

To: SSNB Executive
From: SSNB ODC
Subj: Year-end Report, SSNB Officials Development Committee
Date: April 23, 2011

The following Year-end report of the Officials Development Committee is submitted for your consideration.

Current Status

Committee membership this season are:*

Chair- Bruce Gray
Cambellton- Fabian Pelletier
Caraquet- Renaud Gionet
Codiac- Rob Adams
Fredericton- Trevor Corey
Hampton- Andy MaGee
Saint John- Pat Quinn
St. Croix- Jeff Cross

*Vacant positions were filled with the Club President.

Total New Brunswick Officials (all officials on NB list, most non accredited)- 297
Total Accredited NB officials (level 1 and higher)- 102
Total officials active this past season (any level)- 60-182
New officials this past season (new names added to list, all level 0)- 29

Please note officials numbers for this season are based on incomplete information.

Officials Advancement/Submissions to SSC

A revised listing will be posted once outstanding club submissions are made.

Officials advanced included:

Alison Cross, Level 1 Clerk of the Course

SSC approved advancements, last summer:

Jeff Cross, Level 3B, Referee, Bruce Gray Level 3A ST/3B LT, Starter

Stars added to:

Cathie Hurley Teed, Cliff O'Leary, Wanda Walsh, Kathy English, Mitch & Jennifer Duguay, Claudia Hooper, Susan Hooper.

Stars removed from:

Roger Cole and Peter Teed

Activities and accomplishments

- Laurie Murchison and Kitty Beal, two of our highest level, and universally respected officials, announced retirement following the CWG. Their long commitment and contributions to the sport has influenced and inspired a generation of officials, (Kitty was my level 1 clinic instructor). They will very genuinely be missed.
- Obtained Board approval of ODC Terms of Reference following lengthy consultation with in and out-of-province officials as well as our technical advisor and club ODC Reps.
- Submitted proposed policy for Officials "assignment" to Board and provided supporting materials and clarification.
- Developed and distributed draft of ODC Policy and Procedure document.
- Developed and submitted proposed budget.
- Addressed requests and concerns from, and regarding SSNB officials.
- Clarified interpretation of new rules as they apply to Starters.
- Approved only request for advancement submitted to ODC- Alison Cross, Level 1 Clerk of the Course
- Pointed out at the last AGM that the preceding season saw no NB hosted SSC sanctioned meets and that this acts to the detriment of officials interested in development and advancement. This season our clubs responded by hosting three (3) SSC sanctioned meets- Campbellton, Saint John and Fredericton. ODC and our officials thank the clubs and Meet Coordinators for this decision and effort. Hopefully in coming years the number of SSC sanctioned meets will continue to grow.
- In the preceding season the Chair established and maintained contact with all Meet Coordinators offering ODC assistance in arranging appropriate officials. As no assistance was accepted, no offers were extended this season. However, Christine Lawson, the new Meet Coordinator for Codiac requested guidance which was provided. It appeared a few days prior to the meet that it may need to be cancelled due to lack of officials.
- Posted evaluations forms for Referee and Starters on SSNB website.
- Although there is a standing request from ODC to be provided written evaluations from Meet Coordinators and senior officials (especially Referees and Starters), no evaluations of any kind were provided. This lack of information continues to impede ODC's facilitating officials develop as well as advancement of officials.
- With extensive work and support by Pat Quinn, established yearly revisions to SSNB Officials List submitted to SSC. Unfortunately, by the deadline for SSC submissions, two clubs had not provided the data requested. The NB Officials List will be revised as outstanding submissions are received.
- Twenty nine (29) new names were added to the officials list. This more than makes up for the nine (9) officials who retired or are becoming inactive. The clubs deserve full credit for successful recruitment. Hopefully we can retain the new volunteers and help them become accredited NB officials.
- A Level 1 clinic was held in conjunction with this past summers camp. It was kindly hosted by FASSCI and instructed by Jeff Cross, both at their own expense. Although attendance represented youth and a good gender balance, attendance was low at only four (4).
- In early stages of coordinating a proposed Maritime Level 2 ST/LT Starters clinic. The proposed location to be Halifax.

- The first face-to-face meeting of ODC was held prior to May 12, AGM. Topics for discussion include draft policy/procedure and recruitment/retention.
- Proposed budget is given below. Due to generosity of officials, instructors and clubs, no costs were incurred by ODC this past fiscal year.

Budget

The allotted ODC seasonal budget was \$3,700 or approximately 6% of SSNB's budget. No funds were spent. This coming seasons proposed budget is for \$3,930 which includes sending two officials to the Officials Symposium (the Chair and an individual for a level 3 clinic), four (4) out-of-town officials assignments and one half of cost of proposed "Maritime" Level 2 ST/LT Starters clinic.

Ongoing Activities

- Develop and obtain Board approval of ODC Policies and Procedures.
- Facilitate development of coordinated provincial recruitment/retention of officials
- Refine ODC record keeping as working reference and future Chairs resource.
- Improve incoming flow of information ODC requires to fulfill its responsibilities.
- Improve accessibility of evaluation forms, posted on SSNB web site.
- Publicize official level requirements, posting on SSNB web site.
- Facilitate appropriate officials attendance of level 3 clinics.
- Continue to encourage hosting of SSC sanctioned meets.
- Offer, Maritime-oriented, Level 2 Starters Clinic ST/LT, if justified.