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Director of Coaching Report
2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 skating season, we have had overall loss of coaching experience in the province with Neill Evans stepping away from coaching. We have also had some exciting new developments with regards to future development of coaches within the province.

Coaches were recruited from various contacts to start or re-enter coaching.

- Lisa Gannett, a former skater and former Level III coach re-entered coaches short track and long track
- Meredith Clayton, a skater from Saint John, now living in Halifax has started coaching long track
- Leigh Vandrecht, a skater from Fredericton has started coaching long track
- Jean-Pierre Daigle, a former Halifax skater has started coaching short track
- Danielle Daigle, a former skater from Halifax has started coaching short track as well as her long-term involvement in Special Olympics
- Carolyn Jarock, a former skater from the West has started coaching short track and long track
- Nicky Clements, a former skater from Halifax has started coaching long-track
- Dawn Cyr, a parent from Dartmouth continues her coaching in short track
- Brent Thompson, a parent, former skater, former Level II coach continues coaching in short track and longtrack

Three coaches: Dawn Cyr, Charlie Clements and Brent Thompson attended the Introduction to Competition Coaching Course over two weekends in Sackville and Fredericton, NB. Full credentialing is dependent on portfolio review.

Todd Landon started his job as Regional Development Mentor / Long Track Coach on Decemeber 31, 2011. His coaching expertise, coach mentoring and long and short track expertise is a welcomed addition to our region. Todd hit the ground running and ran a Fundamentals Leaders and Fundamentals Coaching course.

Three coaches: Carolyn Jarock, Meredith Clayton, and Lindsay Devison attended the Fundamentals Coaching course and Paul Smith, Emma Gallsworthy, Leigh Vandrecht and Izzy attended a Fundamental Leaders Course.

With three years before the next Canada Winter Games and growing need for coaches in the Halifax region, Yarmouth region, North Sydney and potential in the Annapolis region coaching training is of paramount importance. Currently, Lisa Gannett and Todd Landon are the only active experienced coaches that do not have Canada Games eligible children. We need to develop more Level III coaches within the province to avoid potential conflict of interest on provincial teams. Encouragement of our Masters skaters and senior level skaters by providing financial resources for coaching certification may be an option.

Respectfully Submitted,



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