



Committee Report to 2017 AGM

Committee Name	Sass Peepre Junior Development Committee
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Past Year's Work

1. **Skills Progression = Athlete Development Matrix (ADM)** Phase 1 (Technical Skills for first 5 LTAD stages) was completed March 31, 2016. Jeff Teutsch worked on Phase 2 (Physical Skills for first 5 LTAD stages) Dec 2016 – March 31, 2017 and June 2017. Jeff attended the Sport for Life summit in January 2017, which was very relevant to this project. Matt Hryciuk gathered a small group of advisors to support Jeff. The ADM documents (Skills Development chart and Skills Progression Document) on OC's LTAD webpage will be updated at the end of June, to include the Physical Skills material, so that junior program organizers and coaches can access it before their fall programs begin.
2. **Sass Peepre Camp:** July 30 – Aug 1 at Morin Heights in the Laurentians, Quebec. At June 16, there were 34 registrations (ages 7-19) and about 20 volunteers. More than half the registrations are Ramblers families, and a large number are beginners. It is hoped that this camp will leave a legacy for Ramblers. Anna Fichman obtained a \$5,000 grant from "Canada 150 – Community Foundation of Canada (Laurentians)" to keep camp fees affordable this year.
3. **SPOTT:** was not offered this spring (2017). It was decided to give this program a break for a year.
4. **United World Games:** an effort was made to organize some Canadian juniors to attend this event in June 2017 in Austria. However there was not enough interest.

Future Work – Projects and Goals

1. **ADM:** The goal is for Jeff to work on Phase 3 (Mental/Psychological and Life Skills for first 5 LTAD stages) as time permits under a contract from June 1 - Dec 31, 2017. Initially, he intends to gather input on the overall ADM scope as well as what web-based platform would be best for the resources he is creating. Jeff is being supervised by Tracy. Communication with OC's LTAD committee is occasional but ongoing. SPC suggests the costs of Phase 3 be shared 50/50 between OC and SP Fund.
2. **Sass Peepre Camp:** should be offered in conjunction with 2018 COC and NAOC in Whitehorse.
3. **SPOTT:** SP committee will decide in November 2017 whether or not to offer an online SPOTT program Feb – June 2018.
4. **Overseas competitions for juniors:** possible competitions will be assessed as well as possible interest among Canadian families to work together to facilitate a trip for juniors.

Successes and Challenges

Successes:

1. **ADM:** Jeff Teutsch has done excellent work on the ADM; we're pleased that he can continue as time permits at least until Dec 2017.
2. **Sass Peepre Camp:** ends Aug 1; hope to report success at AGM
3. A big thank you to all 6 SP committee members, who are all a pleasure to work with!

Challenges:

1. **ADM:** We appreciate Tracy helping out by supervising Jeff on his contract. This project will soon become bigger than this committee can handle on its own. The ADM will become a resource as fundamental as the LTAD Guide, impacting many areas including junior development, HPP, coaching, officials and outreach. Costs for this project are high, and will be ongoing, hence the suggestion for OC to start paying some of the costs. We do not want the Sass Peepre Fund to be completely used up by the ADM, as we need a slush fund for future camps and other projects such as SPOTT.

Finances

So far all finances for all these projects are going through OC's Sass Peepre Fund. Occasionally the Camp and the online SPOTT program have deficits which have been covered by the SP Fund. Currently, by far the bulk of our expenses are for the ADM. Phase 1 cost \$2,300. Phase 2 cost \$2,950. The budget for Phase 3 is \$3,000. When Phase 3 is done, we will still have to develop all 4 groups of Skills for the last 4 LTAD stages.

Sass Peepre Fund balance at mid-May 2017 = \$9,071.42

Additional Notes