

To: Orienteering Canada AGM
From: Sass Peepre Junior Development Committee
Kitty Jones (chair), Anne Teutsch, Meghan Rance, Marsha Fehr, Sabine Schweiger
Re: Report to Orienteering Canada AGM, August 1, 2014

2013 - 2014 accomplishments

- We welcomed 3 new committee members, including Marg Ellis, who assisted for several months but could not continue. Marsha & Sabine have made a big difference in handling the committee work. Meetings were held using skype, and occurred more than monthly from Sept through March. Committee members worked on projects since then individually or in small groups. We used Basecamp effectively to store minutes of meetings and other documents.
- “Pre-HPP program” was re-named SPOTT = Sass Peepre Orienteering Training for Teens
- 2014 SPOTT online program (skype), Jan-June. 11 participants (from Vancouver, Whitehorse, Calgary, Hamilton and Ottawa) were divided into 2 groups, one meeting every second Tuesday and one meeting every second Friday. Organized & led by Graeme Rennie, who worked under a fee-for-service contract. Graeme’s report is available on request. An evaluation questionnaire was sent to the juniors in early July.
- 2014 SPOTT mentoring: We ran a pilot mentoring program in May/June for the SPOTT juniors. We lined up mentors for most of them, and collected & distributed some resource material for the mentors. Still need to get feedback from both mentors and juniors, and evaluate it overall
- Whistler training camp, Aug 5-7, 2014, at Whistler Athletes’ Centre: 49 juniors (ages 9-20), 32 volunteers (at time of writing)

Major challenge

“National Junior Curriculum”: Development and implementation of this is one of our mandates. We discussed “skill matrix” ideas, among others, but found that we need input from other sources, including Orienteering Canada Board, to figure out realistic goals. In short, we have stalled on this.

Future Projects

- 2015 Training Camp: likely in conjunction with 2015 COC in Maritimes
- 2015 SPOTT Online program: depends on evaluation of 2014 program
- Mentor program: depends on evaluation of 2014 pilot program
- National Junior Curriculum: a big unknown!
- Volunteers: need to search for additional committee members (Anne will step down)