

**Name: Kyle J. Veenis**

**Interest in becoming a MYHA Board member:**

My personal mission in life is to give more than I take and strive to leave things better than how I received them. I come from a family of teachers, coaches and entrepreneurs. It is with this foundation that my passion for educating, leading and finding solutions to difficult situations derives from. I have been able to leverage these passions in the genetics field to assist others in making medical management decisions surrounding cancer treatments and women's health. As Mahtomedi community members, we have an incredible opportunity to influence, educate and develop our children into great people via the conduit that is youth athletics. The experience I have gained from years of coaching, managing a variety of projects and educating professionals in the medical field would enable me to bring value to the board regarding decisions that need to be made. I believe that a board's goal should be to continually assess what is working, what is struggling and how we can better serve our youth players. If elected to the MYHA board, I am committed to bringing an open mind, a collaborative work approach and a willingness to engage in crucial conversations in order to enhance all our children's hockey experiences.

**Background / Education / Professional experience:**

- Family of three hockey players; Koen 11, squirts. Emmy 9, U10. Mia 7, U6
- Mahtomedi resident since April 2013, family-in-law moved to Mahtomedi in 1980
- I grew up in Shoreview and played youth hockey for Moundsview from Atoms-Bantams (10yrs)
- I graduated Highschool from Cretin-Derham Hall High School where I played on the JV & Varsity teams for both Hockey and Football.
- St. John's University graduate with two years of football experience under John Gagliardi
- St. John's University B.A. in Business Management
- I am currently a Regional Manager for a genetics laboratory that specializes in diagnostic testing for cancer & women's health in the precision medical field

**Current volunteer positions:**

**Hockey:**

- 2013-2019 Assistant Coach Boys hockey (Mite 1, Mite 2, Mite 3, Squirt B1)
- 2015-2018 Head Coach Girls Hockey (U6's and U8)
- 2019-2020 Assistant coach Girls Hockey U8
- 2019-2020 Head Coach Girls Hockey U5
- 2020-2021 Assistant Coach Girls Hockey U6
- 2020-2021 Head Coach Girls Hockey 10U B team

**Football:**

- 2016-2018 Head Coach Boys Mahtomedi Flag Football team
- 2018-Present Head Coach Boys Mahtomedi tackle football team
- 2020 Head Coach flag football team (Woodbury)

**Personal:**

- 2017-Present President of the Forest Heights Improvements Association Inc. (Mahtomedi)
- 2018-Present Board member of the Mahtomedi Youth Football Association
- 2016-Present BrainTumor 5K fundraiser for #TeamEmmy