

**Name:** Brian Walker

**Position:** Board Member at Large

**Why I am interested in running:**

Our family has been part of the Omaha Hockey Club for the past year, with our youngest beginning in House Peewee. It has been an outstanding experience – not just in player development, but in the sense of community and character the club fosters. I believe strongly in giving back to organizations that invest in our children. OHC has provided our son with opportunity, mentorship, and a love for the game, and I would welcome the chance to serve in a role that helps sustain and strengthen that mission. I am particularly passionate about expanding access to youth hockey for families who may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate. In my professional life within the aviation industry, I work to create pathways for students from underserved backgrounds to enter aviation. I would be excited to bring that same mindset of access, inclusion, and long-term development to OHC as an at-large director.

**What experience or skills could you contribute to the organization?**

While I can't ice skate very well and I can't talk intelligently about the strong side overload defense, I can say that I have had over 30 years in aviation operations which has enabled me to create an "extreme ownership" mentality when it comes to leadership. Along with leadership, I bring with me an organized and methodical approach to operations. I also have experience in mentorship and creating pathways for students (college and high school) to connect to professional organizations. I had the opportunity to serve as the House Peewee Yeti Hunter Team Manager this past season, so I have gained a phenomenal skill in creating hype videos as well as game-day posters and schedules.

**Any additional information you would like the members to know about you:**

I am a Director of Pilot Training for an airline based out of Los Angeles. The company told me that I wasn't fancy enough to live in L.A., so they told me to hang here and work remotely in Omaha, which we are very happy to do. I have a side hustle working as an FAA Ground Instructor and Teacher at Omaha's Burke High School Air and Space Academy. My wife, Christine, and I have two boys, Ewan and Rory, three dogs, and a thoroughbred horse named Loup, who has had a couple of half siblings win the KY Derby. As you can see, my family (and pets) are far more exciting than I am, and they make me happy.