

Lester Sparks – Bio for PJH Board Election

I've been a PJH Board Member for the past three years and I am submitting my application for reelection. My son is in his 10th year of hockey and I have been involved in various aspects throughout this time – as an assistant and head coach at each level since Mite, Division Director at the PeeWee level, and as a Board Member for the past 2.5 years.

For the past two seasons, I've served as the Ice Scheduler. I understand the intricacies of scheduling – dealing with three rinks/owners, limited ice times and rotating the available times to keep a balance for the various age groups for practices, games and clinics. If reelected, I would like to continue to build on the relationships with other Oregon hockey associations, similar to Eugene. These outside games give our kids the experience of playing other teams without the expense of a tournament.

As House Director, my duties have included coordinating with the Referee Association for games, dealing with disciplinary items, and answering any parent/player questions. As a coach, I've helped to coordinate the various age group clinics and have assisted with the goalie clinics for the past three seasons. I've also assisted with the spring 3 v 3 program and various goalie summer camps that PJH has sponsored.

On a personal level, I'm a stay-at-home dad of four children. My schedule is pretty flexible and I have been able to deal with some of the more mundane aspects of running the organization (i.e. coordinating new lockboxes, helping with the gear swaps, meeting with rink personnel, etc.) I am also available by email and cell phone throughout the day and evening and always try to return any calls or emails as soon as possible.

I love the game of hockey and I am committed to helping make the Jr. Hawks a great organization for all players – Mites to U18, Rep to House.