



SACKVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Hello Sackville Minor Hockey Families:

My name is Kim Gray and I am seeking your support to become the next VP of Operations.

I have had a long and wonderful relationship with SMH, participating in all aspects of the hockey community.

I started as a SMH manager in 1998 and continued to manage teams for 26 years up until this current 2023/24 season. I managed both my son's team and my husband's teams. My son brought me into hockey and although he left SMH and moved on to High School Hockey in 2006, I remained with the association becoming the president for the following several years off and on.

I officially retired from SMH executive in 2022, however I never really left as many people who knew me over the years continued to seek out my advice. Managing my 8-year-old granddaughter's U9 teams for the past 2 years made me realize, I am not done, I miss SMH and I want to get back to doing what I love.

In 2003 I became the registrar for SMH, in which I reviewed a very manual walk-in sign up process. I championed a change to implement the first online registration for SMH.

In 2006, I took on the role of President for two full terms and I also covered two half terms.

Interesting things about me that you may not know!

SMH named an award after me, the Kim Gray Volunteer Award which is currently awarded annually to an exemplary volunteer within our association.

2009/10 I received the HNSMC Award of Merit presented to a person who has made a significant contribution to Minor Hockey in Nova Scotia.

2006 I received the Development coordinator of the year awarded to the person who best supports the concept of development at association level.

Platform Points

Current member of tryout committee seeking to effect change in the tryout process.

As an association we do not have enough ice. I will look outside of our current rinks to seek additional ice.

Provide support across Divisions to coordinators and managers with focus on cultivating new successful up-and-comers.

One of my favorite positions was the Risk Management. I loved helping the coaches. I did a pilot with HNS in which I talked one of their staff into testing this "mybackcheck" program with me. The program was very manual before that. We would have an RCMP officer come in and everyone would line up to have their form completed.

I was the VP of Competitive for 1 term and Division Coordinator for Bantam and Midget for several years.

I stepped in several times as the CMHF Game Scheduler and for MMHF Game Scheduler.

Whatever a position needed to be filled within the association, I gladly put up my hand.



During my 26 years volunteering for SMH, I have made fundamental changes to SMH's administrative processes.

- Put our first SMHA Website in place
 - a. Tested and implemented Goalline
 - b. Tested Jay Gray with CMHF for a year prior to moving
- Put the 4-year-old program in place with the help of my brother Mark.
- Created the Development Program for SMH – I won the “Development of the year award” that year with the help of many of our coaches.
- Found and arranged for the McAtom Jersey's for our Atom Program which we still have today and is now commonplace across all associations.
- Tested the “mybackcheck” program with HNS to implement the online process we have today.
- Created the position of Managers Mentor for over 10 years. Up until that time there were only meetings for coaches.
- Wrote the coaches/managers manual and to this day, there is an annual meeting for managers where lots of experienced managers help other managers. There is also a wonderful Facebook Group just for Managers being run by our current executive.
I love seeing that.

Bottom Line

I could go into detail of what changes I want to effect, but the simple fact is that I will not know what needs to be done until I get back into the role.

The purpose of this platform was to show you I will do what ever it takes to make our association a success. I will help or jump in whenever and wherever needed to effect a positive change.

I will champion any concerns that arise. I will not sit around, I will find a way to get things done, by piloting projects, working with others, and seeking out information.

I was the SMH treasurer for four years, when we could not find anyone. I did not have the title, but I did the work. I assisted the Registrar during this time. I coordinated all the ice contracts and made sure all ice was accounted for. My title at that time was the VP of Hockey Operations.

I looked after our Joint Stock, was on the Disciplinary Committee, etc. I simply did anything that needed to be done to ensure that Sackville Minor was successful across the board.

I am not a coach, nor do I pretend to be one, but I know what needs to be done and how to get it done. I am very knowledgeable, and I am not afraid to speak up.

In closing, I would just like to say that I am very proud to be part of SMH. I have seen so many players from my old teams come through Sackville Minor and to see them come back as coaches with their own families is amazing! I want you all to experience the same pride I have for SMH. That same pride gives me the push and drive to help anywhere I can across the association to make it the best it can be.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kim Gray