



**Girls Hockey Calgary Association (GHC)  
2020 Board of Directors Election  
May 25, 2020**

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2. Craig McGeachie	Director of Community	<i>*Seeking re-election</i>
3. Jarid Poissant	Treasurer	
4. Jeaniece Frick	Director of Operations	
5. Jodie Baldwin	Director of Community	
6. Kyle Wanvig	Director of Community	
7. Samm Domagala	Director of Community	<i>*Seeking re-election</i>
8. Shonn Hilliard	Director of Operations	
9. Stu Birdle	Director of Operations	
10. Ted Oloriz	VP Operations	<i>*Seeking re-election</i>

## Election Process

- There are 8 vacancies on the Board of Directors.
- The election is a multi-seat election. Voters will select 8 names from a ballot of 10.
- Members are voting **directly for candidates**. Voters may use a candidate's position of interest as a guide when voting, but positions are determined following the election depending on the new composition of the Board.
- The top 8 candidates with the highest percentage of votes will be elected.

## Voting Eligibility

- The voting will take place during the AGM using Election Buddy. Members will be provided the ballot link during the meeting.
- Votes must be made during the AGM. Proxy votes are not permitted by our by-laws.
- The successful candidates will be announced at the AGM following the voting.
- Any Parent Member, Athlete Member (18 years +) and eligible Volunteer Member in good standing is entitled to vote.
- There is one vote allowed for a Parent Member per registered Athlete Member.
- Athlete Members who are 18 years old by the date of the AGM or Special Meeting may vote themselves. This will eliminate the eligibility of the Parent Member's vote.

## RSVP

- To ensure that electronic votes can be verified, attendees are required to **RSVP by Monday, May 25 @ 12:00 pm MDT**. Please complete the form below. An email Invite for Virtual AGM will be provided on May 25, 2020.
- RSVP: <https://www.girlshockeycalgary.com/agm-rsvp/>



## Personal Statements

Craig Alloway

**Position of Interest: Director at Large**

I feel I can add significant value to the GHC organization ensuring it provides an opportunity for girls to explore ice hockey. In Calgary I believe GHC is best able to provide an environment for growth; a strong focus on development; great competition; and fun - for the athletes and coaches. I want to see the positive outcomes of experiences in sport that I and my children have experienced (including 2 hockey playing daughters) be made available to as many girls as possible.

I hope to see the GHC organization strengthen a development program with an increased focus behind individual athletes throughout their annual experiences, especially at the Elite levels. I would strive to help create the best environment for competition as the catalyst for even greater development. I would also like to see increased interaction between the U15 and U18 Fire Teams - providing a "system" approach for player opportunity and development including consistency among coaches. I also hope to help establish a culture of accountability for parental behaviors that drives other athletes, coaches and volunteers from the organization. Re: time commitment, my career is largely Calgary based and my children are old enough to not want to be around me! I've also resigned from another board to open room to take on this opportunity.

Past volunteer experience with GHC has been at a team level, including shared roles with my wife Stefanie as Fundraising and Social Coordinators, Team-Snap manager, scorekeeper, timekeeper and penalty box volunteer. Stefanie has also been on the Firestarter and Fire Year-End Banquet Committees.

I played elite level football, being captain on 2 of 3 teams. I've coached Junior Football winning a National Championship in 2006. I've helped coach my daughters' lacrosse and fastball teams. In the past I have been on the UofA Golden Bears Football Alumni Association, the Edmonton Huskies Junior Football Club and the Calgary Colts Junior Football Club (07-10) boards. I have been a sales leader for the last 13 years including senior and executive leadership roles and currently Director of Corporate Development for Clark Builders here in Calgary.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Team-Level Volunteer*



Craig McGeachie

**Position of Interest: Director of Community**

Craig McGeachie is seeking re-election to the position of Director of Community. Craig joined GHC in 2019, and was appointed by the Board to serve as Director of Community in Fall 2019. Craig was also Head Coach of Bantam 1 Red last season. His daughter will be in U15 (Bantam) for the 2020-21 season.

