

# 2010 Elections Ballot

The election of officers for the Lakeville Hockey Association Board of Directors is held annually. This year's meeting will be held at Kenwood Trail Middle School on Monday, April 12th, 2010, starting at 7:00 PM. Candidate speeches will be limited to 5 minutes.

The following positions are open for the 2010 election: Treasurer, VP of Administration, VP of Operations, Association Head Coach, Registrar, PeeWee Director, Bantam Director, Jr Gold Director, Girls U8/U10 Director, and Girls U12/U14 Director. Please click on the "Board Elections" link under the "Board" menu on the left side of the home page for details on each position.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please indicate which position and provide a brief summary statement that contains your full name, background, number of children in the LHA, accomplishments, goals, and/or plans for the next two years. Please submit this information to Brent Lothrop ([vpadmin@lakevillehockey.org](mailto:vpadmin@lakevillehockey.org)) and copy Bill Monahan ([president@lakevillehockey.org](mailto:president@lakevillehockey.org)). Your information will then be posted below for our LHA members to review.

LHA members have until midnight April 5th to declare their candidacy. After April 5th, any open positions are filled by appointment by the President and confirmed by the Board.

## Positions with Candidates up for Election:

### *Treasurer*

Name	<b>Tami Hobbs</b>
Background	I worked in the banking industry for 15 years. I was a federal bank regulator for 10 years and a real estate banker for 5 years. I have knowledge of budgeting, accounting procedures, internal controls and financial practices.
# Children in LHA	I have 2 children in the LHA at the Squirt and Pee Wee levels.
Accomplishments	I am an eight year resident of Lakeville and have been part of the LHA for the past 7 years. I am just completing my third year on the Eastview Elementary PTO board. I have been President for the past two years and have chaired many

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fundraising committees at the school. I was actively involved in the budgeting process for the school during the years I served on the board. I have also served as an LHA team manager for the past two years.

My primary goal is to ensure the integrity of the Association's financial records. To achieve this goal, it is crucial to work within the established guidelines and by-laws of LHA. I would achieve this goal as follows:

- Ensure that proper accounting procedures are followed;
- Receive board approval for expenses prior to payment;
- Make sure that proper internal controls and dual controls are in place.

## VP of Administration

Name

Background

# Children in LHA

Accomplishments

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## VP of Operations

Name

**Chuck Koen**

Background

3 year resident of Lakeville, Senior Consultant/Project Manager - Barr Engineering, Married 21 years to Candace and have 4 kids.

# Children in LHA

3 players within LHA Youth Hockey (Mite 3, U10, Bantam), 1 player on HS program

Accomplishments

President and Hockey Director of Homewood-Flossmoor Youth Hockey Program in Chicago suburb, USA Hockey Level 4 certified, Developed a girls youth hockey program and formed a women's team that participated in the WCHL (Women's Central Hockey League), Developed power-skating / skill based lesson plan criteria to develop youth hockey players for HF Youth Hockey program at all levels (learn-to-skate to H.S.). Created spring H.S. League to continue development and keep players thinking hockey in Chicago. VP Operations South Suburban Hockey League in Chicago area, USA Hockey - Central District (AHA), Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois) Player Development Scout and Evaluator, developed player evaluation guidelines for USA Hockey Central District Showcase (players advance to select camp of their age level) for the district to ensure consistent and fair evaluations. USA Hockey coach at all levels up to Midget Major. Volunteer coach at Peewee and Bantam levels since moving to LHA.

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Players Play - Coaches Coach --- plain and simple.

It is our job to make sure the players have the tools to succeed in whatever level of hockey they are capable of attaining - and have fun doing it. We need to ensure the coaches have the resources, tools and support to train them. Hockey is not a sport that can be mastered quickly; the skills and understanding that are required to play hockey take many years to master. My goal for this term is to help facilitate development of our program by:

- Supporting and Communicating the LHA Program Mission, Vision, and Success criteria to the community.
- Working with all development committees to define standard skill characteristic guidelines to support the players and coaches alike through player development consistency.
- Assist with optimizing the budget to effectively manage development while

maintaining affordability.

