

**PARTNERS**

## 2017 -18 BCSSA ODC Report to BCSSA AGM

### Introduction

It is my pleasure to submit the 2017-18 ODC report to the BCSSA AGM. This report (1) identifies the committee members; (2) outlines the responsibility of the committee; (3) reviews the main achievements of the past year; and (4) identifies the goals for 2018-19.

### 2017-18 Committee Membership

The 2017-18 Committee consisted of Members Bill Kempers, George Moore, Vice-Chair Candace Clouthier, and Chair, Wim Kok. The Committee has also been ably assisted by Ted Houghton, BCSSA Executive Director and BCSSA Staff Chris Acton and Keara McGuire. Thank you. The work and support of the BCSSA Board for ODC has not gone unnoticed either. Without the financial support from the province and many sponsors, our achievements would have been substantially less. Much appreciated.

### BCSSA ODC Responsibilities

In broad terms ODC is responsible for the training and development of officials. More specifically, this is done through planning, identifying of needs, organizing, hosting and supporting clinics throughout BC, assign specific officials to competitions, evaluate and recommend officials for accreditation and upgrading to just name a few.

### 2017-18 Achievements

The list of achievements for this past year includes the following :

- I. **Officials Development**
  - a. Clinics
    - 4 Level 1 Intro Clinics (*see Appendix I*)
    - 7 level 2 clinics, which included: 1 Meet Coordinator, 1 Recorder, 1 Referee, 1 Starter, 1 Timing, 2 Finish Line Judge
  - b. Accreditation and Upgrading
    - Level 1 Accreditation (35)
    - Level 2 Upgrades (14)
    - SSC upgrading to Level III (5): recommended Level 3 upgrades to SSC included:

Stirling Audet	Lap Counter 3
Paul Janzen	Starter 3B
Debbie Johnson	Finish Line Judge 3
Kathy Lewis	Timer 3
Tina Peters	Recorder 3

- c. Competition experience for 1 official from Yukon (at no expense to BCSSA)

## II. **Financial**

ODC spent \$ 21,881.00; the budget was \$ 19,500.00, which meant a shortfall. The funds were spent on the following:

- a. Officials recognition
- b. Travel /per diem for designated Chief Officials to BC competitions;
- c. Financial support Level 2 Recorders and Meet Coordinator to attend Level 3 Clinic in Calgary (Nov 2017)
- d. Travel subsidy for northern Recorder to attend Level 2 Recorder clinic in Richmond
- e. fees for Conductors for Level 1 and level 2 clinics
- f. Level 2 Meet Coordinator/Recorder and Referee Clinics in Richmond
- g. Western Elite ST competition in Richmond, which takes a major portion of ODC's budget

## **Goals for 2018-19 Skating Season**

For the upcoming season the committee is planning the following activities:

### I. **Clinics**

- a. enable clubs to host **Level 1 Clinics**: Intro Officiating/Speedskating.
- b. plan and execute **Level 2 Clinics**: Meet Coordinator, Recorder, Referee, and Starter Clinics where needed;
- c. Identify individuals for these Level 2 clinics and encourage them to attend

### II. **Mentorship**

- a. Mentor officials across BC, specifically but not limited to Recorders, Referees and Starters.
- b. Provide opportunities for Recorders, Referees and Starters from other Branches to take advantage of officials' development opportunities in BC and vice-versa.

**III. Competitions**

- a. Support clubs to ensure that competition do happen by providing chief officials (Recorders, Referees and Starters)
- b. Support all officials and volunteers, especially the junior ones, so they will continue to contribute to officials' development.

**IV. Accreditation and Upgrading**

- a. Work with clubs and officials to ensure accreditation of upgrading occurs in a timely and appropriate manner
- b. Update Officials' Database
- c. Review linkages BCSA and ODC databases
- d. Work on database issues

**V. Communication**

- a. Publish ODC Bulletins in a timely manner
- b. Respond to queries and concerns raised to ODC Gmail account
- c. Review and address issues identified in Meet Coordinator and Referee Reports submitted to Google Drive under ODC Gmail account

**VI. Updating**

- a. Update list of Course Conductors
- b. Update list of Accredited Officials

**VII. Challenges**

Key challenges are/remain:

- a. Ensuring that officials do sign up as members with SSC/BCSSA. The importance of this for insurance and liability purposes can not be stressed enough. The same level of importance applies to officials' accreditation and upgrading.
- b. Encouraging members and clubs to become (more) actively involved with their accreditation and upgrading of officials.

Last, but not least at this year's AGM we see the retirement of Ted Houghton as Executive Director of BCSSA for many years. We would be remiss if we don't recognize Ted's many contributions and accomplishments. Inspiring, teamwork, his knowledge of the institutional culture and history have been invaluable for the organization, including the many committees, ODC being one of them. While, it may seem that his hand was on the tiller from time to time, Ted's insights and sense of perspective have helped ODC

make substantial contributions to officials' development in BC and Canada. In fact, it has made BC one of the strongholds. Enough said. Thanks Ted for your leadership.

Of course, on a more personal note, when I got involved in speed skating with the Fort St John Club in 1984, Ted was already there, which indicates his involvement in speedskating for some 35 years to date. I like to recognize that my involvement and growth in many aspects of the sport can also be contributed to Ted's inspiration and encouragement. Thanks.

Finally, a word of appreciation for every official and volunteer for all your time and contributions.

On behalf of BCSSA ODC,

*E.W. (Wim) Kok*

Chair

### Appendix I: Summary BCSSA Officials Development Clinics 2017-18

Date	Location	Clinic	Level	Conductor	Members		
					Total	Female	Male
Aug'18	Fort St John	Timer	2	Tara Mitchell	4	2	2
Aug'18	Fort St John	Place judge	2	Kim Telizyn	4	2	2
Sep 23	Maple Ridge	Intro	1	Donna Billous/Ted Houghton	14 *	?	?
Sep 24	Kamloops	Place judge	2	Carol MacKay	2	1	1
Oct 20	Fort St John	Intro	1	E.W.(Wim) Kok	3	1	2
Oct 27	Fort St James	Intro	1	Tracy Hillis	6	2	4
Nov 4	Fort St John	Starter	2	Candace Clouthier	2	2	0
Nov 18-19	Calgary	SSC Recorder	3	Sharon Zorman	2 *	2	0
Nov 18-19	Calgary	SSC Meet Coordinator	3	Sandra Chenard	2 *	1	1
Nov 24	Prince George	Intro	1	Tracy Hillis	9	4	5
Feb 17-18	Richmond	Referee	2	E.W.(Wim) Kok	3	1	2
Feb 17	Richmond	Recorder	2	Dee-Ann Stickel	8	7	1
Feb 18	Richmond	Meet Coordinator	2	Dee-Ann Stickel	4	4	0
Feb 28	Fort St. John	Intro	2	E.W.(Wim) Kok	2	2	0
Total		14 (12 BC+2 SSC )	1-3		65	31 +	20 +

\* Includes 4 students; Four (4) BCSSA Officials attended the National Clinics in Calgary in Nov 2017