



**2016 – 2017**

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Agenda**

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**Annual Committee Reports**



## MISSION STATEMENT

*Skate Canada Manitoba is the leader in promoting and providing quality skating programs that inspires Manitobans to participate throughout their lifetime for fun, fitness and achievement.*

## VISION

*“A unified skating community that inspires participants to skate for Life”*

## VALUES

*Skating is at the heart of all that we do. We are passionate about making a difference in our sport. We do so by living our values every day.*

***COLLABORATION*** As partners in the delivery of skating in Manitoba, we believe in working together to provide the best possible programs and services to our members.

***RESPECT*** We treat each other with integrity and fairness and are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment

***EXCELLENCE*** We inspire, support and create the best possible environment to achieve individual and organizational excellence.

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**49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AGENDA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Brandon, MB  
Saturday, April 29, 2017**

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8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Registration of Delegates, Observers & Members of the Board of Directors

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Reading Notice of Meeting
3. Report as to quorum
4. Minutes of preceding Annual General Meeting
5. Motion to amend the Agenda as necessary
6. Confirmation of Actions taken by the Board
7. Skate Canada's Message
8. Chairman's Address
9. Reports
  - Finance Report
  - Executive Director
  - Committees
  - Regions
10. Proposed Rule Amendments - Skate Canada Manitoba
11. Proposed Rule Amendments - Skate Canada
12. Awarding of Championships and the next Annual General Meeting
13. Election of Officers
14. Appointment of Auditor
15. Appointment of Legal Counsel
16. New Business
17. Adjournment of Business Meeting

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**11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. LUNCH – On your own**  
**12:45 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. RAFFLE DRAW**

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## **WORKSHOPS**

Workshops will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in the afternoon from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The following workshops will be offered – all Workshops will be held in the **Grand Salon**

### **Workshop #1**

**Why not Synchro? The benefits & considerations of adding this team sport to your club**

Time: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Presenter: Megan Maxwell

### **Workshop #2**

**CanPower - What can it do for your club?**

Time: 1:45 - 2:15 p.m.

Presenter: Donna Kemp-Drysdale

### **Workshop #3**

**STAR 1-5: Everything you need to know**

Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Presenter: Jeff Partrick, Skate Canada

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## **AWARDS GALA EVENING**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Cocktails**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Presentations**

**END OF THE DAY'S FORMAL PROCEEDINGS**

**2016 - 2017**  
**Confirmation of Actions taken by the Board of Directors**

**Friday April 29, 2016**

- THAT the Minutes of March 12, 2016 be approved (as amended).
- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda from that which was printed, if necessary and be approved as circulated.
- To accept the 2015-2016 Unaudited Financial Statement ending March 31, 2016 as presented.
- To accept the 2016-2017 Skate Canada Manitoba Operating Budget as presented.
- To recommend the appointment of Scarrow and Donald Chartered Accountants as Auditors for 2016 – 2017 for Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To recommend the appointment of Levene, Tadman, Gutkin, Golub as Legal Counsel for 2016 - 2017 for Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To recommend the acceptance of the Championship dates and sites for 2016-2017 to the Annual General Meeting delegates.

**Sunday May 1, 2016**

- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda from that which was printed, if necessary and approve the agenda (as amended).
- To approve the signing authority for Skate Canada Manitoba to be any two of the following: Section Chairman, Executive Director and Vice Chair, Diane Brine.
- THAT the Board of Directors give the authority to the Executive Committee of Skate Canada Manitoba to carry out the day to day business of Skate Canada Manitoba Inc.
- To give the Executive Director the authorization to make Investments on behalf of Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To give approval to the Executive Director to sign sanctions on behalf of the Skate Canada Manitoba Chairman.
- THAT the following be approved as Alternates
- Regional Director Alternate:
  - Central
  - Eastman
  - Interlake - Sherri Orbanski
  - Norman
  - North Westman - Vicky Dryden
  - Parkland
  - South Westman
  - Winnipeg - Jacquie Enns
  - Coaching Alternate - Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere

### **Saturday September 24, 2016**

- THAT the Minutes of April 29, 2016 be approved as distributed.
- THAT the Minutes of May 1, 2016 be approved as amended.
- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda from that which was printed, if necessary and the Agenda be approved as printed (and amended).
- To approve the alternates for Regional Directors:
  - Central Tanya Giesbrecht
  - Eastman Connie Marques
  - Interlake Sherri Orbanski
  - Norman Heather Reed
  - North Westman Vicky Dryden
  - Parkland Tammy Edwards
  - South Westman Carla Lee
  - Winnipeg Jacquie Enns
- To approve 2016-2017 Committee Members
  - Michelle Magnusson added the Events Management Committee to the List:
  - Events Management Committee
  - Kim Baron - Director
  - Diane Brine – Vice Chair
  - Coaches - Pam Parker and Laurie Bertholet
  - Official - Shelly Meakin
  - Data Specialist - Don Brown
  - Member at large - Kim Thiessen
  - Office Resource – TBA
- Not approving CanSkate, Marketing and Audio, as they are not completed yet.

### **Saturday March 25, 2017**

- THAT the Minutes of September 24, 2016 be approved as circulated.
- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda
  - from that which was printed, if necessary and THAT the Agenda
  - be approved as printed and amended.
- Approve the final operating budget for Skate Canada Manitoba beginning April 1, 2017.
- THAT the Reports be approved (as amended) and distributed.
- To purchase 8 tickets for the Ice show and dinner.

## **Executive Director's Report Submitted by Shauna Marling**

We continue to embrace the changes that Skate Canada has been implementing. This year's biggest change will be in the STARSkate programming area. We are lucky to have a member of Skate Canada's National Service Centre team – Jeff Partrick attending our AGM in Brandon and he will be sharing with us the exciting changes to the STAR programs.

We need to ensure that all our stakeholders continue to review all the new information and changes from Skate Canada so we are running/managing our clubs and programs effectively and efficiently. I strongly encourage all members to take the time to go to Skate Canada's **E-Learning site** as there are many great online courses and resources for Coaches, Officials, Club Administrators and Test Chairs. Skate Canada's other knowledge based site for members is [Info Centre](#) it also provides you with information regarding Skate Canada programs, club resources etc.

I encourage your attendance and full participation at our AGM and workshops this year and hope that you attend the Annual Awards Gala evening to help us acknowledge our hard working and dedicated Volunteers, Skaters, Coaches and Officials from this past year.

I want to thank all the many Committees of Skate Canada Manitoba, the Board and Executive for all the work that you do throughout the year.

I would be remiss if I also didn't take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge the hard-working Section Staff. First off since our last AGM – Megan Foster has left Skate Canada Manitoba and moved on to work for Sport Manitoba as a Sport Development Officer in the West. So, thanks to Megan for her time and enthusiasm and good luck in your new position. Lois Kreutzer our organization's Administrative Assistant for over 24 year recently retired (Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>) and is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement!! Welcome to our new staff – Kendra Gilbert – Events & Administrative Coordinator and Cadfan Edwards – Technical Director both started this past October– so they have just passed their 6-month anniversary with Skate Canada Manitoba. They both continue to learn and grow into their positions – if you haven't had the opportunity to speak with or meet them yet – please take the time to introduce yourselves at the AGM.

### **Finance/Grants**

- Sport Manitoba funding for the 2016-2017 Fiscal year is \$130,800
- Our Sport Manitoba funding for the 2017-18 Fiscal year will not be released until the Summer of 2017
- Sport Manitoba Coaching Department also provides grants based upon availability of up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year
- Skate Canada provides us with grants from member registrations (skaters, coaches, officials and executive members), and test fee's. The value of this year's grant is anticipated to be approximately \$95,000



## ***Skate Canada Manitoba Skater Results***

### **2017 Skate Canada Challenge – Pierrefonds QC Nov 30-Dec 4, 2016**

#### ***Senior Women***

Deidre Russell 18/33

#### ***Junior Women***

Lindsey Hopkins – 54/54

#### ***Novice Women***

Casey Bertholet – 37/59

Andrea Laskovic – 56/59

Danae Russell – 52/59

#### ***Pre-Novice Women***

Julia Patenaude – 27/65

Chanel Cabak – 51/65

Emma King – 38/65

#### ***Pre-Novice Men***

Yohnatan Elizarov – 38-42

### **2017 Skate Canada National Synchronized Skating Championships Calgary AB – Feb 24-26, 2017**

#### ***Open***

University of Manitoba Ice Intrepid – 9/9

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#### **Skater/Team funding (podium placements and travel assistance)**

#### ***Senior Women***

Deidre Russell – Top 2/3rds = \$250

#### ***Junior Women-***

Lindsay Hopkins – meeting standard = \$150

#### ***Novice Women***

Casey Bertholet – Top 2/3rds = \$250

#### ***Pre-Novice Women***

Julia Patenaude – Top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> = \$250

Emma King – Top 2/3rds = \$250

Annika Duguay - Section Merit Award Winner = \$250

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### **Skate Canada's Annual Conference & General Meeting**

Skate Canada's Annual Conference and General Meeting will take place in Ottawa, Ontario from June 2-4, 2017. You can find all the information on Skate Canada's website

<https://skatecanada.ca/icesummit/>

## Skate Canada Manitoba Section Sponsors

I would like to thank our Section Sponsors for their continued support of skating in Manitoba. Without them Skate Canada Manitoba could not provide the program and services that we do on an annual basis. I would ask that you support our Section sponsors whenever you can and mention that you are a member of Skate Canada Manitoba and thank them for their support.



**PORTAGE  
VETERINARY  
HOSPITAL**

## Membership Report

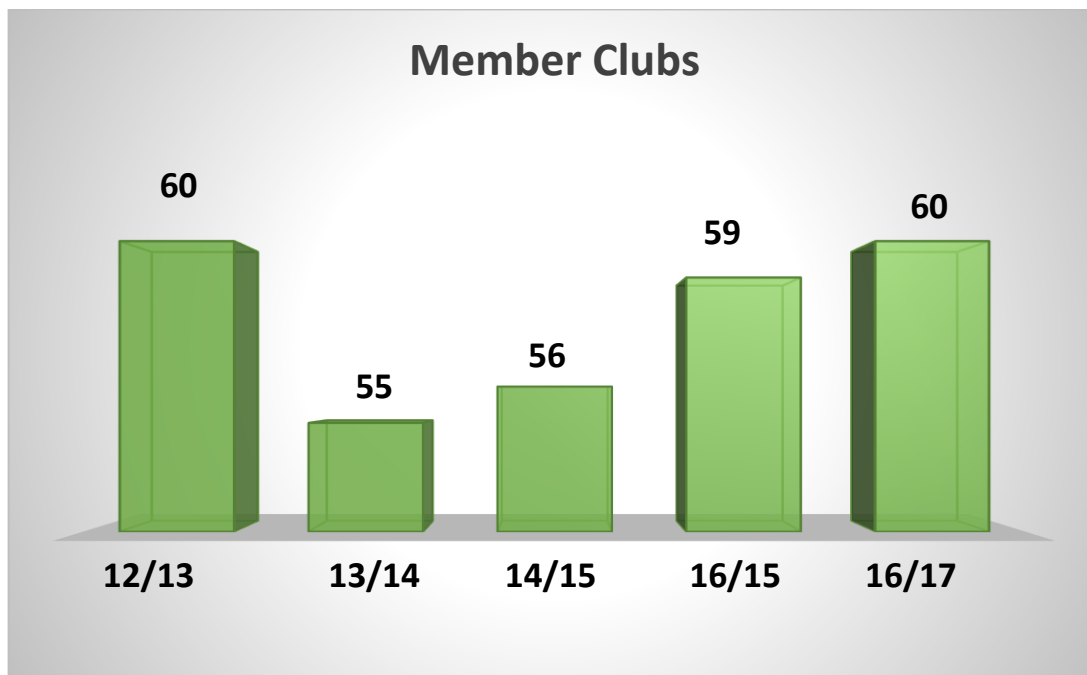
### Skate Canada Manitoba Club Membership Number Comparison between April 18, 2016 and April 1, 2017

