



My name is Malinda Northcott. For the past eight years, I have been the ice scheduler for Sturgeon Hockey Club, as well holding the role as the registrar for the last five.

I am a mom of three; two who currently play within SHC. I am the General Manger of Boston Pizza in Morinville, and very active within the community.

In June of 2015, I was approached by a mutual friend of the SHC president at the time who encouraged me to step up and take on the scheduling position for the hockey club. He did this knowing of my incredible organizational skills, and the attention to detail I take when trying to accomplish any tasks

before me. At the time, I knew very minimal about the sport and did not even hold the title of a “hockey mom”. But without any basic scheduling knowledge, I managed to find my groove after the first season.

Season after season, I continued to grow in the role as ice scheduler, forming critical relationships that enabled me to produce practice and game schedules effectively and successfully on a constant basis. While doing this, I was able to format a system that seemed to work quite well for everyone involved. There were some bumps in the road, and some culture changes, but I always managed to utilize the ice provided, and ensure the kids of our association had the best possible schedule.

While holding the ice scheduler position, during the 2017/2018 season, the acting registrar unexpectedly passed away. Without a second thought, another member and I assisted in the remaining duties. The next year, since I had spent the previous months learning the role at an increased speed, I continued in the position of registrar as well.

With the upcoming closure of the Legal arena, I feel it’s important to be prepared to take on the extra struggles that will come with a single ice surface. The relationships I have formed with the surrounding clubs, along with my acute problem solving and logical mindset, will surely benefit the entire hockey club.

My previous scheduling coordinator positions outside of SHC, only add to the to the experience and skill set I feel is needed for this important and busy position. Scheduling is not an easy task, and I consider my expertise as a huge asset to SHC.

My knowledge and involvement working with Ramp and Hockey Canada’s registry databases make every season more and more seamless. The considerable amount of work that goes on “behind the scenes” comes like second nature to me and with every adjustment or update that gets thrown my way, I still continue to work within the strict timelines that are set by our governing body.

While the past season, there may have been some delays in communication, I vow to improve in the upcoming season. Going forward, my dedication to the association and its members has been and will continue to be a priority.