



Hello SAMHA Members,

For those who do not know me my name is Travis Parker. I have lived in St. Albert since 1992 when my father retired from the Canadian Military. I played U13-U18 Hockey with SAMHA. I was lucky to have lived the Military life and experienced hockey for 6 Years in Germany and played in many places across Europe as a kid. I know this makes me sound like an amazing player, but I can attest I was average at best! I am married to my loving and supportive wife Krista and we have 2 amazing children. Keenan who is 14 and Jace who is 11. Keenan is our baseball player and Jace is our hockey player. Once Jace started playing I have been an assistant or a head coach on his teams. I still love to play hockey and baseball when I have time in between driving from ball diamond to the rink. For the last 8 Years I have spent time on the St. Albert Minor Baseball board as the Technical Director.

What interests me on joining the SAMHA board is to be able to give back to a sport I love and that has given me so much as a kid and as a coach. When we support all levels of players and coaches, we become a stronger association. I believe when we invest in our coaches and their skill development it will create a better overall experience for the players and will provide an opportunity for both coaches and players to grow and improve together.

What I can bring to the SAMHA board is a fresh perspective. I bring several years of experience on a minor sports board and the role that I held was like the Development role at SAMHA. In my previous role I oversaw Coach and Player Development programs. I was responsible to maintain that all coaches had the proper certifications.

For the next two years I would like to build on the foundation that has been put in place by many previous volunteers. Some of the key things I would want to work towards:

- Coach Mentorship Program – SAMHA has many high caliber coaches that can provide assistance with newer or less experienced coaches. Many coaches are happy to pass along their knowledge to other coaches.
- Coach Development – Continue to invest in all coaches within SAMHA. Provide opportunities to coaches to further develop their skill. This can include Coach shadow days, in house Clinics on the basic planning of a season and practice planning. I would like to hold clinics prior to the

season starting so we do not have to cram it all in during the busy hockey schedule. We need to spend more time with our coaches at all levels regardless of skills to ensure that they have the tools for player development.

- Player Development – Continue to build on our current programs to allow quality instruction to compliment what our coaches provide to teams. I would like to see more of a variety of sessions that do not only focus on skating but include all aspects of the game of hockey such as shooting/ stick handling and goalie specific components.
- Goalie Development – I think that Goalies in most hockey associations have the least amount of time spent on. I would like to incorporate some form of Goalie Skill development into our current sessions that our skaters are involved in.

I look forward to the opportunity to join the SAMHA board and to continue to grow the great game of hockey in St. Albert

Thank you

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