

2025 TAHA Board of Directors Candidates

Scott Basiuk

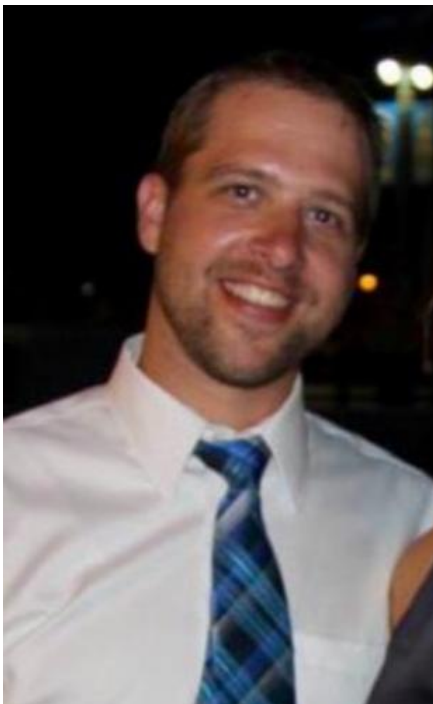


Scott has recently finished his tenth season with TAHA. This season he coached the 2012 PeeWee Major Team to the New York State Tournament and major victories in Ottawa, Buffalo, and all over the Northeast. Prior to this season, Scott coached at the Squirt level as well as ACIM, Learn to Play and Learn to Skate. Scott will return this season as the ACIM head coach for his 11th and final year of mites. Scott is re-applying for a board position because of his love for hockey and the desire to give back to a sport that gave/gives him so much. Scott played minor hockey in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada and junior hockey all over the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta as an 18 and 19-year-old. At 20, he came to Troy to attend RPI as a student-athlete on a scholarship and still has many contacts at the institute. After 4 years, Scott graduated with a business management degree and continued his hockey career in the ECHL and AHL, going to camp with the LA Kings in the summer and fall of 2004. After 2 years toiling in the minors, he traveled to England where he played in Manchester for 2 seasons, captaining both years and assistant coaching in the second. In 2008, he left for Sheffield and played 2 seasons there while earning his MBA at the University of Sheffield's Business School.

Scott was married in 2009 to his wife Melissa and finished his hockey career in 2010. They had their first son, Grant, in 2012 and he was skating as soon as he could on the ice at RPI. Their daughter Brynn was born in 2014 and she has grown into a very fast skater with an excellent sense for hockey. Their final child, a boy, Max, is 8 and skates very well though the penalty box will likely be his favorite place in the rink! Scott's goals for his kids in athletics is to have them learn how to work hard, be dedicated, set goals, and learn how to function highly in a team environment.

Scott works in Rotterdam for Renewal by Andersen of Eastern NY as the Senior Sales Manager. He has been there since 2011 and can take care of all your window and door needs you might have! Even with his busy schedule he is looking forward to contributing to the organization and help any way he can.

Jason Schmidt



I have been on the TAHA Board for the last 3 years and have taken the role of the Rink Rat Tournament Director and participated on the ethics committee, coaching committee, assisted with on and off ice tryout evaluations at all levels, pee wee and bantam level director and lastly served as the lead of all non-AAA teams in the organization. I am very passionate about the organization and developing the kids into the best possible versions of themselves on and off the ice. I want to do everything and anything I can to prop up the organization to foster that development.

I have also been a coach in the organization for the past 7 years with my older child and am circling back around to the beginning with our 6-year-old twins moving to mites next season. I am very passionate about supporting our kids in this great game and making our organization the best place for them to go and enjoy it.

I look forward to continuing my participation on the TAHA Board and growing this great organization!

Joseph Coleman



I played 4 years in TAHA when I was younger and have been in the organization as a coach for the last 3 years. I have passion to see these athletes grow and love the game but also make them better people as they grow. I would like to help bring back the summer league for the organization to help keep kids in the game. I would also like to see TAHA bring summer camps back to help athletes grow their skills.

I played in TAHA from 1995-1998, and currently play men's league with many TAHA parents and coaches. I also currently play for the New York State Police hockey team. My family is involved in hockey and figure skating here in the Capital District. I've helped coach learn to play, assistant coach with 10UC, 12U B/C and currently with 12UB. I have also helped when needed for many of the TAHA tryouts.

David Guiliano



I have a strong passion for player development and have always been a player advocate, focusing on every kid having a positive experience. My professional experience in Director level position makes me a great candidate. I would like to see more skills-oriented training programs and focus on player development. The development of a disciplinary committee to deal with child/parent issues or concerns. I am interested in helping to establish a House/rec league for players starting out in hockey to learn and develop their skills.

With over 25 years of coaching experience in youth sports, primarily baseball. I bring a deep passion for athletics and a strong commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment for players of all skill levels. Throughout my coaching career, I have worked with various age groups and teams, providing mentorship and instilling essential values such as teamwork, discipline, and respect both on and off the playing field.

In addition to my coaching expertise, I currently serve as the Director of Safety and Health for Harrison and Burrowes, where I lead initiatives focused on ensuring the health and safety of all personnel. My role has honed my ability to implement effective safety protocols, manage risk, and communicate with diverse groups, all of which will translate seamlessly into supporting the mission of the youth hockey organization.

