

Missoula Area Youth Hockey Association  
2018 Board Candidate Bios

**Mollie Ailene**

Mollie Ailene is a born and raised Montanan who grew up on the ice in Great Falls, Montana. A mother to Benjamin and Cooper, devoted hockey kids, and wife to hockey player and coach Zach, they spend their winters on the ice and outdoors.

Mollie is a four-time board member of various non-profits and a successful business owner and Chief Operations Officer here in Missoula. Mollie understands grant financing and non-profit structure to make a successful and forward thinking hockey program a reality. Her strong beliefs of transparency of the future hockey program and rink construction will bring renewed information to the membership and alternative ideas that have not yet been examined.

Mollie brings non-profit management and finance experience to renew a growing hockey program for generations, not years. She and her family ask for your support in voting for Mollie Ailene in this year's Board election.

**Heather Harp**

With a fondness for art education, Heather made her way from Wisconsin to Missoula 23 years ago and pivoted to personal financial planning for over two decades. Entrepreneurial minded, Heather operated two small businesses while also raising two children. Seeking civic engagement, she joined, participated, and served as President for Kiwanis Club of Missoula, the Poverello Center, and MAYHA over the last 16 years. Currently, she is pursuing her Masters in Business Administration in her efforts to become a more effective leader while learning the governing ropes since being elected to office last November. Her passion for hockey was ignited 12 years ago when her husband started playing Novice League and could not stop talking about his beer-league hockey games. The enthusiasm spread leading to the entire family playing the sport. She not only radiates hockey but building a unified ice community that supports one another.

Heather is running for re-election to the MAYHA Board of Directors to continue leading the organization forward as it weighs its future expansion in a way that retains the magic we have all come to love.

**Andrew King-Ries**

Andrew first showed up at morning pickups nearly ten years ago with borrowed equipment, an old bike helmet, and a profound inability to skate. Immediately he became addicted to hockey due to the challenge of learning a new sport, the great exercise, and the comradery with people from all walks of life. While he is still working on his backwards crossovers, he loves participating in adult leagues and pickups and is excited to serve on the MAYHA board to help more of our community experience the same joy from the programs at Glacier Ice Rink. Andrew is a lawyer and teaches at the UM School of Law.

**Derek Kellenberg**

After moving to Missoula in 2007, Derek was convinced to try skating and playing hockey for the first time in his life. It did not take long for him to fall in love with the game and he has been an active player in the GHF ever since. A parent to a son who is now a Peewee travel player for the Bruins, he is a Level 2 USA Hockey certified coach and volunteered for several years coaching in the MAYHA house and select termite and mite programs. When not at the

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rink during winter evenings he can be found on the hardwood coaching his daughter's AAU basketball team. He is a Professor in the Economics Department at the University of Montana, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in microeconomics, international trade and environmental economics. His research is primarily at the intersection of international trade and the environment but he recently started new research on determinants of youth hockey participation rates in the United States and Canada. He is happily married to his wife Rebecca, who also found hockey after moving to Missoula. In recent years, Rebecca has discovered her own love for the game through watching their son and lacing up her skates in the WHAM league.