CLUB NAME	4/1/2017 MEMBERS	4/1/2016 MEMBERS	PLUS/MINUS
Altona FSC	51	64	-16
Arborg SC	45	54	-9
Ashern FSC	32	45	-13
Beausejour SC	106	77	29
Birtle FSC	27	25	2
Boissevain FSC	63	59	4
Carberry FSC	166	114	52
Carman SC	85	97	-12
Cartwright	0	21	-21
Century SC	140	123	17
Deloraine Skate Club	57	51	6
East St Paul FSC	188	162	26
Elkhorn FSC	44	40	4
Flin Flon Skating Club Inc.	58	74	-16
Foxwarren FSC	23	19	4
Grunthal FSC	64	55	9
Hartney FSC	44	36	8
Hazelridge FSC	212	194	18
Highlander SS	1	2	-1
Holland FSC	41	46	-5
Kenton SC	17	0	17
Killarney (MB) FSC	76	58	18
La Broquerie SC	51	43	8
Lundar SC	42	42	0
Melita FSC	68	58	10
Minnedosa FSC	39	45	-6
Morden FSC	144	152	-8
Morris & District SC	39	46	-7
Neepawa FSC	85	69	16
Niverville SC Inc	79	74	5
Notre Dame De Lourdes FSC	69	48	21
Pilot Mound FSC	89	86	3
Portage SC	131	130	1
Reston FSC	27	39	-12
Rivers Skating Club	66	40	26
Riverton Ice Club	8	11	-3

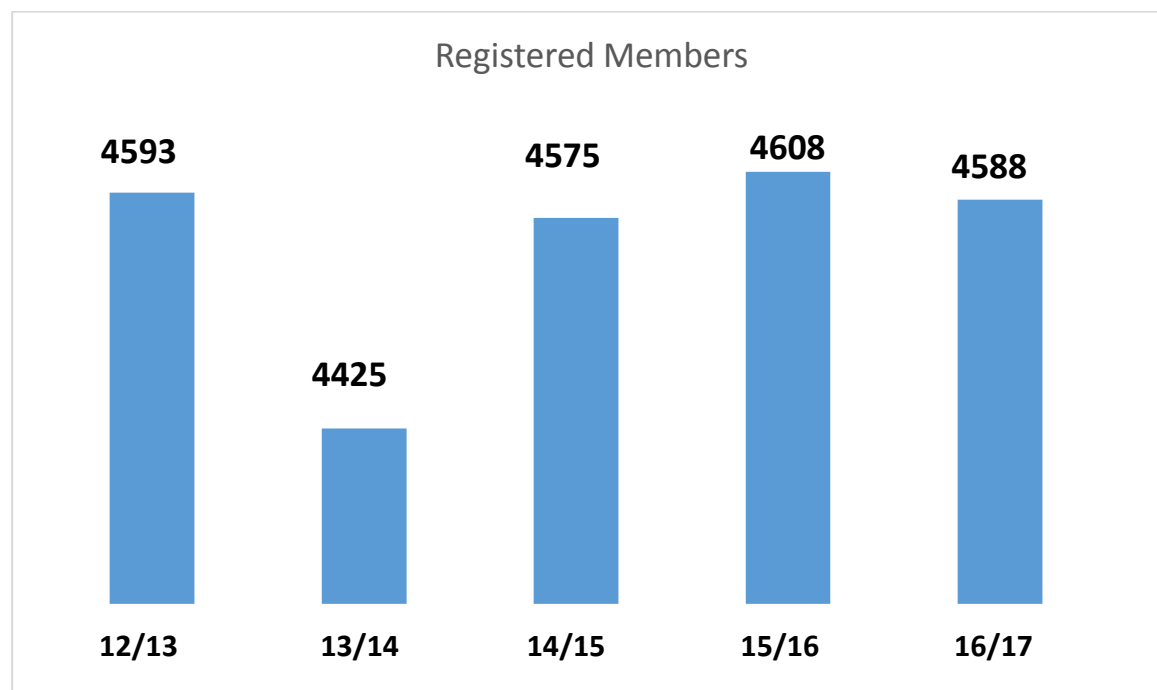
Club Name	4/1/2017 Members	4/1/2016 Members	plus/minus
Roblin FSC	56	59	-3
Russell (MB) FSC	99	106	-7
Seine River SC	69	110	-41
Selkirk SC	93	60	33
Skate Brandon	239	311	-72
Skate Dauphin	173	125	48
Skate Gillam	68	70	-2
Skate Interlake	45	49	-4
Skate Thompson	211	217	-6
Skate Virden	90	97	-7
Skate Winnipeg	282	167	115
Souris FSC	45	45	0
St Andrews (MB) SC	27	71	-44
Ste Rose SC	42	37	5
Steinbach	0	66	-66
Stonewall SC	71	73	-2
Stony Mountain SC	70	89	-19
Swan River SC	36	33	3
Teulon Skating Club	29	31	-2
The Pas SC	59	88	-29
Waskada FSC	48	62	-14
Winkler Skating Club	71	88	-17
Winnipeg WC Skating School	3	6	-3
Winnipegosis FSC	15	37	-22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4418</b>	<b>4396</b>	<b>19</b>

**NOTE 1:** Clubs may still be reporting membership numbers to Skate Canada, so a club total above may not be their final year end numbers. Club have until the end of the Skate Canada membership year to submit the 2016-17 members (August 31st).

**NOTE 2:** The following clubs did not operate in the 2016-17 year: Cartwright FSC (Central) & Steinbach FSC (Eastman)



**NOTE 1:** Includes clubs that did not operate in 2016



## **Technical Director Board Report**

### **Submitted by: Cadfan Edwards**

#### **CanSkate**

The 2016/17 budget approval was to continue an ongoing program of CanSkate Club visits. Initially both Skate Canada AND Skate Canada Manitoba were working on similar initiatives to do CanSkate Club Visits independently, however, we were able to work together to ensure that we selected different clubs and cover more Manitoba clubs in the process. The goal of Skate Canada was not to visit every club in the province. The goal was to reach out to a select number of clubs to get a consensus on if the new program was being delivered to standard. As a section, we have made it a goal to get all our clubs “attended to” either with an in person visit, or a conference call visit.

One club was visited this fiscal year, attended by the Clinician, the Technical Director and the Coaches Representative. One of the main goals of the visit was to assess the program, and ascertain if the delivery of the program could be accomplished through teleconferencing or video without diminishing the value to the club.

The experience gained from an in-person visit to a club truly in need of assistance is invaluable, and our clinicians do an amazing job working with the clubs. To be fiscally responsible, and reach the goal of seeing every club in an appropriate time frame, a new proposal was put forward in the 2017/18 budget.

The new proposal suggests that the initial point of contact with a club is through either a teleconference, or through a video submission process. If it is decided through that process that the club needs additional help in delivery standards, then an in-person visit will be arranged. Using this framework, Skate Canada Manitoba will have an ability to impact 20+ clubs in one fiscal year within the same budget constraints.

Due to only one site visit being performed in the current fiscal year, the remainder of the budget through discussions with the Executive Director will be re-directed to purchase all the equipment required to complete the club visits. \*Note: with each visit the clubs receive a bag filled with program delivery materials that will act as teaching aids in the program.

#### **STARSkate**

All STAR seminars were held in all regions in October and November. All but one post-event reports, budgets and pictures have been submitted. The numbers reflect all numbers except one region.

Total Participants (Skaters) – 134

Total Clubs Represented – 28

Total Coaches Attended – 18

With all seminars running within 5% of their projected budgets, and with such a large impact to Skaters, Coaches, and Clubs, this will be a core an ongoing initiative in future years.

#### **Male Development**

A meeting was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Male Development Program moving forward. In the past year, the Male Development Program was structured around having mentors visit boys at their clubs 1 on 1. There was a proposed seminar to follow at the end of the season, however it never materialized. It was a consensus amongst the committee that the purpose of the Male Development Program was not to

give technical feedback to the skaters, but to retain Males within our sport. As such a new proposal for use of the 2016/17 budget was submitted.

In the 2016/17 fiscal year, males from Manitoba traveled to Saskatchewan for their Black Boots Seminar. There were 10 boys in total that travelled to this seminar, as well as the Technical Director. Skate Canada Manitoba covered the registration for the 10 attendees at this event. In addition to the Black Boots Seminar in Saskatchewan, Manitoba held a short half day Seminar with Clinician Tyler Bidnyk.

In the 2017/18 fiscal year, the committee has proposed a budget for 1 Manitoba Seminar. In discussions with Saskatchewan, there will be an opportunity for boys from both provinces to attend the Saskatchewan Black Boots, as well as the Manitoba All Boys. The seminars held this year had a great sense of comradery between the boys, and exactly what we are look for to keep their interest.

### **Competitive**

This year Manitoba had a team of 9 skaters qualifying for the Skate Canada Challenge Event (see Executive Director Report for results). In preparation for Challenge, a Challenge Prep Seminar was organized. This was a new initiative proposed for the 2016/17 fiscal year. In past years' feedback from officials was given to skaters moving forward the next day following Sectionals. In the Challenge Prep Seminar, officials sitting on panel at Sectionals were invited to evaluate in a Simulation environment. The half day seminar was well received, and a great opportunity for the officials to further explain on calls that were awarded, and work closely with skaters and coaches on how to improve on things moving forward.

Following the Skate Canada Challenge Event Skate Canada Manitoba, as well as Skate Canada Saskatchewan and Skate Canada Alberta were approached by Skate Canada to hold a National Performance Center Training Seminar. There was an open discussion between Skate Canada, and the Technical Directors of each province on the area of focus. It was decided through post event reports from Challenge that the area of focus most in need was in GOE's and PC's.

Skate Canada in conjunction with Skate Canada Manitoba and Skate Canada Saskatchewan held the NPC West Seminar in Virden Manitoba on March 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. This was an invite only seminar directed to Coaches and Skaters. We proudly welcomed Shae Zukiwsky. Shae is an International Level Official, a former International Level Skater, and has choreographed international medalist's programs. The seminar was a massive success, and plans are under way with Skate Canada for next year's seminar. Please see the Competitive Committee Report for more information on programs that will be continuing under that portfolio.