Craig has served as VP Operations on the Lake Bonavista Community Association Board of Directors and has held various volunteer and coaching positions within the LCBA Hockey program. Previously, he was Superintendent of The City of Calgary Arenas and Athletic Parks and a spokesperson for the Recreation department. He has a background in minor hockey governance and would like to continue his role with GHC for the upcoming year.



Jarid Poissant, CPA, CMA

**Position of Interest: Treasurer (Executive)**

My daughter recently finished her season with First Strides, and I was incredibly impressed with the program, not only because of the progress my daughter made, but more importantly how the coaches promoted developing young girls through empowerment and strong values.

For the last three years, I have been an independent reviewer of the annual financial statements for the Calgary Chinook Soccer Club. My role as an independent reviewer is to review the financial transactions and accounting policies of the organization to ensure they are accurate prior to the statements being presenting to the Board of Directors at the AGM. In this role, I have also used trends in the numbers to question the overall strategy of the organization to ensure they are in line with their overall mission.

As the accounting manager for Keyera Corp., I am responsible for the accounting team who handles all the operations accounting for the gathering and processing division. Among our group's responsibilities is the coordination of the division's annual budget and monthly financial reporting, focusing on variance analysis and operational trends, which is presented to the executive team each month. Previously, I was the controller for two small companies, responsible for the full accounting cycle from payable / receivable, payroll, financial statements, budgets, etc. Here I also had experience with QuickBooks.

I grew up playing competitive organized soccer, and got into playing hockey as an adult. First Strides was the first introduction to team sports for my daughter, who is the oldest of three kids. I have read the GHC website and am comfortable with my knowledge of the governing bodies and philosophies of GHC. Being involved with soccer my whole life, I understand the importance of what GHC and all the hockey governing bodies are working together to accomplish.

Growing up, both my parents were involved with volunteering with the soccer club my siblings and I joined. As my children begin to get involved in different clubs and organizations, I wish to also volunteer and help drive the success of these organizations.



Jeaniece Frick

**Position of Interest: Director of Operations**

I have been apart of the GHC family for 6 years and next year will have 3 girls in the hockey program. I have played a very active role in my children's Girls Hockey experiences by volunteering as team manager, team treasurer, tournament coordinators, and the last two years I have been an Age Group Coordinator. I have stepped up to volunteer to make sure that programs and events are able to run and want my girls as well as their teammate be able to say that they "loved their season". I want to be part of the board to help make a difference with the direction of the program moving forward, for the future of girls' hockey, and my girls. As the "Girls" hockey community changes over the next few years I want to be part of the changes to make better a sport my girls love to play. Without parent volunteers we do not have a hockey association. As a "hockey parent" I live to watch my girls as well as their teammates grow and develop into ambassadors of girls' hockey as well as great athletes. I have spent many hours volunteering over the years with Girls Hockey and feel that I have many skills that will assist with the Operations team to make sure that evaluations run smoothly for our players and parents. We want players and parents to feel as though evaluations are transparent and fair for all girls trying out for teams this upcoming season, and for them never to lose their love of playing hockey.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Team Manager, Team Treasurer, Age Group Coordinator, Association-Level Coordinator, Team-Level Volunteer*



Jodie Baldwin

**Position of Interest: Director of Community**

My name is Jodie Baldwin and I am interested in joining the board of directors for Girls Hockey Calgary (GHC) as a Director of Community. I have been involved as a parent and active volunteer with GHC for over three years and I am passionate about continuing to contribute and giving back to this growing association in a larger capacity. Within this time, I have served as a team manager, atom age-group coordinator and tournament host.

Over my time spent volunteering I have developed strong relationships within the GHC community including coaches, parents, vendors, sponsors and our dedicated hard-working players.

