

Director of Recreational Hockey Programs
Ken Wood

My name is Ken Wood, and I am running for Director of Recreation for the South Tahoe Amateur Hockey Association. I want to help create a strong base for STAHA by implementing a house league that brings many new kids to (affordably) play hockey in Tahoe. I know the importance of having a big Mite program to be able to feed the older age groups, and I would like to have house hockey available to older groups of kids that do not wish to travel. Also, I would like for my eight year old daughter to play hockey, which would be more realistic if there was a house league available.

I have a long history with STAHA. I started coaching Squirrels in 2007, then moved up to Pee Wees and then Bantams. Most recently, I coached the High School varsity team. I understand the importance of development, and I am a big proponent of having fun and playing games that develop skill with no winners and losers. I have coached with many different boards throughout the years, and although I was never a part of the board, I have seen what has worked in the past. I know most of the past board members, and I have already been asking questions to get an idea of what worked best and what didn't. I also have a good relationship with Van and Rich from TSE, and I have been working with them to get an idea of future ice times and how to transition from house hockey to travel teams. I plan on getting past players to help coach the house league teams, as well as Icemen players.

As for recruiting new players, what worked best in the past was going directly to the schools and letting as many teachers, parents and kids know that we have an ice rink here in South Lake Tahoe. I plan to do this as well, letting the schools know that we are offering a great hockey program, which is affordable or potentially free (details to be worked out), for the kids to get a chance to learn to not only ice skate, but to play hockey.

If elected, I will do my best to create a thriving recreational hockey program for Tahoe and STAHA.

Thank you,

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