**Events & Administrative Coordinator Report**  
**Submitted by: Kendra Gilbert**

**1. Sectionals:**

Total Registration: 67

Late Registrations: 0

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,747.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9492.27</b>
<b>Club Share</b>	<b>\$3152.84</b>
<b>Section Share</b>	<b>\$2,101.89</b>

**2. STARSkate Regionals**

- **Parkland:**

Total Registration: 27

Late Registrations: 2

<b>Total Profit</b>	<b>\$3,632.01</b>
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- **Norman:**

Total Registration: 82

Late Registrations: 5

<b>Total profit</b>	<b>\$282.00</b>
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- **North/South Westman:**

Total Registration: 93

Late Registrations: 4

<b>Total profit</b>	<b>\$4330.57</b>
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- **Winnipeg/Eastman:**

Total Registration: 77

Late Registrations: 5

<b>Total profit</b>	<b>\$3054.74</b>
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- **Central:**

Total Registration: 91

Late Registrations: 7

<b>Total profit</b>	<b>\$3,006.24</b>
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Synchro Teams who registered for Regionals: 2 (Winnipeg/Eastman)

**3. MB Open:**

Total Registration: 142

Late Registrations: 0

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$21,944.59</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,861.11</b>
<b>Club Share</b>	<b>\$4531.09</b>
<b>Section Share</b>	<b>\$2433.40</b>

**4. Synchro Championships:**



Total Registration: 18

Late Registrations: 0

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,896.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7470.06</b>
<b>Club Share</b>	<b>\$3255.57</b>
<b>Section Share</b>	<b>\$2170.37</b>

**5. STARSkate Championships:**

Total Registration: 174

Late Registrations: 7

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,274.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,348.70</b>
<b>Club Share</b>	<b>\$8227.28</b>
<b>Section Share</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

**6. Crocus Invitational:**

Total Registration: 22

Late Registrations: 3

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,510.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,808.88</b>
<b>Club Share</b>	<b>\$3,420.67</b>
<b>Section Share</b>	<b>\$2,280.45</b>

## 2016-17 Skate Canada Manitoba Competition Financial Information

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit/loss</u>	<u>40% Section</u>	<u>60% Club</u>
Skate Canada Sectional MB Championships Morden	\$14,747	\$9,492	\$5,255	\$2,102	\$3,153
MB Open Free Skate Waskada	\$21,944	\$15,861	\$6,083	\$2,433	\$3,650
Skate Canada MB Synchro Championships Morden	\$12,896	\$7,470	\$5,426	\$2,170	\$3,255
Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Provincial Championships Virden	\$20,274	\$8,349	\$11,925	\$4,000	**\$7,925
Crocus Invitational Dauphin	\$12,510	\$6,809	\$5,701	\$2,280	\$3,421
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$82,371</b>	<b>\$47,981</b>	<b>\$34,390</b>	<b>\$12,985</b>	<b>\$21,404</b>

**\*\* Any profits earned over and above \$10,000 remains with the host organization in its entirety**

## **Coaches Committee Report Submitted by Carol Light**

**Chair:** Carol Light – South Westman

**Regional Coaching Reps:**

Kaitlyn Loewen – Central

Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere – Eastman (Alternate)

Rosalyn Bauer – Interlake

Vacant – Norman

Cindy Mahoney – North Westman

Donna Kemp-Drysdale – Parkland

Laurie Bertholet – South Westman

VACANT – Winnipeg

**Office Resource** – Cadfan Edwards

### **1. Committee meetings held**

- April 30, June 12, September 11, October 23, December 11
- Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution
- Committee Reports were sent to Vice Chair for Executive Meetings when required

### **2. Update on current approved budget items**

- **Coaches Administration**
  - 4 Conference Calls were held throughout the season, 1 In Person Meeting was held during AGM weekend – both past & new committee members
  - We did not receive any Coaching MB Bingo's this season
- **Friday Night Seminar at AGM**
  - Meeting was held Friday April 29 at Victoria Inn & Convention Centre in Winnipeg, in conjunction with SCMB AGM & Annual Recognition Reception
  - Speakers – Kevin Wu (Boots & Blades), Carolyn Cameron (Building Community & Passion for Sport)
  - 22 Coaches attended the session
  - Expenses – reflected in Coaches AGM Expenses
  - We will continue to provide a training opportunity on Friday Evening of the Coaches AGM weekend
- **Coaches AGM**
  - Meeting was held Saturday April 30 at the Victoria Inn & Convention Centre in Winnipeg, MB in conjunction with SCMB AGM
  - 40 Coaches attended the Meeting
  - Expenses - \$1106.78. Coaching MB Coach Appreciation Grant received - \$1000
- **CanSkate University**
  - This initiative was explored and it was decided to partner with Saskatchewan as they had been approved to run a CanSkate University in their Section
  - No Manitoba applications were received to attend the Saskatchewan CanSkate University
  - This initiative will not be further pursued
- **Master Class**
  - Skate Canada has developed an excellent NPC site which provides free video tutorials to coaches on a variety of skills, this site along with the eLearning site provides a large selection of education for our coaching community

- At this time, we did not feel that creating Master Class opportunities would benefit the Section Coaches as we believe that coaches should seek out the information provided by Skate Canada prior to us creating additional resources in house
- **Learn/Train to Compete Seminar (in conjunction with Provincial Seminar May 7 & 8)**
  - 17 Coaches were in attendance (11 with a skater & 6 without a skater)
  - Registration fees were collected - \$1160. Expenses totaled - \$631.30
  - Clinician Patty Hole was fantastic and the committee is working on planning the 2017 seminar with a similar format
- **Learn to Train (STARSkate) Back to Basics Seminars**
  - 2 seminars were planned for this season: Stony Mountain – October 1 – 16 Coaches attended & Killarney – October 2 – 18 Coaches attended
  - Expenses - \$4131.33. Registration Fees were collected - \$2475.00
  - Coaching MB Special Initiatives Grant received - \$1000
  - Clinicians Patty Hole & Tammy McKay were fantastic
  - This season we partnered with the Competitive Committee to host the Pre-Juv & Juvenile Simulations in the afternoon at each seminar, we felt this was an excellent partnership and will continue to offer this opportunity at the 2017 seminars
- **Mentorship**
  - To date this program has been identified as important but there has not been a lead identified. Hopefully, we will be able to create a plan and use some of the positive feedback Skate Canada has received on their mentorship model to move this program forward in our Section

### **3. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction(s) that are within your Committee/portfolio**

- No direct Strategic Direction for the Coaches Committee
- Currently our committee is aligned with the Strategic Direction that is reviewing our Skating Programs
  - No further collaboration has happened since the Skating Programs meeting in August 2014

### **4. Provide information on all other programs and initiatives for your committee**

- **Technical Rep Session**
  - We had hoped to host another Technical Rep Session with the topic of skate sharpening but this was not able to be coordinated this season.
- **Coaches Professional Development**
  - Section activities that qualify for Coaching Professional Development points have been added to the Locker and coaches have been given credit based on attendance sign in sheets
  - Coaches are now able to self-report activities in the Locker for any non-Section qualifying activities
- **Coaches Registration**
  - There have been a few changes to how Skate Canada completes registration this season
  - No Coach Cards were printed this season
  - Clubs & Coaches can check to see if any Coach is In Good Standing (registered, valid first aid & screening and holds an NCCP Status of at minimum CanSkate Trained) This information is available on the Skate Canada Membership Site
  - There will no longer be a list of registered coaches provided to Regionals Directors or Regional Coaches Reps from the Section Office or Coaching Committee
  - A process for Event Accreditation for Coaches was put in place this season. We used color-coded wristbands to identify which, NCCP Certification Coaches hold and to indicate they are In Good Standing. The necessity of the color-coding is for this upcoming season where Skate

Canada will implement the new Accreditation Policy and the required NCCP status will reflect the Level of Skater you are coaching.

- **Regional Meetings**

- Regional Coaches Meetings were held in Fall 2016 in conjunction with ALL STAR Seminars.
  - Central – November 12 – Carman – 5 Coaches attended
  - Eastman – November 12 – Hazelridge – 2 Coaches attended
  - Interlake/Winnipeg – no meeting held
  - Norman – no meeting held
  - North Westman – no meeting held
  - Parkland – October 30 – Swan River – 4 Coaches attended
  - South Westman – October 29 – Killarney – 4 Coaches attended
- Regional Coaches Meetings were held in Winter 2016 in conjunction with Regional Competitions.
  - Central – January 14 – Pilot Mound – 9 Coaches attended
  - Eastman/Winnipeg – January 28 – Winnipeg – 5 Coaches attended
  - Interlake – January 22 – Teulon – 8 Coaches attended
  - Norman – no meeting was held RCR stepped down before Regionals, information was emailed to the Norman coaches
  - North/South Westman – February 4 – Deloraine – 11 Coaches attended
  - Parkland – January 15 – Swan River – 4 Coaches attended
  - Synchro Championships – January 21 – Morden – 10 Coaches attended

- **Communication**

- Monthly eBlasts were sent out to coaches in lieu of the Newsletter
- We will review and determine what format is a good fit for our Communication Strategy for the Coaching Community in Manitoba

- **AGM 2017**

- Planning is underway for the 2017 Coaches AGM & Workshop
- Grant Opportunities will be applied for in March 2017 in accordance with our submitted Budget

## **5. List any questions or concerns**

- Concerns that have come up throughout the season have been addressed with the Section Board and respective Committee Chairs

## **6. List any suggestions/ideas for the future**

- We will continue to work to minimize costs within our Budget
- Our focus for the 2017-2018 season will be executing our Year 3 commitments
- We have reviewed our Committee, SCR & RCR Terms of Reference and will hopefully, have them passed at the Board Meeting in April 2017

## **7. List any collaborations with other committees**

- We intend to continue our partnership with the Skating Programs Committee – sub committees – Competitive, CanSkate, STARSkate and the Regional Directors Committee to continue to generate ideas and communicate between Clubs, Athletes, Regions & Coaches

**Section Course Administrator Report**  
**Submitted by: Carol Light & Cadfan Edwards**

**1. Update on current NCCP approved budget items**

a. NCCP Courses

- CanSkate – May 6-8, 2016; Sportsplex, Brandon MB; 16 registered and attended; Megan Foster was the Coach Developer. Budgeted amount was a profit of \$169.
- CanPowerSkate – May 14-15, 2016; PCU, Portage MB.; 12 registered and attended; Donna Kemp-Drysdale was the Coach Developer. Budgeted amount was a loss of \$15; Actual was a profit of \$1535.60
- Primary STARSkate – May 27-29, 2016; PCU, Portage MB.; 7 registered and attended; Tammy McKay was the Coach Developer. Budgeted amount was a loss of \$13; Actual was a loss of \$837.90
- CanSkate – September 9-11, 2016; PCU Centre, Portage MB.; 11 registered and attended; 1 participant still needs to complete the Pre-Course Module to receive credit for the course; Megan Foster was the Coach Developer. Budgeted amount was a profit of \$169; Actual was a profit of \$497.94
  - The Spring ISPC Course was cancelled due to low registration.
  - The Fall Primary STARSkate Course was cancelled due to low registration.
  - This season Laurie Reade stepped down as Course Developer for both the CanSkate & Primary STARSkate courses. A call out for an additional Club Coach Developer (CanSkate) will be made by the Section during 2017. A call out for Regional Coach Developer (Primary STAR) will be made by Skate Canada early 2017 all Coach Developer's for this level need to be retrained based on the new NCCP material.
  - There will be a new process for our Learning Facilitators for The Regional Coach Course. Manitoba has two applicants, and training will take place in June of 2017.
  - We plan to continue to offer 2 Regional Coach & 2 Club Coach courses during the season, as well as, a CanPowerSkate Course. We will plan to offer another Provincial Coach course in the Spring of 2018.

## **Communications Committee Report**

### **Submitted by: Susan Zuk**

**Director:** Susan Zuk

**Office Representative:** Shauna Marling

#### **1. Committee Meetings Held**

- Working Meetings: Sep. 23, Oct. 26, Nov. 17, Jan. 10, Jan. 26, Feb.15

#### **2. Update on currently approved budget items**

- Media Releases Using Media Contact List in MailChimp
  - 2017 Skate Canada Manitoba Crocus
  - 2017 Skate Canada Synchro Nationals – Announcement (February 2016)
  - 2017 Skate Canada STARSkate Competition – Announcement (February 2017)
  - 2017 Prairie Synchro Competition – Announcement (February 2017)
  - 2017 Skate Canada Manitoba Open Competition – Announcement (February 2017)
  - Victoria Inn Sponsorship – Announcement (January 2017)
  - Skate Canada Manitoba Regionals – Announcement (January 2017)
  - Skate Canada Challenge – Announcement of 2017 Challenge Team (Nov 2016)
  - Skate Canada Manitoba Sectionals – Announcement (Oct 2017)
- **PROMOTIONS**
- **Shaw TV recorded**
  - University of Manitoba Ice Intrepid Synchro Skating Team
  - Manitoba Sectionals Synchro Skating Competition in Morden, Manitoba
  - Released onto Shaw TV and YouTube January 24, 2017
- **CBC Radio 1**
  - Interviewed members of the U of M Ice Intrepid Synchro Skating Team (Feb 24/17)
- **MailChimp**
  - Section Office continues to use MailChimp for communication to a variety of groups including:
  - Officials, Clubs, Skaters (various categories), Media, Regional Supervisors, Executive
- **Facebook**
  - Releasing more promotion of events on Facebook this season. Need to make it an activity included in all events skaters are attending
  - Skate Canada Manitoba Awards - Award selection in process with award selection team

#### **3. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction(s) that are within your Committee/portfolio**

- Strategic direction is to enhance communications internally & externally as performed above.

