



## FREDERICTON AMATEUR SPEED SKATING CLUB INC. REPORT FOR THE SSNB AGM — 8 June 2013

In October 2012, the Fredericton Amateur Speed Skating Club consolidated its operations into the newly completed Grant Harvey Centre. The new two surface arena features an Olympic sized ice surface. This new training facility, combined with our clubs investment in more safety pads, has turned into a wonderful training facility for our athletes. Thanks to being a recipient of one of the Intact Insurance grand prizes last year, FASSCI received a visit from a National team skater. On September 30, Valerie Maltais joined us in our inaugural 'practice' during the opening ceremonies for the Grant Harvey Centre. We were excited to have skaters from other SSNB Clubs join us for this spectacular opportunity to meet and skate with Valerie.

**Membership:** Member ship was slightly up this year for FASSCI , primarily due to an increase in our learn to skate program. With a larger ice surface and two ice times we offered learn to skate to more than 100 young skaters. Our power skating program continues to be successful and we plan on making more changes next year. Our total registered skater count was 200, including 52 competitive skaters, 36 power skaters and 11 masters and recreational skaters. Attracting younger skaters into the program remains our number one priority for the coming season.

**Meets and Skater Accomplishments:** Attendance at all NB and regional meets was very strong all season. Many of our new skaters enjoyed their first meets and obtained lots of personal best ribbons.

In December FASSCI had Andrew Evans and Evan Brideau skate in the Junior Nationals in Toronto.

Canada East Regional's was attended by 7 FASSCI skaters, Brendan Corey, Heidi Evans, Rikki Doak, Frederic Camarano, Roger Fulton, Seamus Smith and Alyssa Rusk. Brendan and Seamus returned with individual bronze medals, while Rikki and Heidi teamed with Danielle Dumouchel and Alyssa Seymour from SJ to return with relay silver.

Fredericton hosted an event at the Grant Harvey Centre in early December. By all accounts it went smoothly and was well attended. We had a few minor operational issues associated with moving into a new facility but all in all it demonstrated that the new facility will be able to well support future meets and lends itself to fast times on the ice.

**Coaching:** Derrick MacLeod continued as our Head Coach and will be back again in 2013-14; dozens of others assisted with the coaching of our three competitive groups and our Learn to Skate and Power Skating groups, including one paid coach for power skating, former skaters, parents, A Group Skaters, and of course SSNB technical Director, Peter Steele. FASSCI and SSNB continue to collaborate to allow SSNB to apply for and receive a grant for High Performance Coaching. Derrick is now the HP coach for the Province. The next skating year FASSCI loses Kelsey Patterson as Board member and coach. Her contributions to the Club have been many and her loss will be felt.

**Officials:** Our 55+ registered FASSCI Associate members continue to play a large part in SSNB Meets. Our associate members participated actively in every meet held in NB this year, including, starters, timers (electronic and manual), line judges, referees and corner stewards.

**Meetings:** The FASSCI Board conducted its meetings effectively and efficiently throughout the year. Our Annual Meeting was held in May 2013 where our slate of Directors was elected. FASSCI would like to recognize the contributions of two long serving Directors who retired; Steve Harris and Kelsey Patterson. Three new directors were elected at our AGM, Kevin Gough, Susan Chin and Duncan McSporrán join the current Director team of Trevor Corey, Mark Comeau, Janice Briggs, Jackie Doak, Rob Lunn, Mark Gallagher and Devin Patterson.

Executive appointments from the Director team:

Chair / SSNB representative – Trevor Corey

Vice-Chair and Competitions Committee – Mark Comeau

Treasurer – Jackie Doak

Registrar – Janice Briggs

Programming – Rob Lunn

Athlete Development / Promotions – Devin Patterson

Asset Manager – Mark Gallagher

Secretary - TBD

Respectfully submitted,  
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FASSCI Chair