

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Mike Freeman. I have been serving on the board as treasurer since April, 2017.

I have three children who have grown up playing hockey in SPYHA: Lily (HS Jr), Ben (2<sup>nd</sup> year BT), and Josh (2<sup>nd</sup> year PW). My wife, Jenny, plays on the Ice Hawks women's team, and I periodically play in the Friday and Saturday night adult groups when my schedule allows. I am a level 4 CEP certified coach and have been on the ice helping at nearly every level since 2014. As you can see, the rink has become a second home for my family.

When I joined the board in spring of 2017, the association had just celebrated 20 years in our building, and the rink was starting to show its age. Over the last 8 years, the board has invested over \$300,000 back into our building. We have replaced compressors, remodeled nearly every space in the building, repainted the structural steel, installed a new parking lot, upgraded the rink refrigeration and dehumidification systems, replaced the Zamboni batteries, and countless other smaller updates. As treasurer, I ensured that we had the necessary funds to cover these improvements. In fact, despite the spending, the rink has more money in the bank and less debt than it did when I joined the board in 2017.

I am also incredibly proud to have served on the board during a period of tremendous growth and success for our association. In the 2017/2018 season, SPYHA fielded a total of 6 teams above the 6U/8U level. This past season, we fielded 12 teams and qualified 7 of them for State. In addition to this, my time on the board has seen growth in participation at the 6U and 8U levels, the creation of a learn to play program for new skaters, and the creation of 16U and 19U Badger City teams to provide a home for girls who choose not to play high school hockey.

I am seeking re-election to continue building on the positive momentum that has been created, ensuring that our players, facilities, and finances are the envy of our hockey peers.