#### **4. Information on all up-coming programs and initiatives**

- Communication Tool Implementation
  - Website – waiting for Skate Canada to identify their next steps.
  - Continued media releases and Facebook updates for the year.
  - Communications Matrix Template
  - Continue to update the communication matrix

#### **5. List any collaborations with other committees**

- To collaborate during the rest of the year per the Communications MatrixEvents Management Annual Report

## **Events Management Committee**

### **Submitted by Kim Baron**

**Director & Committee Chair** – Kim Baron

**Vice Chair** – Diane Brine

**Members:** Pam Parker, Laurie Bertholet, Shelley Meakin, Don Brown, Kim Thiessen

**Office Resource** – Kendra Gilbert

#### **Committee Meetings**

- Teleconference meetings – minutes submitted for distribution:
- July 4, 2016; September 19, 2016; December 7, 2016; February 1, 2017
- Pre-Competition LOC Teleconference, December 18, 2016 – minutes submitted for distribution
- Email Communication ongoing

#### **Update on Current Items**

- Administration- Meetings will be held by teleconference; no face-to-face meetings planned now.
- Continued revisions of Local Organizing Committee Guidelines Packages .
- Regional Directors have been contacted for feedback on STAR 5+ FreeSkate events at regionals.

#### **Initiatives Achieved**

- Contact had been made with each of the competition Local Organizing Committees
- 2017-18 budgets & competition fees have been set and submitted to the executive committee for review and approval.
- Technical packages for competitions/events and fun skates are being reviewed prior to awarding of sanction.
- Site visits to new hosting venue was completed.
- Pre-Competition Teleconference was held with LOC Chairpersons, Technical Reps & Chief Referees.
- Section & Region Event Grids have been extended to the end of the 2019/2020 season.
- Competition events are based on LTAD model; Skate Canada Event standards are used when available (i.e. – 2016-17 STARSkate Supplementary Events Technical Package); changes to be reflected in Competition Announcement Form
- Host locations for all 2017-18 competitions have been secured.

#### **Up-coming Initiatives**

- Continue revisions to Local Organizing Committee Guidelines packages.
- Review the collected feedback from the STAR 5+ Regional Competition restructures.
- Welcome all upcoming LOCs and provide direction to get them started with their planning.
- Collect all Post-Event Reports from 2016-17 competitions.
- Competition information/budgets/post event reports to be shared with Committee Chair this year to facilitate planning with future host clubs/committees.
- Distribute extended competition grids to all Regional Directors.
- Continued review of competition entry fees

#### **Questions or Concerns**

- Difficulties in finding Local Organizing Committees (Host Clubs) for Section-Managed Competitions based on the proposed grid that attempts to balance events between the East and the West. We are hopeful that distribution of the extended competition grid will allow for more advanced planning and help alleviate this ongoing issue.
- Concerns have been raised regarding the competition profit share. Discussions ongoing.



### **Collaboration with other Committees**

- Revision of Local Organizing Committee Guidelines will continue with input from other committees as appropriate.
- Request feedback from Synchro Committee on the Skate to Standard Beginner I and Beginner II synchro pilot held at 3 STARSkate Regional Competitions.
- Continue with a Venue Review update with input from the Regional Directors. Upon completion, the Synchro Committee will be invited to assist with identifying facility criteria to list arenas suitable for hosting synchronized skating competitions.

## **Marketing Committee Report**

### **Submitted by: Steven Howes**

**Director & Chair:** Steven Howes

**Co-Chair:** Donna Yee

**Vice Chair:** Diane Brine

**Office Resource:** Shauna Marling

#### **1. Committee meetings held:**

Wed., Sept. 28th 2016; Thurs., Oct. 27th, 2016; Wed., Dec. 7th, 2016 – Conference Call

#### **2. Strategic Directions**

Explored possibility of a partnership with The Forks.

Meeting with Paul Jordan, CEO and Jason Pancoe on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. First contact was met with a positive response. Will be further exploring this possibility for the 2017-2018 season and working with Skate Canada Manitoba and local clubs on ideas for winter programming at the Scotia Rink (or Forks Gazebo). This is not a money generating partnership but aimed at exposure for Skate Canada programs and for MB skaters and skating clubs.

#### **3. Up-coming programs and initiatives:**

The committee established a target list of companies. Selected companies were contacted. Some have corporate policies regarding sponsorship that targets groups with different mandates than Skate Canada Manitoba. Ivivva has indicated strong interest in having skaters on MB teams become part of the “Ivivva Girl Crew”. The number of skaters is limited and details will be worked out when the new team structure is released and the number of skaters on each team (Elite, High Performance, Development teams) is known. This does not generate money for Skate Canada Manitoba but it provides benefits directly to the skaters in terms of discounts and other opportunities.

Shaw Direct contacted Skate Canada Manitoba office regarding a possible partnership, focused on rural constituency base. Shaw Direct may be interested in a combined in kind and financial program (bursaries/grants etc.), likely first on a 1 year trial. Their goal is to increase customers through partnering with Skate Manitoba. At this point, information about Skate Canada Manitoba events has been provided to Shaw Direct and we are waiting to hear back from the Shaw Direct Marketing Department to see if this will be pursued further.

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre – The committee has completed a renewal for another 5-year partnership from January 2017 – January 2022.

#### **4. Questions/Concerns**

Possible changes to Bingo and relationship with Manitoba Lotteries may affect income and require more marketing and fundraising efforts.

#### **5. List any suggestions/ideas for the future**

We have a list of potential sponsors to contact. We welcome further suggestions. We are looking for sponsors that share the values of our sport and/or promote healthy living, participation in sport, and community volunteerism. We have a developed sponsorship information package; and in the coming year we will focus on directed sponsorship that encourages support for targeted events or items directly related to skater development and training.

## Officials Reports

### Audio Committee Submitted by: Stan Yee

**Director/Chair:** Stan Yee

**Vice Chair Assigned:** Diane Brine

**Committee Members:**

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards

The Audio committee and volunteers worked at many competitions throughout the year. The year began with our Manitoba events starting with the Summer Open hosted by Skate Winnipeg; followed by Competition Simulations in Morden and then the 2017 Skate Canada Manitoba Sectional Competition also in Morden in November. Skate Winnipeg SuperSkate followed later in November

Stan Yee attend Skate Canada Autumn Classic International in Montreal; Skate Canada Challenge in Pierrefonds. Stan Yee, had the privilege of attending 2017 Canadian Tire National Figure Skating Championships in Ottawa and 2017 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Calgary.

Starting off 2017, In January Michelle Magnusson attended North/South Westman, Central and Interlake Regionals as well as Synchro Championships.

We also attended the 2017 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Eastman/Winnipeg Regionals completed all the Regional events. 2017 SCMB Manitoba Open, 2017 SCMB STARSkate Championships and Crocus Invitational rounded out the remaining Skate Canada Manitoba events. Stony Mountain was the last event of the season.

Stan Yee will be attending The Grassroots Bursary Ice Show in early April followed by the SCMB AGM in Brandon to finish the year.

Next season our small group will be even busier with the inclusion of 2018 Skate Canada Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships and 2018 PowerSmart Manitoba Winter Games in Thompson.

This past season has seen great improvement in music related challenges. We are still seeing some submitting mp3 music even when the tech packages require for wav files only. By doing so, it causes us additional work to convert the music to wave files before playing at competitions. We ask that you all Clubs and Coaches share this information as it will greatly assist the Audio Team.

We did attempt to have music submissions along with registrations but this failed due to the service provider not allotting enough space to submit the music. We will review the process through the summer with the hopes that we can find a solution to make this initiative work

This is my final report (Stan Yee) because I am stepping off the Board and the Music (Audio) Committee making room for some new blood to carry on the tradition. I wish to thank all that I have worked with these past decades and all the great local organizing committees and their volunteers. Without all the great volunteers, this sport would not be where it is today.

I have greatly enjoyed travelling around the province and all the great local hospitality.  
On behalf of Michelle and I thank you!!!

## **Data Specialists Committee Report Submitted by Don Brown**

**Chair:** Don Brown

**Director:** Stan Yee

**Vice Chair Assigned:** Diane Brine

**Committee Members:** Donna Yee, Danielle Flamand, Monique Laskovic

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards

The Data Specialists committee met on 13 September 2016 and reviewed the assignments for the upcoming season, which have since been passed to the office for publication. A DS clinic was scheduled for 15 October and concentrated on STAR 1 – 4 and STARSkate events as there have been a number of changes and updates for these events. A total of 7 of our 8 Data Specialists attended the clinic and it was very successful.

We have three new Data Specialists who will be STARTing this year which is huge bonus for our dwindling numbers. Diane Best has retired and we wish her luck in the future.

Don Brown has received an invite as a Data Specialist at the Canadian Synchronized Championships in Calgary.

The 2016/2017 season has gone remarkably well and all Data specialists have been getting more experience. The three new Introductory Data Specialists have all stepped up to the challenge and have accepted all roles assigned to them. One new potential Introductory Data Specialist from Thompson has been identified and has been given the necessary paperwork to START getting registered.

We have tried to pair our new Introductory Data Specialists with our more experienced ones and this has proven to be a success. All in all it was a very successful season.

We are still actively looking for new Data Specialists.

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## **Judges, Evaluators and Techs Committee Report Submitted by: Marj Beddall**

**Chair:** Marj Beddall

**Director:** Stan Yee

**Vice Chair Assigned:** Diane Brine

**Committee Members:** Karren Antymniuk, Diane Harder, Mary Ellen McDonald, Shelley Meakin, Brenda Sokoloski, Gisele Sutherland

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards

### **1. Committee Meeting**

June 1, 2016, Portage la Prairie

November 5, 2016, minutes were submitted to the office

### **2. Current Approved Budget**

- a) Administration -\$ 500 - \$ 398.71 spent
- b) Hospitality - \$ 450 – uncertain of the amount spent
- c) Judges Exchange/training - \$3600 – all has been spent
- d) STAR 1-4 Judges Clinic - \$275 – uncertain of amount spent
- e) Synchro Novice Clinic - \$1750 – cancelled

### 3. Strategic Plan

- a) SCMB have effective and qualified officials – 2016 have a new TC- Mary Ellen McDonald, have a junior singles judge - Amber Lotz, 6 new STAR 1-4 judges and 1 new interpretive judge – Kirby Ann Hintz.
- b) Communication – did a survey of all judges in October to find their goals for the coming year.
- c) Culture of Officials development – In April 2016 we had 29 active judges (21 are also evaluators), and 7 active techs (4 of which are also judges). We have had one official retire and one inactive. This brings our total judges to 27 active or a retention rate of 93%.
- d) Performance Management – still working on this
- e) Meaningful Partnerships – not part of our skill set

### 4. Out of province officiating

- a) Sask Skate, August 13-14 2016– Cadfan Edwards, Danielle Swain, Brenda Sokoloski, Danielle Swain, and Shelley Meakin.
- b) Minto Skate Ottawa, July 2016 – Rachel Nickel, Amber Lotz
- c) Vermillion Bay, ON test day – Kirby Ann Hintz and Debbie Haney
- d) Prairie Synchro, Saskatoon, February 2017 – Megan Maxwell, Mary Ellen McDonald, Marj Beddall
- e) PEI Synchro, March 2017 – Mary Ellen McDonald
- f) Dryden, ON test day, March 2017 – Diane Brine
- g) Oxbow, SK test day, March 2017 – Brenda Sokoloski
- h) Keewatin/Kenora ON test day, March 2017 – Debbie Haney

As I step down from this position, I want to thank the committee members from over the years for their knowledge and support. Congratulations to the new chair – Amber Lotz.