I am eager to leverage my experience to contribute to the growth and development of youth hockey, helping to create an environment where both athletes and the community can thrive. I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with fellow board members to continue promoting the values of safety, sportsmanship, and skill development for the next generation of hockey players.

Don Henzel



My name is Don Henzel. I am an Estimator with the State University Construction Fund. My wife, Nicole and I live in Averill Park and have 2 children, Mason (5) and Emma (2). We are very happy with the experience Mason has had in both the Learn to Skate and Learn to Play programs and we look forward to many more years of happy hockey memories at TAHA for both of our kids. I feel that I would be a good fit for the board because of my experience being on the Twin Town Little League Board of Directors. Also, my children are 5 and 2 years old, so I will be able to serve on the board for many years to come.

I would like to see if we could get more of our older players to help out with our younger players. For example, this past season my brother, Zach Henzel and Brad Ives helped coach Peretti with running drills for the Learn to Play program. Zach and Brad were able to get volunteer hours that they needed and the little kids really seemed to enjoy having the older kids there helping them.

Cathleen McEvoy-Brown



I am an alumni of TAHA and have a lot of pride in the program. I have strong organization skills, enjoy event planning, and would be happy to help with tournaments or other board needs. I also understand child development and children's mental health. I feel that I have a good understanding of several roles that parents can take in youth hockey, as a former player, a mother, and a professional who understands children.

As a child psychologist, I understand the growth and development of children, the current mental health challenges and struggles that children face. I would be able to help support parents, the board, and families to understand how to foster social-emotional well-being and health for their children. With my background in child development and working with families, I have strong listening skills to hear the parents' concerns and support the child and the family for their child to reach their greatest potential. I also understand all levels of learners, whether it be challenges with behavior, attention, learning or emotional control.

In addition, to my professional skills, I have strong organizational skills that I could help support the board with tournament and event planning, scheduling, data entry, or paperwork needs.

I have two boys currently enrolled in the program at the Squirt and Mite level. My husband is also a coach. As an original Ice Cat, I have a lot of pride in the TAHA organization. After TAHA, I went on to play in college at the University of Vermont. After that, I played on a team that went to the National Championships two years in a row. The second year, we won 2nd place.

Aside from my hockey background, I am a child psychologist who understands child and adolescent mental health, the struggles that they are facing, and how to navigate all of it. In my professional role, I work with families by listening to their concerns and help support the child and the family to reach their greatest potential. I also have an understanding of all levels of learners through my background in child and school psychology.

I feel that I could add a valuable perspective to the board not only as a former hockey player who knows and loves the game, but as a professional who knows how to help motivate and support growth in children.

Jay McGlothlin



My name is Jay McGlothlin, and I have been a dedicated member of the TAHA community for many years. As the father of two youth hockey players, I have had the privilege of watching my son play for the Titans and CD Jets, while my daughter, a goalie, has played for the Titans, Ice Cats, and several other teams.

My family and I have called the Capital District home since I graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). I currently work remotely as the Associate Director of Research Computing at Tufts University and also run an internet advertising firm.

As a Level 4 USA Hockey Coach, I have been actively involved in coaching at TAHA for many years. I am eager to continue giving back to the community and helping to build a welcoming and supportive environment for the next generation of youth hockey players.

I would be a good addition to the board due to my experience as a manager, coach, parent, and small business owner. My personal circumstances also enable me to advocate for the unique needs of female hockey players and goalies. I also feel that as a parent of players nearing the end of their youth hockey career, I can reflect on what worked well or not and impartially apply that to improving TAHA for the next generation.

I would like to see TAHA continue to build its brand and differentiate what we offer players and their families from other local hockey organizations.

Tom Murley



Tom Murley is looking forward to re-joining the TAHA board and being able to share his past hockey experiences and knowledge to grow the organization and continue the excellent programming that has been the leader of the Capital District youth hockey scene for decades.

Tom learned how to skate at Frear Park and played in the TAHA program right through the Midget level of youth hockey. He went on to play four years of high school hockey with Uncle Sam's Hockey Club before attending Springfield College in Massachusetts. He was co-captain his senior season at Springfield before graduating and beginning his career in professional hockey as an athletic trainer for 7 seasons. He worked on the bench tending to the medical needs of several Hockey Hall of Fame players and coaches with the Boston Bruins and also worked with the top prospects from the Columbus Blue Jackets, Phoenix Coyotes, Tampa Bay Lightning and NJ Devils at their minor league affiliates.

Tom is a USA Hockey Level 4 certified coach. He has coached his two sons at the Learn to Play, 8u, 10u & 12u levels for TAHA and also was the director of the Uncle Sam's High School Summer hockey league in the early 2000s. He continues to play the greatest game on earth annually to help raise funds for several local charities during the Capital Cup for Kids hockey tournament each Spring.

Tom is currently employed by the City School District of Albany as a physical education teacher. He has taught grades K-12 for over 10-years and also has served as the Athletic Director for two area school districts. In addition to teaching, Tom has also worked as an athletic trainer, boys' soccer and girls' softball coach during his career in the Albany school district.

Tom hopes to bring some new ideas to the TAHA organization that incorporates his background working in professional hockey, interscholastic athletics and education to enhance the experience for all players and families within the TAHA organization.