I am a strong advocate for the advancement of female athletes and want to help increase awareness of this fantastic sport that provides excellent opportunities for female empowerment, teamwork and leadership.

I am eager to serve on the board of directors and share my knowledge and experience in order to advance the association, contribute to its growth and continued success. I am confident my history with the association along with my strong professional acumen will be an asset to the role of Director of Community.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Team Manager, Age Group Coordinator*



Kyle Wanvig

**Position of Interest: Director of Community**

I have been coaching hockey skill development for 10+ years now, and have been a coach within GHC since 2017. I have two daughters who will be in U11 and U9 for the upcoming season, and I have supported GHC behind the scenes in the development and roll out of their technical training programs, and as an on-ice coach during “Try Hockey” Day. I’ve had the privilege of coaching players who joined GHC after their experience with “Try Hockey” Day, which was very rewarding as someone who wants to grow female hockey in our city. I love developing personal connections with players and their families, and witnessing and contributing to the growth of our players from season to season.

During my 12-year career as professional hockey player I was exposed to a variety of coaches, such as Todd McLellan, Jacque Lemaire, Brent Sutter, John Tortorella, and others. I try to use the different coaching philosophies and lessons learned from many different coaches to help kids get better technically and mentally on and off the ice.

I enjoy the many rewards and challenges of coaching girls about the life of a hockey player. In my experience, coaching female athletes requires a different approach than coaching boys. It’s in every girl to be fierce and battle just as hard as any other hockey player, but they must trust their coach and team leaders before they give you their best. Believing in their abilities and developing that has helped me be a better coach. My goal is to build confidence in our players and to grow their spirit to the point that that they can beat the world. Every time they step on the ice, I want them to know that what they do matters, and that they can make a difference. There is no half effort in my DNA, and I try to instill that in their minds and heart.

I hope to join the GHC Board and add my perspective and experience as a coach, parent and former player and help the association reach its goals.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Head Coach, Assistant Coach*



Samm Domagala

**Position of Interest: Director of Community**

Samm joined GHC in 2017 when her oldest daughter started Timbits. Samm's wealth of experience and passion (so much passion!) for the game made her a natural fit as an Officer of the Board, where she has focused heavily on coach and player development. Included among her many initiatives is the development and introduction of the Skills Sequence Training Program, intended to give coaches a common language and training tools for teaching technical skills, and to minimize the skill gaps in our age divisions. Samm also developed and ran the highly successful Jr Inferno First Strides program, which introduced 46 new female players and their families to the game of hockey.

Samm has always had a passion for women's hockey. After attending the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary at age 11, she began a letter writing campaign, which eventually grew into a large media campaign, protesting the fact that women couldn't play Olympic hockey. That dream came true in 1998 in Nagano, when women's hockey made its Olympic debut. Samm attended her first national team camps just after the Games while a junior at the University of New Hampshire, and eventually won two Four Nations Cups with Team Canada in 2000 and 2004. Samm moved to Calgary in 2002 to focus on training for the national team, and was a carded athlete on Canada's development team from 2002–2006. She didn't get centralized with the team ahead of the 2006 Olympics in Turin, but was determined to stay involved in the game. At 26, Samm founded, managed and played for the Strathmore Rockies, which later joined the Western's Women's Hockey League. In 2011, the league's Western teams amalgamated into one, the Calgary Inferno, to compete in the Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL), which Samm managed for the 2011-12 season.

Samm can't wait to get the development group running like a well-oiled machine and tweak all the programs initiated last year!

Previous Positions with GHC: *Head Coach, Director of Coaching, Skill Sequence Training Program Coordinator, First Strides Coordinator*



Shonn Hilliard

**Position of Interest: Director of Operations**

I am seeking a Director of Operations position in hopes of giving back to the association that has given so much to my family, including my two daughters who both play in GHC.

