

Name: Jamie Menne

Board Position: Secretary

Why do you wish to become a CCHA Board Member?

I have three main reasons for applying to be part of the CCHA board. The first is to be part of the activity my boys love. Every year, they ask me to volunteer as Team Manager of their teams. They love it when my husband and I get involved. By joining the Board, I would be able to be part of the organization of the association and not just at the team level. The second is because I have a passion to serve. Whether it be personally or professionally, I value the role that volunteering can play as it is necessary for organizations to thrive. Specifically for the role as secretary, I believe my detail-oriented work style and encouraging nature will result in a positive experience for those on the board and others throughout the association. I serve on another board in my professional life and understand how essential it is to have volunteers that step up to do the work. Finally, I am proud of CCHA and want to continue to grow the pride and excitement of (and for) our players and members!

Please describe any previous involvement in CCHA (volunteer, manager, coach, leadership, etc)

For the past 4 years, I have served as the Team Manager for both of my skaters Mite teams. I have been able to work closely with the coaches to keep the season communication organized. I have worked hard to prepare tournament goodie bags, team events, and end of the year gifts/celebrations for the skaters. For the past two Squirt seasons, my husband and I have served as the team videographer for our team. My goal has always been to create a fun and memorable season for the players, coaches and families.

Describe your hockey background experience.

My hockey experience stems from growing up in a hockey family. My father played in high school and college (UMN), and spending his adult years playing and coaching my younger brothers' teams. Therefore, I grew up at the rink; creating cheers for the team. I never played myself (as I was a dancer) but have been an avid fan since I was young. I will put on my Bauer skates and stick handle around our pond, but that is my extent of playing! I am an active cheerleader from the stands though!

Describe other relevant experience in/contributions to other youth programs or community involvement.

Opposite of the hockey season, my boys play baseball. The volunteering roles are very different for Baseball- needing to have game knowledge to serve in the team manager role. Therefore, I have only been involved with CCHA. However, I am an employee of the district at Chaska High School and am very passionate about the pipeline from youth sports to the high school level. Connected with CHS, I have previously coached the Winter JV Kick Danceteam and now serve as one of the Fall Performance Danceteam Coaches. (I had to move to the fall season because it

overlapped too much with the hockey season!). Further away from youth sports, I do currently serve on the Board as President of the MN Association for College Admission Counseling so I have experience serving in an executive board capacity. Serving my community is a strong passion of mine, and joining the CCHA Board would be another opportunity to do just that. Plus, my boys currently love when I get involved with their activities so I'd like to continue doing that as much as possible!

What is your viewpoint regarding youth hockey? The CCHA Experience?

As an association (the Board, the coaches, all volunteers and parents), we have the opportunity to allow our skaters a chance to develop their skills and love for the game. We have the chance to create memories that will last into their adult lives. And we are able to do this for all ages and skill levels. With youth hockey, I think we also have a chance to develop great humans who can work hard, win with honor, lose gracefully, be kind, and hopefully continue playing after their time with CCHA. We also have the unique opportunity to develop skaters that feed into a variety of programs after the Bantam level. A wish I have for CCHA is to develop great hockey players (and humans) that can go into all of those programs (CHS, CNS, other HS programs and CCHA Junior gold). If we do this, then we can say we are serving all of our members.