

Candidate Bio – Bemidji Youth Hockey Association Board

I am a parent of two active athletes in the Bemidji Youth Hockey Association, with a daughter at the U10 level and a son at the Peewee level. This experience provides me with a well-rounded perspective on player development across age groups. The Bemidji Youth Hockey program has been a very positive and rewarding part of my life and my family's life.

I am the manager of Ironhide Equipment Bobcat of Bemidji, where I bring professional experience in financial oversight, budgeting, leadership, and logistics. I am known for being a practical problem-solver who works collaboratively to find solutions and improve operations.

Although I did not grow up playing hockey, I participated in traveling sports throughout my youth and high school years. Those experiences shaped my belief in the importance of teamwork, commitment, and personal growth through athletics.

As a board member, my goal is to help foster an environment where young athletes grow socially and mentally, learn valuable life lessons from being part of a team, and have a positive experience in the program. I am committed to supporting not only the continued success of Bemidji Youth Hockey, but also advancing and growing the program for future athletes and families.

Thank you,
Brian Splettstoesz