

Please accept this email as my formal interest in the board position of Secretary with the Portland Junior Hawks organization. The Parent's Code of Conduct with USA Hockey states: *"If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer."* I love the game, so here I am to volunteer.

My husband grew up in Canada where hockey is a way of life. On one of our first dates (many years ago), he took me to an NHL game. We sat right behind the glass next to the Canucks bench. I was immediately in awe of the sport and after the first hit against the boards right in front of me, I was hooked. Ever since then, hockey has been a growing part of my life. My son just turned five years old and loves the game. I mean he REALLY loves the game. And I believe his love of the game is for two reasons: 1) His father's love of the sport and, 2) The Portland Junior Hawk organization.

My son began the mini-hawk program last year and it was my first experience with the organization and youth hockey. I was very impressed with the commitment, quality, and dedication the PJH organization and its coaches showed towards developing these young kids. I wanted to be a part of that movement. My son has learned so much and his hockey skills have improved greatly...but most importantly, he has had so much fun! And that is what it's all about.

As Board Secretary, I would bring with me over 20 years of professional administrative experience. I have been a recording secretary as part of my public sector job; detailed and accurate preparation of meeting minutes was crucial. I have also held board member positions as President, Secretary and Treasurer in other volunteer organizations. I am well organized and computer savvy .

If elected, I would love to continue to further guide the organization's goals of promoting youth hockey and providing opportunities for any kid who wants to play. My personal pledge would be to focus not only on my duties as secretary, but to promote the sport at every given opportunity. The future of hockey lies with our youth and we need to connect with as many kids as possible to continue to grow the organization and the sport. [In fact, I've already found a new member...my six year old daughter who swore she would never play, has started to skate. She saw how much fun her brother had with the Hawks and now wants her chance to be a part of the fun.](#)

Thank you for your consideration.  
Donna Goddard