

## **2019/2020 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,

It was an unprecedented end and quick departure to the 2019-2020 season as we all fell under a Covid 19 based State of emergency on March 16/2020.

This short season was still eventful with skaters competing provincially , Nationally, and Internationally .

### **2019-2020 High Performance Training Group Members**

Claire Oliver (has 2019-2020 placement and time standards) – Competed on FPVQ EST Circuit + Qualified National Junior Events

Angela Xu (has 2019-2020 placement and time standards) – Competed on FPVQ EST Circuit + Qualified National Junior Events

Leila Cartier (has 2019-2020-time standards) – Competed on FPVQ EST Circuit + Qualified National Junior Events

Jayson Lawson (has 2019-2020-time standards) - Competed on FPVQ EST Circuit + Qualified National Junior Events

Colton Gough (has 2019-2020-time standards) - Competed on FPVQ EST Circuit + Qualified National Junior Events

Gillian Buote (has 2019-2020-time standards) - Competed on FPVQ EST Circuit + Qualified National Junior Events

Also, we had Anthony Cormier Losier announce his retirement this season so he could focus more on his studies. We wish Anthony all the best !

### **HPTG Alumni with access to CSCA services when training in Fredericton**

Courtney Sarault (Carded - National Team) – competed and medalled on World cup circuit + qualified for World Championships

Brendan Corey (CRCE- Montreal) – Qualified for National Senior Events

Roger Fulton (Calgary Oval program) – Qualified for National Senior Events

Rikki Doak (Carded - National Team) – Competed n her first season of World Cup Circuit + qualified for World Chmapionships

Current High-Performance Program updates can be found at [HighPerformanceNewBrunswick.com](http://HighPerformanceNewBrunswick.com) or you can follow us throughout the season on our HPTG Facebook page

This summer has been a busy one from an administration , coaching connection, and planning side with numerous stakeholders, SSC, Coach Network, Worksafe NB etc. calls aimed towards getting our sport aligned with new Standard of Care needed to meet the Return to Ice and Return to Sport requirements with the province. I am always available to help any club needing

advice as we enter this season and it is my hope that everywhere can return to practice in a Covid-era.

Competition wise we will be challenged this season with no Maritime Competitions before Christmas and possibility of none afterwards, FPVQ has run 1 Elite however is now regressing back to Yellow/Red Zones, and SSC has introduced a competition guide yet it will be a challenge for many hosts to meet standards within current conditions. On a more optimistic side we hope that sport bubbling may become an option in the future, and we can provide a 1 day mini-meet style racing within the Maritimes for skaters vying for both 111M times and 100 Racing.

From a High-Performance standard . All athletes currently within the group will remain for the season providing they continue to train and are also expected to take advantage of Multisport gym opportunities within the Saint John , Moncton, and localized Fredericton CSCA centre. This service is provided to us from the CSCA and if athletes do not utilize it , we could lose services to another group. In addition I will be working with the CSCA to see if we can add some new up and coming athletes to the group this season if they demonstrate that they have the ability to meet minimum entry standards via timed/sanctioned mini-competitions.

This is my 41<sup>st</sup> season in our sport and I can say it is truly going to be one with incredibly unique challenges. I am committed to helping athletes, coaches, and clubs come out as strong as possible. Please reach out if I can be of any assistance in this process. It will be a hard financial year for all and I am hoping that we can all weather the storm and came out with better club models that can be leveraged when we are back in Non-Covid times.

Thank you all for you continued commitment to our sport.

Stay healthy and stay active !

Derrick MacLeod, ChPC, Bkin