

Hi, I'm Amanda Chetwood, and I am the proud parent of 3 hockey kids. My oldest child, Kaleb, first tried hockey in 2012, and I have loved hockey ever since. Kaleb is now on the high school varsity team, my son, Kohen, is preparing to join Pee wee next season, and my daughter, Kinley, will be on Mites again. I have been an involved and dedicated member of SPYHA from the moment Kaleb got on the ice.

Throughout the years, I have served as a team manager for 6U, 8U, Squirt, and Bantam levels. As a team manager, I have had the opportunity to work closely with coaches both inside and out of SPYHA, which in turn has allowed me to learn a lot about what helps kids be successful throughout their time in youth hockey. The knowledge I have gained and the positive relationships I have formed in the several years as a team manager has given me valuable insight that will aid in my success as a member of the board.

I have also been highly involved in various fundraising events for SPYHA. For example, this year I arranged for a coffee truck to come to the rink in order to raise funds for the Squirt A team. The money raised in that fundraiser paid for a conference room at a hotel we had during a tournament. As a hockey parent, I understand that the tournaments, the traveling that goes with those tournaments, the equipment, etc.--it adds up! Organizing fundraisers, such as the coffee truck, does not require any additional work by the parents and are easy ways to help lower the extra costs that go along with hockey. I look forward to finding similar fundraisers in the future to help alleviate costs and to potentially provide additional funding to SPYHA as a whole.

With my oldest child in high school, my youngest in first grade, and my middle in fourth grade, I recognized how valuable it could be for the older and younger players to have the opportunity to learn from one another. Kaleb assisted coaching the Squirt A team this year, and it was amazing to see how much the Squirt A players learned from him, and the valuable skills Kaleb learned in coaching. In the future, I would like to arrange for additional high school players to mentor younger players, which I believe will be beneficial for SPYHA as a whole.

I believe that being a member of the board means taking steps to make positive changes for the present, as well as putting actions in place that will help future hockey players be successful. After 13 years of being part of the association, I am hopeful to contribute further by promoting fair, smooth operations at all levels. I would love the opportunity to continue growing in the SPYHA and would greatly appreciate your vote.