

One of the primary pillars of our strategy plan for PJW includes Creating a Culture of Engaged Kids, Families, and Coaches. In an ongoing effort to promote the long-term stability of the organization, the Board of Directors is committed to sharing clear, accurate information related to PJW with the membership at large.

Do you have kudos to share? Want to thank a coach or volunteer? Do you know an extraordinary PJW athlete? Have a great PJW experience? Please consider submitting your suggestions, questions, comments by contacting secretary@jrwinterhawks.com

Q: WHERE MAY I REVIEW THE BYLAWS?

The Bylaws of the Portland Junior Winterhawks, Inc., Portland Junior Winterhawks Revision 6, dated January 16, 2015 may be found on the **Home** Page of the Portland Jr. Winterhawks website: www.jrwinterhawks.com.

Q: IS THE BOARD WORKING ON A BYLAW REVISION?

Yes. The PJW Bylaws serve as a guide for the management of the association. In an effort promote membership engagement, we'd love your feedback! **Please submit any comments/feedback or questions to the Board via email no later than September 30, 2018 so we may discuss at our next Board Meeting.**

Q: MAY I ATTEND A PJW BOARD MEETING?

Yes. Per PJW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2:

Board meetings shall be open to the public, for the public session only, subject to space limitations. If space is restricted, non-members may attend after member have been accommodated. Public and non-Board members shall not interfere with the conduct of the Board meeting, and shall not participate in Board deliberations except when specifically requested by the Board to join in the discussion. All members and non-members may petition one week prior to Board meeting to have issues added to the Board's meeting agenda if time allows.

Board meeting dates are published on the PJW website. Members and non-members may submit a request to be placed on the agenda one week prior to the Board meeting; please submit your name, phone number and the nature of your request to president@jrwinterhawks.com and secretary@jrwinterhawks.com.

Q: WHO ARE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS? WHAT DO THEY DO?

The Board of Directors consists of the President (Paul Gaustad), Vice President (Jason Vaillancourt), Treasurer (Georgia Bailey), Secretary (Meerta Meyer) and Director at Large (Chris Givens).

Per PJW Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1:

The regular management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of individuals elected by the members (hereinafter called the "Board"), and the Board shall have the authority to do all things necessary for the orderly management of the Corporation, including, but not limited to, establishing committees, signing contracts, hiring personnel, and establishing reasonable rules and regulations to implement the purposes of the Corporation. The Board shall enforce all Bylaws and Policies set by the Board and/or the membership. At no time shall a member of the Board also be a member of another youth hockey organization or any similar such affiliate as association. This will call for an immediate resignation of such said Board member.

Q: IS ANYONE SERVING ON THE BOARD A MEMBER OF ANOTHER YOUTH HOCKEY ORGANIZATION OR ANY SIMILAR SUCH AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION?

No. There are no elected members of the Board or appointed Operational Directors who are also members of another youth hockey association or similar such affiliate association (for example, the Vancouver Rangers and Eugene Jr. Generals are both similar such affiliate associations).

Q: FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for PJW may be found online on the Oregon Secretary of State Registry, Registry Number 338032-82

Q: PLEASE EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS GOVERNING HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS IN RELATION TO PJW

USA Hockey is the national governing body for Amateur Hockey in the United States.

The **Oregon State Hockey Association (OSHA)** is the governing body for Amateur Hockey in the State of Oregon and OSHA is an Affiliate of USA Hockey.

The **Pacific District** is one of twelve districts established by USA Hockey and is composed of five (5) Affiliates which represent the States of Alaska, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington; and one non-affiliated State: Hawaii. OSHA is an affiliate of The Pacific District.

The **Portland Jr. Winterhawks** is a Member Organization of OSHA.

The purpose of OSHA:

- A. Promote the sport of amateur ice hockey in the State of Oregon in compliance with the USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Policies.
- B. Make the sport of ice hockey available to amateur participants as defined by USA Hockey at an affordable cost at all levels of participation.
- C. Develop and encourage sportsmanship and fellowship among players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being.
- D. Bring together the various ice hockey associations, organizations, arenas, and independent teams in the State of Oregon under a single statewide association, as an "Affiliate" of USA Hockey, to represent the interests of the participants in the sport of amateur ice hockey within the State of Oregon.
- E. Encourage and support the holding of tournaments in the State of Oregon for the purpose of selecting Oregon's State Champion at the non-tiered level and for selecting Oregon's entries in District and National competitions at the Tiered I and/or II levels in accordance with OSHA, Pacific District and USA Hockey By-laws and Rules and Regulations.
- F. Provide leadership in recruiting, player development, coaches training, officials training, communication and overall governance of the sport of amateur ice hockey in the State of Oregon as defined in the OSHA Guidebook and within the guidelines, rules and regulations set forth by Pacific District and USA Hockey.
- G. Do any and all things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes and objectives.

Each Member Organization of OSHA shall be represented by one (1) representative who shall have one (1) vote, as elected by the Registered Participant Members of the Member Organization; our PJW representative is Paul Gaustad.

The Pacific District:

The objectives of the District are those contained in the USA Hockey Annual Guide as they pertain to the Pacific District for the purpose of supporting and managing competition for its common benefit. In achieving its objectives, the Pacific District expressly adopts USA Hockey's policy on zero tolerance, sexual abuse, physical abuse screening, hazing, and consumption/ use/abuse of mood-altering substances and codes of conduct as set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

Jason Vaillancourt, PJW VP, serves as the Safe Sport Coordinator for the Oregon State Hockey Association. Jason was appointed by the OSHA Board of Directors; this is a non-voting position with OSHA.

Andy Potter, PJW Tier Director, serves as the Coach In Chief (CIC) Coordinator for the Oregon State Hockey Association. Andy was appointed by the OSHA Board of Directors; this is a non-voting position with OSHA.

Q: HOW CAN I HELP?

There are countless opportunities in which to volunteer your time and we'd love your help!

Please contact Jennifer Shidler, Culture & Community Chair, for more information jenniferhops@gmail.com