Sass Peepre Junior Development Committee Report to 2016 AGM

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Past Year’s Work

1. **SPOTT**: organized and led by Adam Woods (on contract Jan 31 – June 30); 10 sessions (every second Thursday); 9 kids registered but only 3-5 kids in attendance for any session. All kids this year were new, so Adam was able to use the 2015 program with small adjustments. Minimum time spent on preparation.


3. **Skills Progression = Athlete Development Matrix (ADM)** = a document which describes what skills athletes should be learning at each stage of development. Jeff Teutsch & Kate Knapp were hired to work on contract Oct 2015 - March 31, 2016, to complete Phase 1. Goal = to create a series of tools to help instructors, coaches, and program administrators implement this matrix throughout their programs. To date, Jeff/Kate have created two resources which are works-in-progress: a technical skills progression document and a development chart which both show the technical skills that should be taught at each LTAD stage of athlete development from Active Start (0-6 years) up to Train to Train 2 (~age 16). GVOC’s junior program (OAK) shared a set of 8 lesson plans. Resources are listed on LTAD webpage: [http://www.orienteering.ca/resources/long-term-athlete-development/](http://www.orienteering.ca/resources/long-term-athlete-development/) Big thanks to Jeff & Kate who seem an ideal team to move this forward.

Future Work – Projects and Goals
1. SPOTT should be offered again Feb – June 2017.
2. Sass Peepre Camp should be offered in conjunction with 2017 COC (Ottawa?)
3. ADM: work should continue, starting in fall 2016. Winter is the best time to make progress on this. We hope to enlist Jeff & Kate again, if their schedule permits.

Successes and Challenges

Successes:
1. Adam Woods has done an excellent job delivering SPOTT.
2. Sass Peepre Camp – hope to report success at AGM (camp finishes the day before the AGM)
3. ADM: Jeff & Kate were an excellent team for this project. Hope to enlist them again over 2016-17 winter/spring to work on Phase 2.

Challenges:
1. This committee is at the limit of its capacity.

Finances

All finances for all 3 projects are going through Orienteering Canada’s Sass Peepre Fund. Dave Graupner has the details.