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### Test Days Report Submitted by Diane Harder

**Test Days** – There were 44 test days requested during the period from Nov.1st –March 31st. 11 test days were cancelled. There were 24 test days requested in the period from April 1st - Oct.31st A breakdown of testdays & evaluators per region are listed below:

Region	# of Test days	# Evaluators
Central Region	13	2
Eastman	6	2
Interlake	9	2
Norman	5	0
Parkland	3	1
North Westman	13	5
South Westman	8	1
Winnipeg	10	7

The Manitoba Section has 28 Evaluators/Judges and 8 individuals that are only qualified to judge competitions which leaves 20 officials available to evaluate at test days. This includes the period July 2016- August 2017.

Recruitment & Retention of Judges/Evaluators continue to be a concern as many of our judges are busy with competitions as well as accommodating all the test days during the skating year. I would like to thank the Judges Committee for all their support and guidance as well as all the Evaluator/Judges and the Judges Bureau Reps that covered all the test days & competitions.

**Skating Programs Report  
Submitted by: Cadfan Edwards**

**CanSkate Committee Report**

**Director:** Shawn Cabak

**Committee Members:** Dana McKee, Sybil Carello

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards

1. A proposed 16/17 CanSkate visit list was compiled by the CanSkate Committee with feedback from Regional directors and submitted to Skate Canada Manitoba.
  - 15 CanSkate kits from Quality Classrooms were to be ordered.
  - 1 visit was completed to the club most in need as identified by the committee. The visit was assessed by the Technical Director, and Coaches Rep to see viability of program running from primarily phone call and skype.
  - The additional funds approved for the fiscal year will be allocated to purchase CanSkate Kits for all remaining clubs. (with discussion and approval from Executive Director)
  - Initially both Skate Canada AND Skate Canada Manitoba were working on similar initiatives to do CanSkate Club Visits independently, however, we were able to work together to ensure that we selected different clubs and cover more Manitoba clubs in the process. The goal of Skate Canada was not to visit every club in the province. The goal was to reach out to a select number of clubs to get a consensus on if the new program was being delivered to standard. As a section, we have made it a goal to get all our clubs "attended to" either with an in person visit, or a conference call visit.
2. To be fiscally responsible, and reach the goal of seeing every club in an appropriate time frame, it is proposed that initial contacts with every club be through either a teleconference, or video stream. If it is decided through that process that they need additional help in delivery standards, at that time an in-person visit with one of our clinicians will be arranged. The Technical Director has budgeted for 20 conference calls/ video visits @ \$100 per call/ video and 4 in-person visits to be decided after the calls for the 2017/2018 budget. If approved, all clubs will have been attended to by the 2019 season.

Cadfan has prepared the upcoming 2017/2018 budget.

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**Competitive & Games Committee Report  
Submitted by: Cadfan Edwards & Patty Hole**

**Chair:** Patty Hole

**Director:** Shawn Cabak

**Committee Members:** Laurie Bertholet, Margo Russell, Tammy McKay, Dana McKee, Danielle Swain, Madison McCallum

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards

1. **Committee meetings held:** May 7, June 20, September 17, December 14, January 11.
2. Update on current approved budget items
  - **High Performance/Development Seminar** (completed)  
May 7 (HP & Development) & May 8 (HP only), Portage; HP- 12; Development-27; parents-12

**Clinicians**

- On-Ice – Michelle Leigh, Aline Chartrand
- Off-Ice –Cadfan Edwards (Technical Specialist), Dr. Riley Klassen (Maximized Living), Permieg (Bollywood), Chris (Ballet), Gisele Sutherland (Choreography), Brittany Bruinooge (Strength & Conditioning), Laura Ceccarelli (Sports Psychology), Michelle Magnusson (Self-Care & Youth in Philanthropy)
- 2017 High Performance in Virden Tundra Oil and Gas. Clinicians Darlene Schultz and Derek Schmidt
- **Pre-Seminar Lesson Day** (completed)
  - May 6, 2016; Portage; 32 – 15 minute sessions scheduled with Michelle Leigh (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
  - Evaluate costs (i.e. program needs to break even) in future
- **Sports Psychology** Ongoing program
  - Laura Ceccarelli provides Sports Psychology services to our skaters in varying degrees; in person, email, phone, facetime; attends seminars and competitions
- **Strength & Conditioning** Ongoing program
  - Sport for Life (WPG); Sport Manitoba Brandon; Portage-PCU Centre
  - Personalized programs available to HP and Elite team members with an attendance requirement
  - Development team members have access 1x per week at assigned locations
  - Quarterly fitness tests required for HP and Elite Members
- **Competitive Simulations** (completed) September 17 & 18, 2016; Morden
  - 37 skaters registered (Pre-Novice to Senior)
  - Officials-Karen Howard, Brett Hines, Cadfan Edwards, Mary Ellen McDonald, Tammy Dunbar
  - Karen Howard provided seminar for skaters and coaches – “Tips for Success in your Competitive Season”, “What’s New is Program Components”, & “The Interruption Rule: Things to Think About”.
  - Reports from event have been positive except for the removal of Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile from simulations with minimal notice. This has been addressed by planning to offer feedback at a more appropriate time/place.
- **Training Burst # 1** (completed) July 23, 2016; Winnipeg
  - 8 HP skaters attended
  - Officials – Brett Hines, Laura McDonell
  - Two hours of ice available for skaters to perform elements and receive feedback from TS/Judges.
  - Committee will plan one more Training Burst in for 2017 to review yearly plans
- **Challenge Prep Seminar** November 11, 2016 – Portage
  - For skaters who attended challenge
  - Skaters received feedback from Sectionals and opportunity to train/prepare for Challenge as a team; Cadfan Edwards, Danielle Swain and Mary Ellen McDonald provided feedback
- **Junior Development Program** March 12, 2017; Portage
  - 45 participants
  - Tyler Bidnyk On-Ice Clinician
  - Cadfan Edwards, Parmeg (Bollywood), Laura (sports psych) and Brittney Strength and conditioning; Off – Ice Clinicians

**3. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction(s) that are within your Committee/portfolio**

- Review Programs and Align with LTAD
- All Competitive / Games programming aligns with this Strategic Direction. This committee continuously strives to provide opportunities for our athletes to succeed in the Learn to Train, Learn to Compete, and Train to Compete stages, with the goal of having skaters acquire Learn/Live to Win stage
- Team Toba Structure has been re-structured to closer align to the LTAD

**4. Other Programs/New Initiatives**

- **Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile Simulation/Feedback Opportunity**- Committee is partnering with Coaching Committee to offer simulation/feedback opportunity to Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile skaters prior to Sectionals. Will involve coaching, TS and skaters.
- **SC Technical Director Meeting** – Attended national TD meeting at Ice Summit in May. Discussion included update on coaching certification changes, Next Gen Program, NPC, National Summer Series, and STAR 1-5 update.
- **National Performance Centre-West** – Seminar held on March 24<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen skaters and twelve coaches from Manitoba were selected to participate. The Seminar was a coach driven seminar with skaters being used as an aid. It was a huge success with great feedback. Next year's seminar planning will begin in April.

**5.**

- **MB Games** – Submitted Team Athlete and Development Plan and application form to Sport MB. Based on plan, funding enhancements were announced for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 (\$5000/year).
- **MB Series** – Introduced a MB series modeled after SC Summer Series for Pre-Juvenile to Senior skaters (48 skaters have registered)
- **SC Summer Series** – For results, see <https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca/categories/200372384-High-Performance> . SCMB had 15 skaters participate. Upcoming season will see the Summer Series reduced to 5 options for competitions.
- **Team Manager for Challenge and Canadians** – Committee is revising guidelines and selection process.
- **Canada Winter Games** – In process of completing Sport Performance Plan for core and enrichment funding.

**6. Collaborations with other committees: Ongoing collaborations with STARSkate, Coaching, Officials, and Events Management committees.**

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**STARSkate Committee Report**

**Submitted by: Kim Smith**

**Chair:** Kim Smith

**Director:** Shawn Cabak

**Committee Members:** Dana McKee, Heather Coates-Hamblin, Meghan Rafferty, Donna Kemp Drysdale, Tammy Karatchuk,

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards



### 1. Committee meetings held

- June 26<sup>th</sup> (clinician meeting), July 27<sup>th</sup> (meeting of committee members), November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution

### 2. Update on current approved budget items

- All STAR Seminars

Region	REQUESTED	Date	Backup Date	Location	Clinician
Central	5	12-Nov	13-Nov	Carman	Kelly
Winnipeg	JOINT w INTERLAKE				
Eastman	2	Nov.12	Nov.19	Hazelridge	Carol
N Westman	6	8-Oct	17-Dec	Brandon	Tammy & Meghan
S Westman	3	29-Oct		Killarney Swan	Dana
Parkland	4	30-Oct	16-Oct	River	Laurie
Interlake		Oct. 16		Arborg	Dana
Norman	1	Oct 28-Oct 30		The Pas	Tammy & Meghan

- 134 skater participants. 28 clubs represented. 18 coaches attended (**NOTE:** numbers do not include 1 post event report that we are still missing)
- budget amounts – all seminars ran within 5% of projected budget.

### 3. Update on Male Development

- The structure of Male Development in the 2016/2017 season has been shifted from a 1 on 1 approach, to focusing on getting all the boys together in one space to develop a sense of community.
- Male skaters attended a Black Boot seminar in Regina. Dave Shultz and Cadfan Edwards were the facilitators. Manitoba had 10 boys in attendance.
- The Manitoba version of the Black Boot seminar is being held in Portage on March 11; There are 11 boys registered for the half day seminar that will feature Tyler Bidnyk as the facilitator.
- Moving forward the budget proposal is to run 1 black boots seminar per fiscal year in Manitoba. Boys will also be set up with Mentor(s) (at cost of skater).

### 4. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction(s) that are within your Committee/portfolio

- To offer a high-quality seminar (AllSTAR seminar) for the Learn-to Train athlete focusing on needs and LTAD. (working towards)
- To establish programming to encourage male skaters to continue in figure skating programs (i.e. singles, pairs, dance, synchronized). (working towards)
- We are collaborating with the coaching committee to help us promote the All STARSkate Seminars plus with finding male skaters.
- One focus moving forward will be to reach out to coaches to ensure we are aware of all boys skating in the province.

## **Synchro Committee Report Submitted by Megan Maxwell**

**Chair:** Megan Maxwell

**Director of Skating Programs:** Shawn Cabak

**Vice Chair Assigned:** Michelle Magnusson

**Office Resource:** Cadfan Edwards

**Committee Members:** Tammy McKay, Meghan Sprung, Mary Ellen McDonald, Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere, Pam Parker, Jessica Watson

### **Committee Meetings**

- June 21, Nov. 22, Synchro Coaches Meeting in Morden on Jan. 21

### **Synchro Technical Update** Sept. 21, 2016

- Reviews newest ISU and Skate Canada rules and requirements for the upcoming season. Includes videos of well executed examples of elements.
- Open to synchro coaches and officials
- Delivered by Canadian level synchro judge and TS, Andrew Bosco
- 7 coaches and 1 official attended
- 2 New Brunswick coaches also participated
- Session was recorded for coaches who were not able to attend to view afterwards.

Question - Recording was uploaded to YouTube by Cadfan. Unsure if it was publicized. Cadfan?

### **Start a Synchro Team Initiative:**

- Grant covers the cost of bringing out an experienced MB synchro coach to help choreograph and support the new team/coach. Parent orientation sessions were also delivered.
- Benefits: Builds confidence of coach and club just getting off the ground. Secondly, creates a connection the new synchro coach develop and mentor.
- 5 applications received by Oct. 19. Committee elected to split \$1000 between 3 Clubs: Rivers had 8 skaters ready to go (\$500); Roblin had 4 skaters (\$250); Niverville had 4 skaters (\$250).
- Meghan Sprung worked with Rivers;
- Tammy McKay worked with Roblin.
- Niverville was not able to find enough skaters. Their portion of the grant (\$250) was transferred to Roblin.
- Both Roblin and Rivers teams registered and competed at Crocus.

