



## President's Report to 2016 AGM

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### Past Year's Work

Orienteering Canada continues to move forward and I am proud to be a part of it. I continue to learn a great deal in my role as President. Some of our projects this year:

1. We made major progress with Phase 1 of the Junior Curriculum project. Thank you in particular to Kate Knapp and Jeff Teutsch for their fabulous work on this. There are some very useful documents for junior programme coaches and instructors the Orienteering Canada website.
2. We started up an LTAD Liaison Committee – a group with representation from Coaching, Officials, Technical, High Performance, Sass Peepre, and Communications committees to share knowledge and keep each other apprised of any overlapping projects.
3. We created a new Major Events Committee whose role it is to support and help bring success to our championships and other major events. The first major task of this new committee is going to be to line up hosts for the COCs for the next few years.
4. We continued with our Mapping Project, with many thanks to Stefan Bergstrom who spearheaded it, bringing in 5 foreign mappers and helping line up a number of Canadian mappers for major mapping projects as well.
5. We have been working for a number of months now on creating a new Strategic Plan for Orienteering Canada to guide our priorities and work over the next five years. We expect to complete it in the coming months.
6. We have made significant progress in obtaining eligibility for Sport Canada funding. Thanks go out to Tracy Bradley and Charlotte MacNaughton for their tireless efforts towards this end.
7. We have made great strides in our coaching certification programme – thanks to Bill Anderson and Tracy Bradley; and in our Officials programme thanks to Alex Kerr and the Officials Committee. Those committees have more detailed information in their reports. Also the Technical Committee has created an updated set of course and category guidelines for competitions – more on that in their committee report.
8. Our newsletter is back up and running with Katie MacLean at the helm. We look forward to seeing all the O news and stories!

### Future Work – Projects and Goals

1. Orienteering Canada's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is next year. We are gearing up for some very special celebrations. We are looking for people interested in being on an ad-hoc committee to oversee this project. Thanks to Charlotte MacNaughton for taking this one on!
2. We will be continuing into Phase 2 of our Junior Curriculum project this coming year. Given what was accomplished this spring, we are excited to see how much further we can get in another year.

3. A new project that we want to tackle is something to assist clubs with map permissions. We are seeing that it can be difficult to obtain permission to use a map for an orienteering event. We want to look at how Orienteering Canada can support or facilitate the process. Anyone interested in this project, please speak up!
4. Two new committees that we are wanting to start – speak up if you're interested! – are a Ski-O Committee and an MTB-O (mountain bike) committee. We would like to move forward with both of these arms of our sport, and need some interested people to help us with the two projects.
5. Once we achieve all the eligibility criteria for Sport Canada Funding, our next step will be to go through the assessment phase after which we hope to know what sort of funding to expect.

### **Successes and Challenges**

1. Whenever we have people take on a task or project and see it through to completion, I am left with a great sense of gratitude. The saying that “many hands make light work”, is never more true than in a volunteer organization like ours. So thank you to all those who have contributed a hand at one time or another! The challenge, then, is always being on the lookout for new volunteers – recognizing their areas of interest and expertise, their willingness and availability, and fitting roles and people together. If you see anything in what Orienteering Canada is doing that interests you, please let me know!
2. It is important to have Canada represented at the annual IOF meetings that take place in conjunction with the World Orienteering Championships each year. It is also often difficult to find someone to attend the meetings; without funding to send a representative, we rely on Canadians who are there already, usually wanting more to spend their time participating in the spectator events or spectating at the WOC events, than attending meetings. A challenge every year!

### **Finances**

1. I attended the Sport Leadership Conference in Winnipeg in November of 2015, along with Tracy Bradley and Charlotte MacNaughton. Two and a half days of very interesting and informative presentations and discussions. Many of the topics were relating to coaches and athletes, however much of the conversation was transferable to administration and management. As these conferences always do, it energized me about the future for Orienteering Canada.

### **Additional Notes**

1. My first two year term as president is up at this year's AGM. I am willing to stand for a second two year term, unless there are other interested parties, especially since I am only just starting to feel comfortable in this role. However, after a second two year term I would like to pass the reins on to a new president. So I will be thinking about succession planning. New blood is always important in a well-functioning organization!