- Provide Level Directors a voice and support to manage their respective levels appropriately through effective communication and action resolution.
- Assist the program level directors to provide direction to coaches regarding all aspects of the sport, including sportsmanship, nutrition, exercise, individual skill development and team strategies which will encourage focusing on mastery of the sport at all levels.

Attempts to master the sport too quickly – or win at all costs, especially at early ages, often leads to frustration for both parent and player alike. This will ultimately lead to player drop-out or parents moving to other programs they feel will provide their players the tools and resources needed to succeed. Kids must continue to love the game during this learning process – and I will work collectively with the entire board to help support these ideals which will serve the program for many years to come.

## Association Head Coach

Name

**Kevin Boland**

Background

I have been actively coaching in the Lakeville Hockey Association for fourteen years since my oldest son started in the Mite program. I have participated in many outstanding changes in the program as it has grown. I believe in the overall philosophy of the LHA and I look forward to contributing to its continued growth and success.

# Children in LHA  
Accomplishments

I have two sons in the LHA at the Pee Wee and High School Levels.  
14 Years coaching for LHA  
Level 3 Certification since 2003

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In the LHA, I believe there are many opportunities for enhancement within the coaching process. Many times, coaches find themselves on their own two or three member islands. We need to close those gaps and create a goal oriented cohesive group. This group needs to work together to achieve a common direction, so players from all levels can understand and execute the goals of our association and beyond.

I believe each player needs to develop solid fundamental skills to continue aspiring to the next level. It requires repetition to attain such fundamentals while advancing the difficulty of those repetitive skills as the season progresses. In addition to the fundamentals, I believe each player needs to learn and understand how to play the game, and how to bring creativity and fun back in to their skill set. I am extremely excited to have this opportunity to provide our association coaches with the atmosphere and tools to bring our talented athletes to the desired elite status they deserve.

- Regular coaches meetings with measurable goals and action plans.
- Continue to draw on our high school coaches and players for experience and development to keep outside costs down.
- Continue to compile new and innovative recourses for our coaches to utilize in developing fundamental skills for their athletes. This will sustain coaches' confidence and ability to execute the proper training.
- Develop a plan in line with ADM (American Development Model). This will enable us to share and utilize the skills of many coaches and players rather than just a few.
- Develop a plan to take full advantage of our internal resources such as the Player Development and Hockey Development Coordinators. Maximize training at minimal cost.

- Encourage USA Hockey to bring a coaching level 4 clinic to the state of hockey sooner than later, so our coaches do not have to travel out of state to attain a level 4 certification.
- Concentrate on creating talented, knowledgeable coaches through peer benchmarking, knowledge and information sharing

## Registrar

Name	<b>Tonyea Patterson</b>
Background	I have been the LHA Association Manager for the past two years and a LHA team manager for both my son's and daughter's LHA teams.
# Children in LHA	My son is currently playing hockey at the Pee Wee level for LHA and my daughter is playing for Lakeville South High School.
Accomplishments	<p>During my two years as LHA Association Manager I have assisted with almost all the LHA board positions. My responsibilities as Association Manager has provided myself the ability to be available to answer questions from team managers and coordinated all manager meetings. In addition, I interact with Administration regarding individual registrations and team registration, interact with Operations regarding the ice scheduling/ice draft and Level Directors with the tryout process, and Finance with team billing, financial aid and fundraising.</p> <p>Since I have been a team manager and the LHA Association Manager, I feel that my past success in LHA provides me the ground work to be successful as the LHA Registrar. I am available to answer questions in a timely manner and feel I have been a good resource for managers which will lend itself well to the Registrar position. One of the responsibilities of the Registrar is to prepare plans for the registration process, and insure those plans are delegated to appropriate Level Directors or other Board Members. This is very similar to the duties of the Association Manager position in interacting with level directors and other board members. In addition, the Registrar is responsible to organize and manage the entire registration process for the entire LHA program similarly to my responsibility as Association Manager regarding all team-managers entire process.</p>
Term Goals \ Plans	My plan is to remain as LHA Association Manager as well as LHA Registrar and bridge the gap between the two positions in order to streamline the information to and from managers in order to make the registration/roster process go as smoothly as possible.