### **Synchro Choreography:** Thanksgiving Oct. 7-9, 2016

- Friday/Saturday in Morris; Sunday in Killarney
- World Gold Medal Coach Lee Chandler led the choreo sessions
- 3 teams participated: U of M Open, Brandon Open and Pembina Pre-Novice
- Open teams paid \$800 for 8hrs. They were also responsible to cover their own ice costs. The Pre-Novice team paid \$285 for 2.5 hrs, plus their ice costs.
- It was open to all teams; however, many were unable to participate due to the earliness in the synchro season and conflicting family Thanksgiving events

Next season: Exploring option of using the weekend *after* Thanksgiving as well as offering a skill development session for individual synchro skaters to get more skaters and coaches participating.

**Synchro Monitoring:** Dec. 10, 2016 in Carberry

- 5 teams participated: Killarney Elementary and Pre-Novice, Neepawa Elementary and Pre-Novice, and Brandon Open
- Central Region teams (at least 3) did not attend as they had a test day the same weekend.
- Cindy Price offered feedback from the judges' perspective and Megan Maxwell offered technical feedback.
- It was challenging to find an outside TS due to conflicting synchro events in ON, BC and the US. 13 TS were contacted but unable to commit. Coaches that attended were happy with Megan's feedback. Ice was booked through the Carberry Skating Club for a significantly reduced rate.

**Skate to Standard Synchro Pilot**

- Manitoba was the second province to pilot the Skate to Standard Synchro Pilot
- Used at following events:
  - Synchro Championships, Morden Jan. 21
  - Winnipeg/Eastman Regionals, Winnipeg Jan. 28
  - Crocus, Dauphin March 18
  - Synchro was also offered at the North-South Westman and Central Plains Regionals, however no teams registered in those regions.
  - Each skater received a ribbon and a certificate
- Skate Canada plans to implement the Skate to Standard synchro across the country for 2017-2018.

**Recommendation:** Better publicize fact that Beginner synchro is now offered at Regional competitions. This was new for 2016-2017 and was missed by some coaches.

**Coach Support and Tools**

- Parkland Coaches were invited to shadow experienced synchro coaches at Crocus. Goal: share knowledge and experience with coaches interested in developing synchro in their clubs. One coach took advantage of this opportunity and was paired up with 2 different coaches during the day.
- We'd like to develop an online tool where MB synchro coaches can post their synchro related questions and we can help find the answers. The goal being to strengthen the knowledge, understanding and skills of our current synchro coaches so that our skaters prosper and our teams are prepared leading up to their first competitions.

**Synchro Promotion**

- A Synchro Workshop will be offered for clubs at the AGM on April 29.
- Great to see lots of synchro coverage on the Skate Canada Manitoba Facebook page.
- Synchro has received a lot of media attention this season which is great. Thanks to Shauna for sending out Media Releases. Very exciting to see the media picking up our synchro events Coverage include:
- Shaw TV – Pre-event promo and recording of Synchro Championships
- Ice Intrepid Shaw TV (4:46 min clip): 1506 views
- Today on Shaw YouTube (56 sec clip) 227 Views
- MB Synchro Championships YouTube (30 sec clip) 619 views
- Synchro Champs (2 hr video) 957 views
- Facebook Live Feed: 12,700 views]
- La Liberte French Newspaper – Article on Intrepid
- Selkirk Journal: Article on Nicole Rogowsky, Intrepid Skater, page 11 ([Link](#))
- CBC Info Radio, Feb 24, 7:35 am – 6 min interview about Synchro in general and Intrepid at Canadians

### **Recommendation**

- A large group synchro picture was taken in Morden during the medal ceremonies by Susan Zuk. We'd like to see it featured it as one of the rotating banners on the [mbskates.ca](http://mbskates.ca) website
- Online Synchro directory needs to be updated and expanded. Is this something Cadfan or Kendra could help with?
- Promote and build pride among MB synchro teams as well as increase awareness by increasing our bank of synchro images; create social media posts and synchro related merchandise or souvenirs (decals, buffs, etc.).

### **Singles & Synchro Collaboration**

- We're interested in finding ways to have singles and synchro collaborate. Perhaps a STARSkate event? Regional Seminar?

### **Synchro Judge Development**

- Manitoba synchro needs more judges and technical specialists. The cost to bring in 2-4 outside officials for 2-3 synchro competitions a year is upwards of \$800+ per official per event. On an annual basis, it's an investment of \$3,200 - \$10,000. With some upfront investment to train local officials, the need to bring in so many officials will be reduced and the Section will see cost savings for its members.
- To have officials trained and certified, funds should be budgeted for two things: the initial training seminar and then the funds/commitment to trial the judges so can get their qualifications. Manitoba has limited competitions and levels so worth investigating if video trialing is an option.

### **Synchro Competition Format**

- Synchro committee would like to explore possibility of changing non-qualifying competition format. Instead of scheduling 10-12 min practices in the morning, have all teams compete twice. Optional practices could be held the evening prior to the event. First team performance would be worth 50% of their score (like a short program), then the second performance would be worth 100% (like a Free Skate). Teams would receive 2 report cards.
- Next steps: Synchro Committee to consult other Sections who operate their competitions like this. Consult MB synchro coaches. Determine plan for Skate to Standard Teams (Beginner 1 and 2). Determine which events to follow the above propose format.

**Regional Director Committee Report**  
**Submitted by: Kirsten Duguay**

<b>North Westman</b> - Kirsten Duguay - <i>Zone 1 Rep</i>	<b>Alt:</b> Vicki Dryden	<b>Incoming</b> Kirsten Duguay
<b>Norman</b> - Betty Ann Wilkinson	<b>Alt:</b> Heather Reed	<b>Incoming</b> Betty Ann Wilkinson
<b>South Westman</b> - Kim Eissner	<b>Alt:</b> Carla Lee	<b>Incoming</b> Carla Lee
<b>Parkland</b> - Dan Gudmudsen	<b>Alt:</b> Tammy Edwards	<b>Incoming</b> Dan Gudmudsen
<b>Winnipeg</b> - Allison Ward - <i>Zone 2 Rep</i>	<b>Alt:</b> Jacquie Enns	<b>Incoming</b>
<b>Eastman</b> - Kristjana Kosheluk	<b>Alt:</b> Connie Marques	<b>Incoming</b> Kristjana Kosheluk
<b>Central</b> - Erika Enns Rodine	<b>Alt:</b> Tanya Giesbrecht	<b>Incoming</b> Erika Enns Rodine
<b>Interlake</b> - Tammy Karatchuk	<b>Alt:</b> Sherri Orbanski	<b>Incoming</b> Tammy Karatchuk
<b>SCMB Board member assigned:</b> Miranda Edwards		
<b>Past Regional Director Chair:</b> Marie Tilbury		

**1. Committee meetings held**

- April 30, 2016 Victoria Inn Winnipeg, September 24, 2016 Victoria Inn Winnipeg, November 13, 2016 Conference Call, February 12, 2017 Conference Call, March 19, 2017 GoTo Meeting

**2. Initiatives & Top Priorities**

- Venue Project - Information collected on the various venues throughout the province. Document created and submitted to Events Management Committee.
- Regional Constitutions reviewed, implemented, updated.
- Terms of Reference - continue to update with the addition of responsibilities for the Alternate RD's.

**3. List any questions or challenges**

- Finding host clubs for 2017-2018 competitions. Strategies considered such as hosting in neighboring communities if venue or accommodations an issue, joining with other clubs to improve volunteer base and selecting clubs 2 years in advance to assist with ice booking particularly for city clubs.
- Communicating with clubs that competition deadlines are in place and to have registrations in on time.
- Encourage clubs to support and promote skating events including AllSTAR Seminars and competitions to their membership.

**4. List any suggestions/ideas for the future**

- Early announcement of AllSTAR Seminars considers different format suggestions forwarded to STARSkate Committee.
- Reward single entry skaters with a medal. Recommendation forwarded to Events Management Committee.
- Continue to include Alternate Regional Directors to meetings and work on Terms of Reference to include roles of this position.

**5. Collaboration with other committees**

- Events Management Committee - communicated to find host clubs for 2017-2018 competitions.
- Executive Committee - communication circulated to Regional Directors to share with clubs.
- STARSkate Committee - All STAR Seminars
- Test Day Coordinator - test days

I've enjoyed my year as Regional Director Chair for this committee. I've learned a lot and appreciate the hard work the committee has done to improve skating in their regions. Thank you to the committee and thank you to Miranda Edwards and Marie Tilbury for providing information and guidance.

## Central Regional Director's Report

### Submitted by: Erika Enns Rodine

<b>Chair:</b> Erika Enns Rodine	Club affiliation: Altona
<b>Secretary:</b> Shawn Cabak	Club affiliation: Portage
<b>Treasurer:</b> Debbie Mutch	Club affiliation: Pilot Mound
<b>Judges Bureau Rep:</b> Pamela Hiebert	Club affiliation: Winkler
<b>Coaches Rep:</b> Kaitlyn Loewen	Club affiliation: Altona, Winkler, Morden

### Clubs

**Altona** - Lisa Hiebert-Penner; lisapennbert@gmail.com altonaskatingclub@gmail.com Altona Skating Club on Facebook

**Carman** - Donna Wytinck; Donna\_Wytinck@cargill.com

**Cartwright** - Kara Hildebrand; kms\_nghildebrand@yahoo.ca

**Holland** - Lynna Van De Spiegle; lvds28@mymts.net

**Morden** - Dayna Jonasson; rayzor@mts.net mordenfsc.com

**Morris** - Shelley Spence; bjspence2686@gmail.com Morris and District Skating Club on Facebook

**Notre Dame** - I have no contact person for this club so far; Notre Dame Skating Club on Facebook

**Pilot Mound** - Debbie Mutch; ddmutchy@gmail.com

**Portage la Prairie** - Shawn Cabak; shawn.cabak@gov.mb.ca portageskatingclub@gmail.com ; Portage Skating Club on Facebook

**Winkler** - Leala Kuhl; lealakuhl@icloud.com winklerskatingclub.ca Winkler Skating Club on Facebook

### **Test dates/events for the 2016/17 Central Region to date**

- |                        |                 |             |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| • Sept 17/18           | Simulations     | Morden      |
| • Oct 15               | H/L 10am-5pm    | Portage     |
| • Oct 15               | L/H 9-4         | Winkler     |
| • Nov 5/6              | Sectionals      | Morden      |
| • Nov 12               | AIISTAR Seminar | Carmen      |
| • *Dec 9               | Fun Meet        | Altona      |
| • Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> | L 9-4           | Winkler     |
| • Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> | H 9-4           | Altona      |
| • Jan 21               | Synchro Champs  | Morden      |
| • Jan 14               | Regionals       | Pilot Mound |
| • Jan 25               | H 430-730pm     | Portage     |
| • Feb 22               | L 430-730pm     | Portage     |
| • Feb 26               | L 9am-5pm       | Carmen      |

### **Central Region Director's Report**

I have taken this position on from Tara Glaspey, and have been active in the role since January. I have been in regular correspondence with the clubs in my region as I receive information that needs to be passed along to them, or have been requested to gather information from them. I apologize if there have been gaps in collecting information, as I am very new to the world of Skate Canada. I sit on the executive committee of the Altona Skating Club in the role of Vice President, which I became active in this past fall.

As a note, I have a 5-year-old daughter who is in her first year of CanSkate, and so I am slowly learning about this job, and the organization as a whole - Skate Canada Manitoba. I ask for your continued patience as I settle into my role as Regional Director.

