

The Speedy Kids Oval Program Society

Report to Speed Skate Nova Scotia

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Administration

During 2013-14, The Speedy Kids Oval Program Society amended its Memorandum of Agreement and Bylaws to produce more workable articles and had these changes approved by the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. The Society's annual general meeting was held on May 29th, which included its very first election of directors by the membership. The newly elected board of directors is: Laura Channon (President), Lisa Roberts (Vice-President), Christine Buckley (Secretary-Treasurer), David Magloir (Member-at-Large), Maartje Stroink (Member-at-Large), and Nicholas Williams (Member-at-Large). The incoming board has the option of appointing one or two additional directors.

Membership

The Speedy Kids Oval Program Society had 135 members during 2013-14: all participants in the after-school and club inline and ice programs were registered as members. Speedy Kids registered 59 SSNS and SSC members: this included all members of the board, all skaters in the club inline and ice groups, any parents who joined in as participants in the club program, and the volunteer coaches. This represented a 64% increase from 36 SSNS and SSC members in 2012-13. Skaters in the after-school and club programs ranged in age from 4 to 12: in terms of LTAD classes, this included 23 skaters in Active Start, 44 in FUNdamentals, 18 in Learn-to-Train, and one in Train-to-Train.

Programs

During 2013-14, Speedy Kids offered both inline and ice programming. There were spring, summer, and fall inline sessions held for the club group with about two practices each week, mostly at the oval, and also during the fall at the Bloomfield Centre gym. During the summer, Speedy Kids provided equipment and coaching support so that inline skating could be offered as a weekly activity at the George Dixon and Needham Centre day camps. During the fall, the George Dixon Centre after-school groups participated in inline skating as a weekly activity, which helped to make their transition to ice easier. This was the third season for the Speedy Kids after-school ice program, which took place at the oval on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 4-5 p.m., with participation from the George Dixon Centre, Community YMCA, and St. George's YouthNet. This was the second season for the Speedy Kids club program, which took place at the oval on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5-6 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30-10:30 a.m. 15 skaters participated in at least one racing event during the season; families especially welcomed the opportunity provided by the free Sunday races, and we are grateful to the volunteers who made that possible. We would also like to express appreciation for the funding we received over the past year from NS Health & Wellness and Sport NS, which made these programs possible.

Coaching Education

Speedy Kids held an orientation session for the Dixon and Needham day camp staff at Devonshire Arena during the last week of June. Speedy Kids hosted an NCCP FUNdamentals clinic in December, facilitated by Todd Landon. There were 20 participants registered for all or part of the clinic, 18 of whom were from Speedy Kids. Thanks to SSNS and the George Dixon and Needham Centres for their support. SSC has given the go-ahead for Lisa Gannett to be certified as a facilitator for FUNdamentals Leader and Fundamentals Coach clinics, so in the future, we will be able to hold the modules for these courses on a regular, ongoing basis.