

January 24, 2019

Dear Portland Jr. Winterhawks Nominating Committee:

I am excited to submit for your consideration, my interest and commitment to continue to serve as the Vice President of the Portland Jr. Winterhawks Association (PJW).

I have served as Vice President of the Jr. Winterhawks since May 2017 when I was appointed to the Board. Over the past 19 months I have gained a strong understanding of the importance and complexity of our association and have been proud of the changes and policies we have enacted as a Board team over the last year and a half. I am hopeful that I can continue to work alongside my exceedingly capable, hardworking and passionate Board volunteer colleagues as we look to grow PJW into the future. I vowed to myself when I accepted President Gaustad's call back in May 2017, that every decision I was part of on the Board would be looked at through the lens of what was best for all of our kids. I have committed to do that and will continue to maintain that focus if nominated and elected for a new term.

I am particularly proud of the work our Board team has focused on to help grow girls/women's hockey in Portland, innovate the 10U game to half-ice like many associations across the Northwest and expand PJW's partnerships in Washington state, with our sponsors and with the Portland Winterhawks. Seattle's new NHL team will electrify our region and help grow our sport. It is critical that we are prepared for that growth and seize on the excitement and momentum while continuing to focus on reducing the costs of playing hockey for our kids, from Metro and WVHL to the travel teams.

On a personal level, sports, and hockey in particular, have consumed a significant portion of my life. Ever since I was a kid playing metro and travel hockey in New England, I have lived and breathed hockey. It is what motivated me in school and what drove me to get up for 5 a.m. practices in snow storms to pursue my goal of playing college hockey. I played tier one high school hockey in upstate New York and qualified for the 1989 USA Hockey District Development Camp in Lake Placid during my sophomore season. I attended Union College and was a member of the program during my alma mater's inaugural Division I hockey season.

My passion and love for hockey has led me to coaching 6U, 8U and now 10U in PJW for the past four seasons. I am currently in the process of attaining my Level 5 coaching certificate with USA Hockey and will submit my required thesis in February. Giving back to the sport is something hockey players feel obligated to do. I coach the next generation of hockey players in hopes of giving back just a little of what this great sport has given to me. I have thrown that same passion into my time on the PJW Board and am hopeful to continue to contribute what I can as we grow into the future. The lessons of hard work, teamwork and perseverance are just some that I have carried into my professional life from my days on the ice and on the bench coaching. I hope to continue with that same passion in the board room on behalf of every kid who puts on a Portland Jr. Winterhawks jersey.

Sincerely,

Jason Vaillancourt



February 7, 2019

Portland Junior Winterhawks
Portland Oregon

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to Jr. Hawks families today to endorse Jason Vaillancourt to be reelected into the current position he holds as Vice President on the Jr. Hawks Board of Directors.

As you may know, the Portland Winterhawks Hockey Club and the Portland Jr. Hawks Board have begun discussions regarding how we can enhance our partnership together as we look to the future of hockey in Portland and the Northwest. The Winterhawks and the Jr. Hawks are both committed to growing hockey in the region and maintaining our competitiveness with other youth hockey organizations across the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Among the most pressing issues we are working on together is the new Winterhawks Practice Facility in partnership with Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District. Jason has been an excellent advisor in helping steer us in the right directions on this project and his work ethic and expertise has helped us in a variety of ways. We have appreciated Jason's insights and strategic thinking and we look forward to continuing to utilize his broad range of talents on this very important initiative.

Jason is highly respected in both the Portland business and hockey communities and will continue to be an important part of our action-oriented team and, by remaining as Vice President, he will continue to help us move forward on a series of programs designed to grow the sport. His background with USA Hockey combined with his knowledge of the administrative aspects of the Jr. Hawks association makes it critical that he remains in his position along with President Gaustad and the remaining members of the team as we head into a very crucial time in our hockey community.

I hope you will join me in supporting the retention of Jason as Vice President when voting opens on February 15th.

Thank you and best regards,

Doug

Doug Piper
President / Governor
Portland Winterhawks Hockey Club

JASON J. VAILLANCOURT

EXPERIENCE

Environmental Resources Management- Consulting

Portland, Ore.

Principal Consultant-Public Affairs (2010- Present)

- Lead public relations/public affairs project teams for global energy companies as they construct major energy infrastructure projects across the U.S.
- Direct marketing strategy with global energy partners, federal regulators and public stakeholders.

United States Senate, Senator Gordon H. Smith

Portland, Ore.

Policy Advisor (2005-2009)

- Advised and counseled Senator Smith on business, international trade, energy, technology and natural resource issues.
- Organized summits and forums for Senator Smith in respective policy areas. Arranged for witnesses, wrote the Senator's speeches, coordinated media and organized logistics.
- Coordinated with the Senator's communications team to develop media goals and strategy regarding issues and legislation.
- Constructed memos, speeches, newsletters and talking points for the Senator.

United States House of Representatives, Committee on Agriculture **Washington, D.C.**

Professional Staff (1997-2005)

Chairman Bob Goodlatte (VA) 2003-2005, Chairman Larry Combest (TX) 2000-2002 and Chairman Robert Smith (OR) 1997-1999

- Counseled all three Chairmen on bilateral Free Trade Agreements and the multilateral World Trade Organization negotiations. Assisted in the development of the trade and nutrition titles of the 2002 Farm Bill.
- Managed preparation and logistical organization of bilateral and multilateral trade missions for the Committee in conjunction with the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Air Force. Organized and led Committee trade missions to Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South America and Asia.

EDUCATION AND INTERESTS

Union College

Bachelor of Arts- Major History, Minor Political Science; June 1995
Dean's List 1993-1995. Hockey team 1991-1992

Schenectady, N.Y.

St. Cecilia School

School Advisory Board (2013-Present)

Beaverton, Ore.

Oregon State Hockey Association Board

Affiliate Safesport Coordinator (2016-Present)

Portland, Ore.

Portland Jr. Winterhawks

Coach (2014-Present)

Level 4 USA Hockey Coach (Level 5 Thesis pending)

Portland, Ore.

Portland Jr. Winterhawks

Vice President (May 2017- Present)

Portland, Ore.