

Russel Des Jardins

Occupation: Commander

Employer: Idaho Army National Guard

Education: Montana State University, 1999

Sports Experience: High School Basketball, Track, Cross-country. U.S. Army Regional Biathlon team and running team.

Sports Coaching Experience: Upward Youth Soccer Assistant Coach

Wife: Julie

Children: Keith (13), Gavin (10)

I am currently a member of the BYAHA board as President and previously held the Vice-President position. I would like to continue to drive positive change in the organization to achieve the originally intended goal which is the development of ALL Junior Steelheads players.

I have roughly ten years of youth hockey experience through both of my boys, in four separate youth hockey organizations of which three are traveling teams. This includes the Bozeman Ice Dogs, the Treasure Valley Hawks, and the Boise Junior Steelheads. From this I have the opportunity to experience both the positive and negative aspects of youth hockey travel organizations.

Bottom line, after experiencing the turmoil over the last few of years, I want to continue to help the organization make a positive change, creating an honest and open organization that is FOCUSED on providing the best possible experience and opportunity for ALL of our players. This organization is here for one purpose only, and that is the development of ALL players. We need to regain that focus, and I will do everything in my power to help guide the board to achieve that end-state. Thank you for your time and consideration.