

Ron Babuka

My name is Ron Babuka and I would like to throw my hat in the ring to be considered for a seat on the Ithaca Youth Hockey Association Board. I have just completed a year on the BOD for the 2009-2010 year. I feel that I have learned a lot about USA Hockey, CNY Hockey, and specifically about Ithaca Youth Hockey. Hopefully with greater working knowledge, I can be even more productive this coming year.

My son Jack has played IYHA hockey for the last 5 years and just completed his first year as a squirt. I had originally intended to limit my interaction with Squirt hockey to just being the Squirt rep for the board. However when it appeared that we would be short of coaches, I signed up for a level 1 CEP card and joined up as an assistant coach. I can't tell you how much fun it was being out there with the kids at practice and at games. I wish I had only started years earlier when both my son and daughter started out in hockey.

In addition to my stint on the IYHA Board, I previously spent 6 years on the Board of Directors of the East hill Flying Club in Ithaca. I started off as the Secretary, moved up to Vice-President, and finished off as President for two terms. There we oversaw approx. 200 members, 7 employees, and a fleet of 7 aircraft. I am currently employed at Cornell University.