I attended the Central Regionals event in Pilot Mound in January, and had the pleasure to observe a live skating competition for the first time! I plan to host a regional meeting - the first one which I will be chairing - this month. As I understand the Central Region has not had a meeting so far, this season.

Until this meeting takes place I will unfortunately not be able to provide much more information in terms of what each individual club has been active in doing or hosting, or the challenges they have been faced with this skating season.

## **Eastman Region Report** **Submitted by Kristjana Kosheluk**

<b>Regional Director</b>	Kristjana Kosheluk	Hazelridge S.C.
<b>Ast. Regional Director</b>	Connie Marques	Hazelridge S.C.
<b>Secretary</b>	Lisa Jennings	Seine River S.C.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Shelly Hopkins	Hazelridge S.C.
<b>Coaching Rep.</b>	Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere	
<b>Test Chair</b>	Connie Marques	Hazelridge S.C.
<b>Synchro Rep.</b>	Connie Marques	Hazelridge S.C.
<b>Members at Large</b>	Janice Hazelton	Seine River S.C.
	Michelle Hooper	Hazelridge S.C.

### **Clubs:**

Beausejour S.C.

Grunthal S.C.

La Broquerie S.C.

Hazelridge S.C.

Seine River S.C.

Niverville S.C.

Steinbach S.C.

### **Club Website**

[www.beausejousskatingclub.ca](http://www.beausejousskatingclub.ca)

[www.hazelridgeskatingclub.ca](http://www.hazelridgeskatingclub.ca)

[www.seineriverskating.ca](http://www.seineriverskating.ca)

[www.steinbachskatingclub.ca](http://www.steinbachskatingclub.ca)

### **Top successes in Eastman**

- New clubs growing
- More clubs offering a wider variety of programs
- Beausejour offering programs in Lac du Bonnet as a trial to see if there is interest in the community.
- Great success with regional STAR Seminar in Hazelridge. Very well attended.
- Hazelridge Celebrated 35 years with their annual ice show reaching over 100 participants and their families and friends (600 in attendance)
- Some clubs are able to assist with partial financial support for coaches and executive members enabling them to attend training, continued education and AGM's
- Hazelridge AGM huge success with 198 in attendance.

### **Top issues in Eastman Region**

1. Lack of volunteers in club level and regional level
2. Lack of ice available to clubs and cost of ice in some areas
3. Lack of coaches available to go to smaller communities
4. Lack of responses and feedback from clubs.

### **Test Days-** Six test days, reporting

- Dec. 17 Low-Seine River, 9 Tests; 8 Pass- 1 Retry
- Dec. 18 High- Hazelridge; 9 Tests- 4 out of region- 6 in region; 6 Pass in region- 3 Retries- 1 did not test, Gold tests passed Taylor Hopkins (Hazelridge) Skills & Quickstep
- February 25 Low- La Broquerie, 8 Tests, 8 Passes
- February 26 High- Grunthal, 12 Tests, 8 Passes 4 Retries
- March. 19 Low and High- Seine River/Hazelridge: **Low Tests-** 18 Tests 6 out of region, 10 Passes, 8 Retry
- **High Tests:** 19 Tests- 7 out of region, 12 Passes 7 Retries, Gold tests passed: Aidyn Jennings (Seine River)-passed gold skills & Viennese Waltz, Taylor Hopkins (Hazelridge) - passed Viennese Waltz
- **Coach Assessed Tests Evaluated:** 3 Tests -3 Passes

**Total tests 78 -Total Passes 55 -Total Retries 23**



**Beausejour S.C. – Beausejour**

- Running on Friday and Sunday both arenas.
- CanSkate, Rising STAR, and STARSkate
- Coach – Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere, Sybil Carello
- President- Lorne Pelletier
- Ice Show-March 17
- Constitution-

**Grunthal S.C., Grunthal**

- Running on Wednesday and Saturday
- CanSkate, Rising STAR, and STARSkate (possible CanPower)
- Coach – Michelle Andres, Laura Donohoe, Megan Rafferty
- President-Jody Milburn
- Ice Show-March 5
- Constitution – unknown

**Hazelridge S.C., Hazelridge**

- Running on Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday
- PreCanSkate, CanSkate, CanPower, JR STAR, STARSkate and Synchro
- Coach – Lynn Ward, Sybil Carello, Larissa Maslechko, Jessica Watson, Leigh Handoga, and Taylor Hopkins
- President- Kristjana Koshleuk incoming Amanda Oliver
- Ice Show- March 12
- Constitution-Updated March 2017

**La Broquerie S.C., La Broquerie**

- Running on Mondays and Fridays
- STAR, JR. STAR, CanSkate and Kid Skate
- Coaches- Joelle Alden, Cynthia Cote, Cynthia Fournier Broesky
- Ice Show- End of February
- President- Sylvie Cote
- Constitution- Nov. 2016

**Seine River S.C., (formally known as Lorette Skating Club)**

- Running on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday
- PreCanSkate, CanSkate, CanPower, JR STAR, STARSkate, Adult and Synchro
- Coach – Sybil Carello, Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere
- Ice Show- March
- President-Mark VanRoon
- Constitution- April 2016
- Spring School

**Niverville S.C., Niverville**

- Running on Tuesday and Friday
- CanSkate, CanPower, JR STAR, Synchro, Adult skate
- Coach – Meghan Rafferty
- Achievement night- March 7th
- President-Elissa Leah
- Constitution- Sept. 2016

### **Steinbach S.C., Steinbach**

- Did not run this year due to lack of ice availability, coaching staff, and volunteers
- President- Jacki Kippenstein
- Constitution-unknown

The fundraising for Eastman Region is varied from club to club. From chocolates to Mom's Pantry, Epicure, Bud and Spud, Show and Save, Grey Cup tickets, Cookie Dough, Bingo, Wing night, Skate Canada Manitoba Raffle tickets, Skate-a-thon, and New Bothwell Cheese.

Last Meeting was held in Hazelridge on November, 12 2016. 10 people attend the meeting. Updates on some club's programs, with numbers enrolled, ice times, Eastman Constitution discussed (ready to go to AGM for approval), requests for venue reports and copies of club constitution to into the RD.

### **Other events/information (2016/2017):**

- Many coaches are completing their assessor training.
- Synchro teams from Eastman (Hazelridge and U of M) have been representing Eastman at competitions (MB Championships, Crocus) Manitoba, (Prairie Regionals) Saskatchewan, (Winter Fest) Ontario and (Nationals) Alberta. As well as Ice Show in local area.

### **Next meeting: Spring April 9 2017**

Upcoming events in Eastman Region

All STAR Seminar- Niverville (possible dates Oct. 28 or Nov. 4 2017)

Test Days. TBD for 2017-2018 season

Regionals- Hazelridge Feb. 3 2018

STARSkate Championships - Hazelridge- March 3 & 4 2018

## **Interlake Region Report Submitted by Tammy Karatchuk**

<b>Regional Director</b>	Tammy Karatchuk, Arborg SC
<b>Alternate Regional Director</b>	Sherri Orbanski, Arborg SC
<b>Treasurer &amp; Regional Director Adviser</b>	Don Brown, St. Andrews SC
<b>Secretary</b>	Dawn Sul, Arborg SC
<b>Judges Bureau Rep</b>	Aynsley Martin, East St. Paul SC
<b>Coaches Rep</b>	Rosalyn Bauer

### **Clubs**

Arborg Skating Club  
Ashern Figure Skating Club  
East St. Paul Figure Skating Club  
Skate Interlake (Gimli)  
Lundar Skating Club  
Riverton Ice Club  
Selkirk Skating Club  
St. Andrews Skating Club  
Stonewall Skating Club  
Stony Mountain Skating Club  
Teulon Skating Club  
\*\*Warren Skating Club  
    **\*\*Not active in 2016-17**

### **Regional Meetings**

Fall Regional Meeting – September 11, 2016  
Spring Regional Meeting – [Proposed] April 9, 2017

### **Seminars and Competitions**

Interlake & Winnipeg ALL STAR Seminar – October 16, 2016

- Host Club – Arborg Skating Club
- 25 Skaters
- On-ice Clinician – Dana McKee with Andrea Laskovic and Erin Bay (Very positive reviews)
- Off-ice Clinician – Zumba and Aerobic Dance

Interlake Regional Competition – January 23, 2017

- Teulon Skating Club
- 71 Competitors
- CanSkate to STAR 4
- One Day Event

### **Top Challenges in the Interlake Region**

- Clubs reluctant to accept competitions
- Numerous issues this year and the RD has been left out of the loop
- Communication needs to improve when issues arise
- Low registration in some clubs

## **Top Successes in the Interlake Region**

Stonewall Skating Club is hosting the 2018 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships

- February 10-11, 2018

Skate Interlake (Gimli) is hosting the 2018 Interlake Regionals [STAR 5+]

February 3-4, 2018

Stonewall Sensation held an open house on March 20, 2017

- Open to all clubs in the region

## **GOLD PASSES**

### **Gold Dances**

Madison Herget-Schmidt – East St. Paul SC

Kayla Weik – Arborg SC

Taylor Barylski – Arborg SC

### **Gold Interpretive**

Haley Turnbull – Selkirk SC

\*Lindsey Hopkins – Selkirk SC

\*Haley Nernberg – Stony Mountain SC

### **Gold Free Skate**

Vanessa Navarro – Stony Mountain SC

### **Gold Skills**

Erin Bay – Stony Mountain SC

Amy Clark – Stony Mountain SC

### **\*QUAD ACHIEVED**

## **Norman Region Report** **Submitted by Betty Anne Wilkinson**

<b>Regional Director</b>	Betty Anne Wilkinson	Gillam
<b>Alternate Regional Director</b>	Heather Reed	Skate Thompson
<b>Judges Bureau Representative</b>	Erin Krokosz	Skate Thompson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cyndi Pedwell	Flin Flon Skating Club
<b>Secretary</b>	Tanis Clarkson	The Pas Skating Club
<b>Member at Large</b>	Heather Perchaluk	The Pas Skating Club
<b>Coaches Representative</b>		

### **Clubs**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Facebook</b>
Flin Flon SC	<a href="http://www.flinflonskatingclub.com">www.flinflonskatingclub.com</a>	😊
Skate Gillam	<a href="http://skategillam.com">skategillam.com</a>	😊
The Pas SC	<a href="http://skatethepas.uplifterinc.com">skatethepas.uplifterinc.com</a>	😊
Skate Thompson	<a href="http://www.skatethompson.com">www.skatethompson.com</a>	😊

### **Regional Meetings:**

Teleconference June 4, 2016 – 5 in attendance, Fall Meeting at Seminar – The Pas October 29, 2016 - 13 in attendance, AGM February 3, 2017 – Thompson – 9 in attendance

### **Regional Action for:**

#### **June**

- set fees for Regional Seminar/ Competition & FUNSkate

#### **October** - distributed the following Info to be placed on club bulletin board

- Skate Canada MB Critical Success Factor:
- Skate Canada MB Our Section Values:
- Skate Canada MB Flow Chart:
- Regional Director Committee Structure

#### **November**

- Club web sites tiles to align
- Coaches contracts
- Coaches update Respect in Sport

#### **December**

- Regional Awards Submissions

#### **January**

- Regional STARSkate Competition & FUNSkate Banquet & Awards
- Regional STARSkate Competition & FUNSkate Program Submissions
- Regional AGM

#### **February March April**

- Regionals Constitution, Regional Venues, Regional Policy Manual (Test Days)

## Region Events

- Skate Canada Manitoba Day was held by Gillam, Flin Flon, The Pas and Thompson
- Norman ALL STAR Seminar host The Pas Oct 28-30, 2016– SCMB Clinician – Tammy McKay, Dance Clinician Tanya Platt STARSkate Megan Rafferty 36 skater attended from Thompson, Flin Flon and The Pas. 3 Coaches attended from The Pas and Gillam. Parent & Coaches information on the/new STAR 1-5 was given by Megan. Off-ice and private lessons were offered for skaters. Back to Basics session was offered for coaches.
- Skate Thompson held a CanPower Clinic with 30 participants 3 Coaches
- November Test Day 19 skaters 27test taken 16 pass 11 retry
- December Test Day 19 skaters 27test taken 24 pass 3 retr
- Norman Regional STARSkate Competition and FUNSkate hosted by Skate Thompson February 3-5 ,2017- 89 skaters participated from The Pas, Flin Flon, Thompson and Gillam. A banquet was held with 150 Skaters and families in attendance. The Norman Awards were presented at the banquet.

