

Board of Directors
Washington County Youth Hockey Association
2330 S. Main Street, West Bend, WI 53095

March 12, 2019

WCYHA Members,

I am submitting this letter of intent asking for your support as I am seeking the position of Zamboni Coordinator for Spring 2019 Board Member elections. I hope that you will consider me as a candidate for this position.

My wife Beth and I have one son, Hayden who just completed his second season as a Squirt Hockey Player with the WCYHA. Beth has also played with the KM Lynx, Washington County Ice Vixens, and other pick-up games/teams. Since moving here in February of 2017, I have been volunteering and assisting the association in various roles to include Zamboni operator, clock, score keeping, stats, and other various tasks requiring assistance. In doing this I have become the most proficient in the Zamboni operations and logistics required in order to keep the Zamboni program operational as it is a vital piece of equipment to one of the most important assets of our rink; quality ice for everyone to enjoy old and young.

I am an active duty member of the United States Coast Guard approaching my 19th year of service. I am currently the Officer in Charge of the Coast Guard Station in Milwaukee and oversee the administration and operations of 35 active duty members, 10 reservists and over 300 volunteer Auxiliarists spanning from Port Washington, WI to Waukegan, IL. In doing this, I must ensure the operational success of the unit by ensuring that we train, maintain and operate by keeping track of qualified personnel from Communications Dispatch, Boat Engineers, Boat Operators, and Law Enforcement Officers. I am ultimately responsible for their training and the achievements of qualifications to ensure that we meet the requirements of qualified personnel in order to carry out the assignments needed. This involves numerous working parts from planning and execution of training schedules while also balancing maintenance and personnel assignments.

In doing this, it has helped me to carry these skills over to the Zamboni Volunteer Program by helping with scheduling, organization and assisting with the training of volunteers seeking qualification on Zamboni operations. I fully understand that the Zamboni coordinator position does not just involve how well you can operate the equipment, but having the initiative and foresight to ensure that the ice is always being maintained before someone takes the ice, towels and equipment are always stocked. Logs are being completed accurately and correctly, and that constant and open communication is being adhered to with the rink manager no matter what the issue is. Please consider voting for me in the April 2019 election.

Sincerely,

Darrell Strickland

