



Athletes' Representative Report to 2016 AGM

Committee Name	Athletes' Representative
Representative	Tori Owen
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Past Year's Work

- As athletes' representative, I was an active member on both Orienteering Canada's (OC) Board of Directors and the High Performance Committee (HPC).
- Within OC's Board meetings, it was my job to bring an athlete's point of view and voice to the discussions.
- Within HPC I filled many different roles working towards supporting our athletes in various ways. Please see HPC report to 2016 AGM for comprehensive list of the HPC accomplishments.
- Attended the 2015 AthletesCAN forum in the fall, representing orienteering. AthletesCAN is the association of Canada's national team athletes. The idea behind the organization is to be an inclusive organization that is the collective voice of Canadian national team athletes. They do this, both by helping create athlete centered sport systems, and to develop athlete leaders who then influence sport policy, act as role models and inspire.
- Participated, and encouraged others to be involved in the international discussion on the winning time for women's long distance races. Advocated for equal winning times between male and female.

Future Work – Projects and Goals

- Continue to try and improve communication between athletes, HPC and OC.
- Have a more active voice in the monthly update HPC sends out to HPP athletes.
- Continue to be an active member in HPC and OC board meetings.

Successes and Challenges

- The point of view of the Canadian orienteer is well represented throughout the many boards and committees of Orienteering Canada as the vast majority of the volunteers involved participate in the sport themselves.
- The voice of the athlete is also well represented on the HPC with both the athletes' representative and a junior national team member as active committee participants.
- Our athletes were supported in multiple ways throughout the year. Which, as the athletes' representative, I see as a success! The HPC was able to put multiple training camps as well as facilitated athletes' attendance to Junior World Orienteering Championships, World Orienteering Championships, World University Orienteering Championships and European Orienteering Champions.
- As has been the case historically, some of our programming was limited due to budget.

Finances

No finances related directly to athletes' representative.

Additional Notes

I would like to thank all the members of the HPC, junior and senior selection committees and board members of OC, as well as all our team leaders and coaches! It takes an unbelievable amount of volunteer time and effort to support our athletes the way they are and it is greatly appreciated!