

Woodbury Area Hockey Club Candidate Interest Letter – Paul Cordes

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Luke Cordes (2025-2026 season Mite 3); Eli Cordes (2025 -2026 season Mite 1)

Position Seeking – Mite Director

Biographical Data

I grew up loving sports, but never had the opportunity to play hockey, instead I played baseball, basketball, and soccer throughout high school. I always had a passion for hockey from watching the local high school team, the university of Minnesota and the Minnesota Wild. My kids, however, have loved hockey since beginning skating at 3. I have been involved in their development for the past 6 years supporting as a volunteer, mite coach, and team manager. I have grown to learn the game and enjoy teaching the game to others especially at the early stages. In addition to coaching hockey, I have coached my kids in their baseball, soccer, and football teams for the past 6 years.

Why I want to join the WAHC Board

Joining the board was not an intent of mine, instead I wanted to focus my efforts on coaching and helping develop the players. However, developing players at a higher level is something I have a passion for and look forward to the opportunity. This past season I was head coach and team manager of my sons mite 3 team as well as assistant coaching on my other sons Mite 1 team. The experience taught me how important equal opportunity and positive coaching is to the team. Throughout the season I watched as each player grew their abilities on the ice and off. I was there to bring a clear and positive environment every time they came to a practice or game. As mite director, my goal would be to bring the same clear communication, equal opportunity and positive environment to the WAHC Mites program.

In terms of my hockey development, something stuck with me as I took the USA hockey training last year. “At the U8 level, winning is getting every player to return for another season,” this has been a mantra of mine through out this past season and is something I will continue to teach. Hockey needs more young players that love the game and I think this can be fostered through a positive culture with clear expectations. My goal would be to help support this with the policies, team management, and player development in the Mites program.

Thank you for consideration,

Paul Cordes