

**SPEED SKATE NOVA SCOTIA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MAY 7, 2011  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for all of the extraordinary efforts of the Board and membership this season. It is difficult to know where to start as so much was sacrificed and generously given by so many of our members, both past and present. We can't overlook thanking the huge number of people from the greater community who joined with us leading up to Canada Games and during the Games themselves, fast becoming hooked by the sport we have always been so passionate about. We were able to submit to Health and Wellness another positive PSO Outcomes report. Membership numbers grew significantly, particularly with the opening of the Halifax Oval. The decision by Halifax Council to make this a permanent facility opens exciting opportunities for the future.

I attended six Sport NS PSO meetings in the last year. I went to the Sport NS AGM in June 2010. In March 2011, I attended a conference arranged with Special Olympics and PSO Representatives to compare LTAD models and areas where we may be able to collaborate in the future. In cooperation with the Valley Community Development officer, Sheila McGinn, Steve MacMurray and I conducted Try Speed Skating Clinics in three Valley communities. Momentum continues with Community Sessions to gauge interest in forming an official organizing committee scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

I went to three seminars hosted by Health and Wellness. In October 2010, there was an NCCP Coaching Update session. In November 2010, there was a Healthy Eating in Recreation & Sport Workshop and the Canada Sport 4 Life Seminar which Tessa Burney attended as well.

I attended the SSC AGM from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa which included many workshops related to LTPAD. September 23-26, 2010, I attended the SSC Officials Symposium in Montreal. I took an SSC webinar in January 2011 on Strategic Planning and Governance. This is an area of major importance for SSC going into next season. They are also conducting extensive reviews of all funding supports and tightening their belts. Three SSC Conference calls were held this season with the Branch Presidents.

We added to our CWG ST Coach/Manager team of Neill Evans and Debbie Gowan with the Long Track Team of Ruth MacInnes and Bertrand Losier. We were very fortunate to receive an extensive legacy of equipment post-games that will benefit the clubs and province for many years to come. Feedback from our speed skating family from across Canada was incredible; they truly enjoyed the Nova Scotia hospitality.

I was asked to join the HRM Steering Committee on Long Term Ice Allocation. We met seven times over this season. With the addition of making recommendations on the future of the Halifax Oval, the original completion of our mandate of June 2011 has been extended until October 2011 and I will continue with this project until its completion.

I wish for the branch and clubs great success and growth as you move forward into new and exciting times. I will remember fondly my many years of involvement in speed skating as I change personal direction and move on to new challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

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