## Pee Wee Director

Name	<b>Matt Swaney</b>
Background	I have been the Peewee Director for the last two years.
# Children in LHA	I have 2 children in LHA. Nick will be a 2nd year Peewee next season and Kaitlyn will be playing her final year U8.
Accomplishments	I have helped run the try-out process for the peewee level for the past two years. I feel that try-outs the last two years have been very successful. When I say successful, I mean that they went off without any major issues. I have also been the go between for parent and coach issues. In two years we have had only a couple of issues with coaches and parents and I feel they were resolved to the best of my ability.
Term Goals \ Plans	Having been the Peewee Director for the past two years I think my goals have always been to make sure the kids are put at the correct level based on their skills and that the right coaches are put in place to teach the kids appropriate

skills based on their level of play. One of my other goals is to make sure that our participation numbers at the peewee level continue to stay the same. This past season we actually increased our participation by 2 kids at the peewee level.

Plans for the next two years: My plans for the next two years are to work with the rest of the board to keep costs low for our families. In this tough economic time I cannot see how we can increase costs. If we do, I feel our participation numbers will decrease dramatically. I also plan to work with the Hockey Development Committee to put the best coaches in place for each team. I am a strong proponent on non-parent coaches at the "A" level and possibly even the "B1" level if we can find qualified candidates. I also plan to work with the Hockey Development Committee to set up a fair play policy that allows the coaches to coach and the kids to succeed. I think we have lost focus of that over the past few years. We are always looking to blame the coach for not playing all of his players in every situation without understanding why he is doing it. Our coaches job is to worry about the whole team, not just a few kids on the top or the bottom. They walk a fine line when it comes to winning vs. development. We need to set-up a system that allows both to happen and for the coach not to feel like he has everyone looking over his shoulder at every game.

Name	<b>Bryan Mohr</b>
Background	I have lived in Lakeville since the Fall of 2008. I have three boys, ages 10, 8 and 5. Two who are involved in hockey and I have been married to my wife Stacy for almost 14 years. I am a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and I am the owner of Midwest Foot & Ankle Specialists with offices in Richfield, Cottage Grove, St. Anthony & Brooklyn Park. I also am part owner of On-Site Care which provides Podiatric, Hearing & Vision care to nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the state of MN.
# Children in LHA	Two
Accomplishments	My past coaching experience includes: Head coach for 2 years in Farmington (Mini-Mite & Mite Teams). Assistant coach for 2 years in Farmington (Ponies & Mite Teams). Assistang coach/manager this 2009-2010 Squirt B, Lakeville I have my level 3 certification through 12/ 31/2012
Term Goals \ Plans	My goal in running for PeeWee Director involves volunteering my time and to continue the development of the children, while at the same time making sure they have a positive experience as a Pee Wee in LHA. I want to work with others on the LHA board to provide a common and consistent theme with regards to participation and development of our children. I also want to contribute to work towards finding ways to keep costs down, which enables current and future players to participate in this great game of hockey.

## **Bantam Director**

Name	<b>Jim Widmar</b>
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Almost 40 years in hockey.</li> <li>- Coaching at all levels in Burnsville and Lakeville.</li> <li>- Played at Bemidji State.</li> <li>- Refereed all levels up to summer high school league.</li> </ul>
# Children in LHA	- 1 son will be a first year Bantam in 2011
Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 years of coaching in Lakeville Hockey.</li> <li>- 4years of coaching in Burnsville Hockey.</li> <li>- 7 years of coaching Lakeville Baseball.</li> </ul>

Term Goals \ Plans

- To give the boys at the Bantam level a chance to enjoy hockey while they meet new friends and learn skills they can use throughout their lives.
- To find solutions to the high price of hockey by finding ways to reduce costs.

Name

**Nick Branson**

Background

I have 2 boys playing in LHA and a daughter playing in the Lakeville soccer program. I have been married for 19 years to my wife Denise and we have lived in Lakeville for 11 years. I played hockey, baseball and football at the varsity level in high school. I also played two years of Junior hockey in USHL after high school.

# Children in LHA  
Accomplishments

2 boys

I have coached hockey, baseball, football and soccer and have attended numerous coaching clinics over the years. I am level 3 certified through USA Hockey.

Term Goals \ Plans

My goals for the next two years would be to work with the coaches to make sure the kids are continuing to develop age and level appropriate skills and tactics. To work with the coaches to make sure the coaches don't lose sight of why kids play hockey and what the mission is of Lakeville Hockey.