I have coached for eight seasons in GHC, and it's here that I have met some of the best people on the planet. I am passionate about collaborating and working side-by-side with people who are all working together to make GHC's hockey experience for girls and parents the best it can be. I would be grateful for the opportunity to learn, contribute, and collaborate with all other members. I hope to learn all aspects of Board duties, Hockey Calgary's rules and bylaws, be a part of committee-related projects – and most off all help our young athletes grow their love of the game.

I have also volunteered as the associations Goalie Coordinator for two seasons. I'm proud to have been able to take our goalie development and focus to another level, and I hope we can continue that trajectory.

Female Hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Having the platform to contribute to that growth is a very exciting and rewarding opportunity. Not only am I a hockey person, I bring a solid resume of business acumen to the board. Having worked for two large world-class companies (Hewlett-Packard and Husky Energy), as well as owning my own businesses, I understand the importance of sweating every penny throughout the organization.

And as a Supply Chain professional, I manage relationships all day long. I believe that managing relationships effectively with parents, athletes, coaches, vendors, other associations, governing bodies, volunteers, and fellow board members is paramount, and I can bring that skill forward to the Board.

In my time with GHC I have volunteered hundreds of hours and would not trade the experience for anything. I have learned so much from so many diverse people. My goal is to bring a professional work ethic and fun attitude to the Board, and I hope to collaborate with everyone to make GHC the best association in Alberta.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Association Coordinator (Goaltender Development), Head Coach, Assistant Coach*



Stu Bridle

**Position of Interest: Director of Operations**

My name is Stu Bridle and I am putting my name forward to become a member of the GHC Board of Directors in an Operations role. I have been a member of GHC for the last three years since my eldest daughter decided to take up hockey. In those three years I have been the team manager of each of my daughters teams and last year I took on the role of the Bantam Age Group Coordinator. For the past two years I have also held a position on the GHC Disciplinary Committee where I worked closely with the Operations Director in handling disciplinary matters that arose within GHC.

My reasons for wanting to serve on the board are to continue to grow female hockey in Calgary and to assist in improving how GHC operates and responds to the changes and growth that we have seen over the past few years. I bring 22 years of EMS experience and dealing with high stress and constantly evolving situations where a high degree of quality decision making is required to achieve goals. I have managed this by being an effective communicator, a collaborator and someone who can bring a big picture outlook to any situation in an effort to find solutions and make the hard decisions that sometimes need to be made. For the past 10 years I have been an Operations Supervisor in charge of a team of 30 EMS professionals tasked with providing frontline care.

I have the time based on my schedule to commit all of the time necessary to fulfill the role on the board should I be lucky enough to be voted onto the GHC Board of Directors.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Team Manager, Age Group Coordinator*



Ted Oloriz

**Position of Interest: Vice President of Operations (Executive)**

I have been the Vice President of Operations for GHC for the past two years. During my time on the Board, I have served as a member of the Executive Committee, Discipline Committee and Evaluations Committee; advised the Board in establishing and monitoring policies; worked to advance our evaluation and team formation process; and oversaw the day-to-day operations and initiatives according to the policies, plans and budget set by the Association's Board of Directors. I have also acted as a Director of Player Development and Risk Manager for the Association.

My daughter has played in both our Community (Jr Inferno) stream, and mostly recently as a member of our Elite (Calgary Fire) stream. Our experience with GHC has been incredibly rewarding, especially throughout this time of growth within the organization.

I am a highly motivate individual who strives for success and results. My professional and educational background is in Business and Sports Administration, and I have extensive coaching experience in GHC, spring hockey programs and "AAA" Midget Hockey. As a player, I was a two-time First Team All-Star with the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL), and runner-up for Canadian Tier 2 player of the year, and a two-time Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) Champion with Mount Royal College.

I have been proud to volunteer on the GHC Board and I hope that my service reveals that. I am dedicated to developing new players and hockey ideas that will help our organization grow, and to improving the minor hockey experience for our players and members.

Previous Positions with GHC: *Vice President of Operations, Head Coach, Director of Player Development, Head Coach*