

Dear PJH Members:

I have been a PJH board member for the last 16 months and have worked very hard to try and represent the interests of all of our players, from mini-mites to midgets. My personal goals for the organization have been:

- 1) Make hockey as affordable as possible and more accessible to more kids!
- 2) Provide a fun, safe, and rewarding playing experience for all players of all ages.

And to try and reach those goals, I have managed to accomplish the following in my short time on the board:

- a). Implementation of an online registration system;
- b). Creating a payment plan option to pay registration fees over time;
- c) Creating a new financial aid application process that is fair and confidential.
- d) Establishing partnerships with the Winterhawk organization to help support our organization and provide opportunities to our members like discount tickets, fundraising opportunities, scholarships, etc.
- e) Directing the Harvest Cup Tournament for the past two years as a successful and profitable tournament and elevating awareness of our organization.

When I first started on the board, I was assigned the role of equipment manager (I think they give this job to all the new-comers!). I barely knew what a midget was after all; my son was only five years old when I started. But, I jumped right in, learned the ropes, and made sure everyone had what they needed.

In addition to those duties, I was assigned to be the director for the very first Harvest Cup tournament. Having never run a tournament before, I was a little intimidated and very nervous about pulling it off. But, I jumped in with both feet and hit the ground running. As a result, the first tournament was very successful and profitable and we enjoyed even bigger success this past November.

I also recommended that the organization move toward an online registration system. An important piece of that process was developing a payment plan for our members to have the option to pay over a period of time. The new registration system was an overall success. I look forward to making it work even better for us next season by offering a longer payment plan option and including online dues options for our rep teams.

I also suggested a change in the organization's scholarship process. We allocated more funds to keep kids playing hockey and implemented a new system to improve the selection process. As a result, the financial aid process is now thoughtful, structured, fair, and confidential.

I was assigned to be the organization's Treasurer for the past 8 months. This new position has been very challenging. There has been a lot for me to learn on my own and I look forward to fine-tuning the financial information of the organization in the coming year so we can get a better handle on forecasting properly and implementing a good working budget.

In my short time on the board, I believe I have proven that I work hard and offer a positive contribution. I would like to continue to serve our hockey family and appreciate your support.