My plan to accomplish these goals would be to work with all the coaches on practice plans, philosophies, and team goals. It is my belief that you get better at things that you plan, practice and measure. I would work towards having each coach and team set appropriate goals for the individual players and the team and make plans to accomplish those goals.

## Jr. Gold Director

Name

**Steve Burns**

Background

17 year LHA member, 7 year LHA board member (Squirt, Bantam, & Jr. Gold Director), assistant/head coach, & team manager

# Children in LHA  
Accomplishments

2 boys that played in every level of the LHA & HS programs

Helped to continue the tradition of having competitive teams that are fun to be on. 5 state tournament appearances, 2 state championships, alumni games, senior nights, all-star games, outdoor tournament (squirts), & mite jamboree

Term Goals \ Plans

1. Committed to continuing past traditions and creating new ones that provide a safe fun place for young men to play hockey.

2. Keep as many young men playing hockey as possible by providing a good program and expanding the number of teams.

3. Have competitive teams with good coaches and more state championships.

## Girls U8/U10 Director

Name

**Dan Riley**

Background

My family and I have lived in the Lakeville area for 12 years. We have been part of the LHA for 7 years.

# Children in LHA  
Accomplishments

2 - 1 PeeWee, 1 U10

I have managed two teams in the past three years. I have helped out the last couple of years (prior to the volunteer system) during the try-out process doing player check in and running the clock. I will continue to help out whenever possible.

Term Goals \ Plans

I plan to follow in my predecessor's footsteps in attempting to provide a fun and positive experience for every player and family at the U10/U8 levels while the players continue to develop their skills. I will strive to encourage organization and open communication between coaches, managers, and parents to help build a strong program that helps retain families for future seasons with the LHA.

## Girls U12/U14 Director

Name	<b>Chris Kohlbeck</b>
Background	11 year resident of Lakeville, Senior-Level IT Consultant specializing in Project Management, as well as Software Quality Assurance and Control. Owner of Balance Consulting. Married 16 years to Julie and have 4 kids.
# Children in LHA	I have 4 kids and 3 of the 4 have played hockey through Mite level, with 1 of them still in LHA at the U10 level. This upcoming year my last child will be starting at the Mite-Prep level.
Accomplishments	I have played hockey at the High School, Prep School and Division 1 College level. I have also played golf, baseball and football through the High School and Prep School levels. I have coached at the Mite-Prep/Mite and U10 levels in LHA over the past 8 years as well as have helped out at various hockey clinics in the area. I have my level 3 certification through 12/31/2012.
Term Goals \ Plans	<p>I have also coached a variety of other sports over the years and have led church youth groups and been a Cub Scout Den Leader for a number of years.</p> <p>To establish a fair tryout process at the U12 and U14 level for all players/goalie, so that each kid is on the skill-appropriate team. To provide a communication mechanism for players and coaches to answer questions and address concerns about tryouts, teams, level and LHA goals throughout the season. I support the concept that a team may not be finalized until it needs to be submitted to the District.</p> <p>To support the individual coaches needs and helping them achieve the established LHA, level and team goals. To have input into selecting an appropriate un-biased evaluation group for each level.</p> <p>To work with the Hockey Development Committee to facilitate the players getting as much quality development opportunities as possible at a reasonable cost. To help ensure that all players get the individual coaching instruction they deserve.</p> <p>To take the overall "big picture" view and apply it to overall team determination and coach selection process. To build a relationship with the Lakeville High School Girl coaches to not only introduce some consistent drills into the mix at these lower levels, but to discuss areas that could be improved-on early before they get to the High School level.</p> <p>To foster an environment where there is not only hockey skill development and game time challenges, but off-ice community and association activities.... all which will hopefully lead to players having a good time within LHA and Lakeville.</p>

### Change Log:

03/05/2010 - added Bryan Mohr and Matt Swaney

03/08/2010 - added Chuck Koen

*03/10/2010 - added Steve Burns and Kevin Boland*

*04/05/2010 - added Tonyea Patterson, Dan Riley, Chris Kohlbeck, Tami Hobbs, Jim Widmar, Nick Branson*