

2017/2018 Speed Skate New Brunswick Annual General Meeting Report:

P-CEP / SSNB High Performance Training Group (HPTG) Coach



Hello Speed Skate New Brunswick Membership and Directors,

Another season is complete with the one ahead promising to be a very busy one with many national, regional, and 2019 Canada Winter Games on the calendar. Our High-Performance Training group was a small one in 2017-2018 and I look towards fostering and developing a larger group as we move forward towards both Canada Games and beyond. Success does not come easy in this sport and we will be looking for athletes willing to work towards podium successes at both Regional and National competitions. We have had great rewards with our past alumni and currently have four athletes training at Regional training centres in Montreal and Calgary. Biggest news of the year is having Courtney Sarault achieving the status of top Canadian Junior and second in the World at the 2018 World Junior Championships. Both Courtney and Brendan Corey are poised to be named to the National Senior teams this season as a result of their solid performances at Senior Championships #1 and #2.

Current listing & Standards for HPTG members can be found at HIGHPERFORMANCENEWBUNSWICK.com. With the 2019 Canada Winter Games approaching it is my hope that we will recruit additional members to this group of athletes. In the upcoming season there will be some changes in the support from the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic as the program makes a change from services and financial support to solely service provision.

Throughout the season I kept regular updates of team success via the HPTG Facebook and Twitter page. I have tried to include regular updates to build excitement and share performances of both current and past HP members. This page continues to have a great municipal, provincial, national and international following.

As we continue to move ahead as an organization we will need to re-establish strong ties with other sport organizations, provincial clubs, and provincial funding partners. A step towards this has been the development of the Quality Sport's Initiative (QSI) that targets sports that have had success and strong past funding models. This initiative is in cooperation with Sport New Brunswick and the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic and intended to find strengths, weaknesses, and challenges within each sport organization. This project will help SSNB get back on track in such areas as budget forecasting, committee/board governance, viable Athlete and Participant Pathway creation, committee Terms of Reference & nomination processes, and a regular & constructive meeting structure. As a provincial sport organization, I feel we can greatly benefit as we have room to improve and grow.

To end my report, I would like to pass along some outstanding business from the 2017-2018 AGM. It is important that any approved recommendations be promptly communicated to the respective committees, so work can be complete well before the start of the 2018-2019 racing season.

Note- I have included status updates where applicable:

- 1) Continued creation and ongoing monitoring of all levels of finances and budgeting including Athlete Development, Coaching, Officials, Competitions, etc. – Budgets should be in place and approved by start of each fiscal.

Status: This has been discussed as part of the QSI. It is imperative that SSNB looks towards adopting sound budgeting now that past financials are being summarized. Budgets should be in place before the start of each fiscal and updates should be made quarterly.

- 2) Committee selection process (Finance/Athlete Development, etc.) should be in place for selection to respective committees. I have included in Appendix A some recommendations for selection.

Status: Discussion has occurred via QSI and with Jamie Shanks (Provincial Liaison)

- 3) Reviewing selection standards for Canada East Short Track – minimum standards should be reviewed for participation in the CEST 2017. Recommendation can also be made to SSC for implementation of a National Minimum Standard per age. Young athletes should be striving towards a challenging goal.

Status: Complete and in place for 2017-2018/SSC still has not established a minimum standard

- 4) Seeding for provincial competition – suggestion for Fundamentals ranked on 200M, L2T combination ranking of (400m) + (1000/2.5), and T2T/above (400) + (1500/3.75).

Status: Discussion started on this between PCEP and TD coaches. Proposal pending.

- 5) Provincial competitions – Minimum time standards and development stage in place for movement to 1500M distance/ 2000& 3000M Points Race. Skaters not at the stage/time of standard should continue to skate a maximum 1000M distance.

Rationale: early stages of LTAD athletes should be focused on speed vs distance + older skaters within lower divisions should still be working on speed vs distance.

Status: Discussion started on this between PCEP and TD coaches. Proposal pending.

- 6) Provincial competitions - # of skaters on the line – possibility/feasibility of adding more skaters to the line (1500M = 7-8, 1000M = 5-6) to reflect current practice at SSC/FPVQ level competition.

Rationale = more races per day & an increase level of racing/passing

Status: TBD/ FPVQ and SSC Competitions have all experimented with larger numbers on the line

I want to once again thank all of you that have worked toward success in 2017-2018.

We need to keep moving and challenging ourselves to be better on and off the ice.

Have a Great summer everyone! Stay active, stay involved, and thank You for all that you do for our sport.

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Appendix 1:

Chair and Committee members of SSNB Athlete Development Committee:

Skills required:

- Member in good standing within NBASSA/SSNB and SSC
- Demonstrated Communication Skills
- Strong understanding of New Brunswick Sport System and SSNB Athlete Development documentation
- Strong understanding of Long Term Athlete Development Model – SSC and Sport
- Demonstrated experience around Long-Term Athlete Development

Legal required:

- No Criminal Record + up to date/ able to provide Criminal Record Check
- Legally entitled to manage funds & clean credit history (if operating as signing officer)
- Will abide by SSNB Code of Conduct always
- Ability to declare any conflict of interest as they pertain to daily functioning or athlete selection

Other Assets:

- Currently active as a coach within SSNB (Club or Provincial)
- Currently certified as a coach
- Past Leadership in sport (please provide Resume of experience)
- Past involvement as part of a volunteer-based Board or committee (please provide resume)
- Experience in managing funds within a non-for profit, for profit, or non-profit organization

Chair and Committee Members of SSNB Finance Committee:

Skills Required:

- Member in good standing within NBASSA/SSNB and SSC
- Demonstrated Communication Skills
- Past involvement as part of a volunteer-based Board or committee (please provide resume)
- Knowledge of Canada Revenue Agency remittances, payroll, and legal regulations as they pertain to a not-for-profit organization
- History of bookkeeping and Basic Accounting

Legal Required:

- No Criminal Record + up to date/ able to provide Criminal Record Check
- Experience in managing funds within a non-for profit, for profit, or non-profit organization
- Legally entitled to manage funds & clean credit history i.e. no previous history of corporate or personal bankruptcy
- Will abide by SSNB Code of Conduct always

Other Assets:

- Accounting experience or designation
- Understanding of provincial and federal sport grant applications as they apply to NBASSA/SSNB