity of



our community, which allows me to be open minded about other's point of view. In addition to volunteering with MYHA, my wife and I have been very active with Mahtomedi's soccer association where Molly just finished a four-year term as a board member and continues to help with the U10 soccer program. In my day job, I'm a small business owner and dentist in Hugo. In addition, I work part time as a researcher at the University of Minnesota working with various groups testing new drugs in the fight against cancer.

Youth Athletic Experience

I moved to Minnesota when I was 12 and immediately fell in love with hockey, despite coming from a town in Missouri that didn't offer youth hockey. I spent every moment I had playing on ponds in the winter time and streets in the summer, eventually cracking the varsity squad at Irondale High School despite never playing above Bantam B. In addition to hockey, I was a two-year letter winner, All Conference and team MVP in football and played collegiately at Bethel College.

Coaching Experience

After my youth hockey career was over, I began my youth coaching career in 2002 in Saint Louis Park for two seasons in the Bantam program until I enrolled in graduate school. I began to coach my oldest as a Mite 3 coach in 2014 and have been a Squirt and Pee Wee assistant coach. With my youngest, I have been a head coach at Mite Intro and assistant coach at Mite 1. In addition to coaching with MYHA, I have been an assistant bench coach with AAA summer programs at Fusion, Twin Cities Vulcans, Minnesota Made and 6 seasons at the Lumberyard 3v3.

Being involved in MYHA the past 5 years has been great, however, my experience with other hockey programs has also informed me that hockey is ever changing and MYHA needs to continue to change to grow for the better. This year, 3/4 of our pee wee and bantam eligible

teams qualified for regional tournaments and our Jr Gold 16 won the state tournament. It's my goal to ensure our kids at each level have fun, competitive and successful seasons from Mite to Bantams, AA to C. I believe that similar to watching the success of our varsity program, our kids' experience and watching the success of their peers at each level will ensure growth of our youth program into the future.

Education and Work Experience

I graduated from Bethel College in 2001 and oversaw starting up a research lab at the U of M. During that time, I completed a Master's degree in Biology in 2007 and then completed a dental fellowship program in 2014. In 2017, I became a small business owner when I started my own dental clinic. I plan to use these experiences in promoting our youth programs in the future.

Thank-you for your consideration in the upcoming MYHA board elections.

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