

**Speed Skating Nova Scotia
2014/15 Annual General Meeting – June 6, 2015**

**Sport Nova Scotia,
5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS**

Director of Officials Report

Officials Clinics

The 2014/15 season was active for officials training with three clinics conducted, all in conjunction with the two long track meets. These clinics could not have taken place without instructors from Speed Skate Quebec and Speed Skate New Brunswick.

Level 2 Referee Clinic – Canada Games Long Track Qualifier – January 3, 2015

- Instructor – Mario Hardy; SSQ
- 6 participants:

Brian Cameron	Chris Gauthier
Greg Milton	Clive MacGregor
Don Mosher	Brent Thompson

Level 2 Starters Clinic – Canada Games Long Track Qualifier – January 3, 2015

- Instructor – Bruce Gray; SSNB
- 2 participants:

James McMillin	Marlene Reid
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Level 1 Officials Clinic – Atlantic Long Track Championships – January 31, 2015

- Instructor – Bruce Gray; SSNB
- 9 participants:

Paula Arruda	Steve Chipman
Jean-Marc Couterier	Craig Hillis
Jordan Kyriakidis	Andrew Leitao
James McMillin	Dave Regan
Ashley Wu	

Experience

There was strong volunteer support to officiate at the three competitive events of 2014/15; the two events noted above at the Emera Oval and the Nova Scotia Short Track Championships at the St Margaret's Centre. The numerous volunteers who made these events happen included several many new "officials" to the sport besides those listed above. That is, volunteers are most welcome at our meets without having had the Level 1 Clinic and many have stepped up, accordingly.

Nova Scotia speed skating is fortunate to have these volunteers, many of whom are new to the sport and others whose children left the sport years ago. The paddling community in particular has provided great support for speed skating since the 2011 Canada Games. The enthusiasm of these officials will contribute to the growth of speed skating for the 2015/16 season.

An objective for the next season is reduce our dependence on SSNB & SSPEI for senior official positions.

Further to the formation of the Officials Committee for 2014/15, I had considerable assistance from Steve MacMurray. He substantially organized the above clinics and was essential to lining-up officials for the long track meets. I'm most grateful for his assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

David MacDonald
Director of Officials, SSNS

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