



## Executive Director Report to 2017 AGM

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### Past Year's Work

#### Completion of National Coaching Certification Program- Competition Introduction

This past spring Orienteering Canada completed a major multi year coaching certification project. This project was spearheaded by Bill Anderson and myself and we are so proud of the finished product. We could not have completed this project without the generous support of The Coaching Association of Canada. They provided both funding and the professional services of our consultant Isabelle Cayer who guided us and assisted us at all stages of development. A big thank you to Isabelle Robert from OQ for volunteering her time to review our French translation for consistency and quality.

#### Overview of financial support from the Coaching Association of Canada

2016/2017 Support:

- \$3000.00 Core funding
- \$5000.00 translation funding
- \$1500.00

During this past fiscal year, here is a list of the work we were able to complete for the final product – these are available in English and French:

- Coach reference Material
- Coach workbook
- Learning facilitator guide
- Workshop power point
- Evaluation guide
- Evaluation checklist
- Operations manual
- Coaching page updated

2017/ 2018 Funding (confirmed):

- \$3000.00 core funding
- \$2500.00 special grant\*

\*In addition to our stable core funding of \$3000.00, Orienteering Canada was selected to receive additional grant of \$2500.00 for to help subsidize some upcoming coach developer projects we can now continue working on.

In addition to these major projects, Orienteering Canada continues to be active within the Coaching Association partnership comprised of 65 other sports and associations. We are actively involved on all monthly National Sport Organization calls, Partner Congresses, NSO Days and are routinely called upon to share and contribute in various workshops.

*Upcoming:* Bill Anderson and I will be working with our CAC Consultant to put together a project plan for the additional grant money and continue to support clubs that wish to pursue workshops.

### **Implementation of Comp Intro Program**

Even more rewarding than finishing this large project is the implementation and seeing this program come to life. Late spring, we were fortunate to have two provinces jump on board and offer two comp intro workshops both with great success.

This past June a clinic in the Vancouver area and Calgary area had a total of 19 coaches take the course and 4 learning facilitators become trained. These are great numbers and it is very exciting to see the program take off like this. A very big thank you to Bill for leading the workshops as well as our PTOA partners AOA and OBC for their assistance and enthusiasm in hosting these events.

### **ParticipACTION**

Other very valuable project work happening this year is the beginner manual project provided by the generous funding from ParticipACTION. Through their contribution, we were able to secure the expertise of Raphael Ferrand to create three beginner 'how to' manuals: How to put on a simple orienteering event, how to create a simple orienteering map and how to teach orienteering to beginners. Most of these are underway and the goal will be to release all three manuals later in 2017 in both English and French. Thank you to Charlotte MacNaughton for coordinating this effort.

### **Jr. Curriculum/ Athlete development matrix projects**

There continues to be great work being done in this area with leadership from the Sass Peepre Committee. Jeff Teutsch has continued this work and is often reaching out to other committees and sport experts to enrich this material as it is being developed.

### **Sport Canada**

Since achieving eligibility for funding from Sport Canada in 2016, we await the next steps in the process of actually receiving funding. In the meantime, Orienteering Canada is getting more involved on the National level and participating in various new Sport Canada initiatives. Involvement and presence is extremely important as these will be weighted in our application. Initiatives we are currently involved in at the national level include:

- Coaching Association of Canada
- Concussion harmonization project
- LTAD/ Sport for Life (LTAD Tracking project)
- Responsible coaching movement
- Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES, anti-doping program)
- Sport Matters
- AthletesCAN

Many of these National initiatives are part of the federal government's overall sport mandate. In an effort to strengthen our application as well as to improve our sport and be involved in the larger sport community, we will continue to be an engaged partner at the National level.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Hall of Fame**

Thank you to all our members who have contributed and continue to send wonderful historical articles for us to share with our community. The online blog is something that we will continue to post and share on an ongoing basis. We hope you enjoy the stories, photos and other creative goodies people have shared.

In addition to the Anniversary celebration this year, we have spent a great deal of time working on a Hall of Fame. I won't mention too much about this, but we are excited to unveil this at the upcoming COC's.

### **Insurance**

In my role, I oversee our Insurance program as well as collecting information from PTOA's on an annual basis. In this role, we are always reviewing our practices. As such, we have updated our waivers - any club is welcome to use our new waivers in the upcoming year. This past year we have also streamlined our event certificate process to make it simple to request a specific event certificate.

### **Committee Involvement**

A large part of my work as ED is contributing to special projects and committees and working with all the wonderful volunteers across the country. Here is a list of the committees I am regularly participating and assisting with:

Coaching Committee: while the committee itself isn't overly busy at this time, I'm happy to provide assistance and knowledge in the overall project scope of both the project and direction of the program

Officials Committee: I assist the Officials group with their admin tasks and assist them as needed and participate in their monthly meetings.

Major Events Committee: I participate regularly in the meetings, offering support and input as needed.

LTAD Committee: I participate and assist as needed.

New Participant Recruitment Committee: This year we were successful in recruiting a new chair for this committee and they have recently held their first meeting. I'm looking forward to the work this group will be doing.

Sass Peepre Committee/ Junior Development project: I have been invited various times over the past year to these meetings and have been delighted to do so. They have been working on a very other important project, the Junior Development/ ADM project led by Jeff Teutsch. I have had the pleasure of assisting the SP committee with this project and look forward to help bring this to the community.

Project PEI: I recently joined this group to help get some events off the ground in PEI.

Executive Committee: this group meets monthly to prepare for upcoming board meetings

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project: Anne Teutsch, Charlotte MacNaughton and I have been working on this project for more than a year. Special initiatives happening over the course of the year include the Hall of Fame, and the OC blog of historical stories, maps, pictures as well as a special panel at congress.

### **Coming Up**

This fall, we will be very busy working on and completing a number of projects which will benefit our clubs- please watch for our new beginner manuals coming out, more coaching workshop opportunities, and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary blog for more stories, pictures and maps!

### **Additional Notes**

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of all our hard working volunteers. You are the engine that never stops and I'm fortunate to work with such a dedicated and talented group of individuals, who together make this a great sport.

Whatever your contribution at any level be it clubs, coaching, boards, committees, organizers, and officials you are all amazing.

To the OC board members who are also serving on various committees, thank you for being so wonderful to work with.