## CONGRATULATIONS to: 2017 Norman Award Winners

- |   |                    |                        |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Best New Program Assistant Award                | Shayla Godin       | The Pas Skating Club   |
| • Most Dedicated Program Assistant                | Emily Penney       | Skate Thompson         |
| • Most Enthusiastic CanSkater Award               | Piper Hibbs        | Skate Thompson         |
| • Volunteer Award                                 | Terri-Lynn Kempers | Skate Thompson         |
| • Most Dedicated STARSkate Athlete Award          | Megan Szabo        | Skate Thompson         |
| • STARSkate Miss Congeniality                     | Victoria Pedwell   | Flin Flon Skating Club |
| • Most Dedicated CanPower Athlete Award           | Mackenna Steeves   | Skate Thompson         |
| • Most Dedicated Coach                            | Agnes Szabo        | Skate Thompson         |
| • Regional Directors Award was presented to       | Avery Lagimodiere  | Skate Thompson         |
| • Regional Team Spirit certificate was awarded to |                    | Skate Gillam           |
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- Regional Test Day Sunday February 5 - 14 skaters 25 test taken 17 pass 8 retry
  - Out of Region Test Days: March - 4 skaters 30 test 30 pass, March 18 - 17 pass 16 retry

Thank-you to The Pas Skating Club and Skate Thompson Volunteers for your HOSTING Commitment to the Regional Skaters / Families, Guest Coaches and Officials. Both events were great successes with all participants enjoying each other's comradeship.

## Top Issues:

1. Test Day Clubs not following protocol communicating with the JBR
2. Communication - Clubs and Section not fully comprehending protocols on communication within the Region
3. Non Skate Canada Skating Program offered with no extra fees – has taken skaters away from a local Skate Canada Club
4. Volunteers

## Clubs Fundraising Ideas:

1. Cash Calendars
2. Wine Survivor

CONGRATULATIONS Abby Phillips Skate Gillam on your Dodie Wardle Memorial Award

CONGRATULATIONS Ramona Pelland Skate Thompson on your Gold Free Skate Test Achievement

CONGRSTULATIONS Terri-Lynn Kempers Skate Thompson on your Skate Canada Manitoba Volunteer Award

**Norman Regional Committee May 1, 2017 – May 1, 2018**

<b>Regional Director</b>	Betty Anne Wilkinson	Gillam
<b>Alternate Regional Director</b>	Heather Reed	Skate Thompson
<b>Judges Bureau Representative</b>	Erin Krokosz	Skate Thompson
<b>Treasurer -</b>	Cyndi Pedwell	Flin Flon Skating Club
<b>Secretary –</b>	will rotate	
<b>Member at Large -</b>	Angela Bakos	Skate Thompson
<b>Coaches Representative</b>		

## **North Westman Region Report Submitted by Kirsten Duguay**

<b>Regional Director</b>	Kirsten Duguay
<b>Alternate Regional Director</b>	Vicki Dryden
<b>Treasurer and Past Regional Director</b>	Jennifer Chant
<b>Secretary</b>	Deanna Popadynetz
<b>Coaches Representative</b>	Cindy Mahoney
<b>Judges Bureau Representative</b>	Linda Little

### **Clubs**

Birtle FSC	Neepawa FSC
Skate Brandon	Minnedosa FSC
Carberry FSC	Rivers SC
Elkhorn FSC	Skate Virden
Foxwarren FSC	Kenton FSC

### **Regional Events 2016-2017**

All STAR Seminar Skate Brandon Clinician Tammy McKay  
Virden Fun Skate  
North & South Westman Regionals Deloraine  
STARSkate Championships Skate Virden

### **Regional Meetings**

- October 23, 2016 Conference Call - well attended
- March 5, 2017 in Virden
- Email communication throughout the season

### **Top Successes**

1. Meeting via conference call well attended. Plan to use this format in 2017-2018 to improve club participation.
2. Many of our coaches have successfully completed the STAR 1-5 Evaluators course.
3. Constitution ratified March 2017.
4. Venue Review completed and submitted to Events Management Committee

### **Top Challenges**

1. Unable to find a club to host Synchro Championships despite being NWM turn on the grid.
2. Clubs seeking more information on STAR 1-5 testing.
3. Club participation at the regional level

Congratulations to the following skaters on achieving their gold tests this past season:

### **Gold Skills**

Charlotte Little Birtle FSC  
Annika Duguay Carberry FSC  
Zoie Forgue Neepawa FSC  
Tori Woton Foxwarren FSC



**Gold Dance**

Joelle Little Birtle FSC  
Cassidy Miller Skate Brandon  
Marijka Popadynetz Skate Brandon  
Taryn Gwynne Skate Brandon  
Charlotte Little Birtle FSC

**Gold Interpretive**

Zoie Forgue Neepawa FSC  
Charlotte Little Birtle FSC  
Reagan Miller Skate Brandon  
Cassidy Miller Skate Brandon

**Gold Freeskate**

Charlotte Little

**Quad Gold**

Charlotte Little

Also, congratulations to NWM skaters, coaches, and official that will be recognized at Gala tonight. NWM is well represented.

## Parkland Regional Director's Report Submitted by Dan Gudmundson

<b>Chair</b>	Daniel Gudmundson	Ste. Rose Skating Club Inc.	<a href="mailto:cathydan@mymts.net">cathydan@mymts.net</a>
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<b>Regional Test Chair</b>	Christine Klimuk	Swan River Skating Club	<a href="mailto:roseklm@mymts.net">roseklm@mymts.net</a>

### Clubs

<b>Club</b>	<b>Website</b>
Swan River	No website
Russell	No website
Roblin	<a href="https://roblinsc.uplifter.com">https://roblinsc.uplifter.com</a>
Dauphin	<a href="http://www.skatedauphin.ca">www.skatedauphin.ca</a>
Ste. Rose	No website
Winnipegosis	No website

### **Regional Meetings**

- Saturday, October 30, 2016 – Swan River, Roblin, Ste. Rose, and Swan River had representatives at the meeting as well as the Judges Bureau Representative and the Coaches Representative for Skate Parkland. The new STAR 1-5 In-House testing was discussed.
- Sunday, December 11, 2016 - Skate Parkland held their first teleconference Board meeting with representatives from Swan River, Roblin, Russell, Dauphin and Ste. Rose. The December 10, 2016 test day was discussed.
- Sunday, March 26, 2017 Skate Parkland held their annual general meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The Regional Director and Judges Bureau Representative were re-appointed for the 2017/2018 skating year. Ste. Rose Skating Club agreed to organize the STAR 5+ Parkland Regional Championship in Dauphin on Saturday, January 14, 2018 and Sunday, January 15, 2018. Roblin agreed to hold the All-STAR seminar in the fall of 2017.

### **Test Days**

- December 10, 2017 - Roblin, Manitoba 10 skaters completed 17 tests and the test day required 2.5 hours to complete.
- February 26, 2017- Russell, Manitoba 14 skaters completed 35 tests and the test day required 5.5 hours to complete.
- March 18 & 19, 2017 - Swan River, Manitoba 12 skaters completed 32 tests and the test day required 6.25 hours to complete. 9 of the skaters were from the Pas and completed their tests on Saturday and 3 skaters from Skate Parkland completed their tests on Sunday.

### **Regional Seminars**

- October 30, 2016 All STAR Seminar in Swan River, Manitoba - 10 skaters attended this event on Sunday, October 30, 2016.

### **Competitions**

**Parkland Regional Championship** - Sunday, January 15, 2017 There were 30 skaters from the Parkland Region which attended the event in Swan River. A number of the skaters will be moving on to the STARSkate championship in Virden, Manitoba on March 4, 2017.

### **Top Successes within Skate Parkland**

- 1 Successfully held Parkland Regional Championship, All STAR Seminar and three test days.
- 2 Skaters continuing to the next level.
- 3 Increased enrolment in some of the skating clubs.

### **Top Challenges within Skate Parkland**

- 1 Difficulty recruiting volunteers within the community.
- 2 Difficulty recruiting coaches within the community.
- 3 Declining interest in CanSkate for the smaller skating clubs within the region.

### **Swan River Skating Club**

Michelle Smith	President	marymichellesmith@gmail.com
Amanda Bulycz	Vice-President	amandayaschyshyn@gmail.com
Elaine Forsyth	Treasurer	forsythb@mts.net
Christine Klimuk	Test Chair	roseklm@mymts.net
Jody Stadnick	Secretary	

### **Coaching**

Coaches Representative:	Peggy McLeod
Jessica Bergan/Erica Forsyth	CanSkate
Erica Forsyth	Future STARS
Peggy McLeod/Michelle Snihor	STARSkaters

### **Skating Schedule - Swan River Centennial Arena**

CanSkate	Monday	6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Thursday	4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Future STARS	Monday	4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
STARSkaters	Monday	4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday	4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.		

Swan River is planning to have their registration night at the beginning of September.

Carrissa Kowal Learn to Skate Day	Sunday, October 2, 2016
CanSkate	Saturday, October 15, 2016
All STAR Seminar	Sunday, October 30, 2016
Parkland Regional Skating Championship	January 15, 2017

### **Fundraising Activities**

- Skate a Thon
- Ticket Raffle
- Volunteer at the Gates at the Swan River Rodeo

Swan River successfully held the All STAR Seminar on Sunday, October 30, 2016, the Parkland Regional Championship on Sunday, January 14, 2017 and a test day on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

### **Ste. Rose Skating Club**

Dan Gudmundson	President	cathydan@mymts.net
Amanda Parthenay	Secretary/Treasurer	pinetteamanda@gmail.com
Val Beasse	Test Chair	girls.v@hotmail.com

### **Coaching**

Coaches Representative	Susie Wilkinson
Susie Wilkinson	CanSkate, Junior STARSkate, STARSkate

## **Skating Schedule**

CanSkate	Ste. Rose Arena
Junior STARSkate	Monday & Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
STARSkate	Monday & Wednesday 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Registration Night	Monday & Wednesday 4:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Closing Ice Show "The Game of Life"	Wednesday, September 14, 2016
	Wednesday, March 15, 2017

## **Fundraising Activities**

- In Good Taste
- Silver collect and Rainbow Table at the closing ice show.

## **Russell Skating Club**

Tammy Edwards	President	tedwards@mts.net
Trish Chipelski	Vice-President	
Robyn Nerbas	Test Chair	rinerbas@mts.net
Lori Forsyth	Treasurer	
Jennifer Rice	Secretary	Jennifer_Rice@hotmail.com

## **Coaching**

Coaches Representative	Shelley Bonchuk
Shelley Bonchuk	CanSkate & STARSkate
Nikki Van Den Heuvel	Bridge
Eleanor Muir	Power Skaters & Beginners

## **Skating Schedule - Russell Regional Multiplex**

Beginners	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Older Beginners	Tuesday & Thursday	6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
CanSkate	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Power Skating	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
STARSkate	Tuesday & Thursday	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## **Fundraising Activities**

- Ottenbreit meat orders.
- In Good Taste.
- Hamper tickets at the year-end carnival.
- IGA gift cards.

Russell held one of three test days for Skate Parkland on February 24, 2017.

## **Roblin Skating Club**

Whitney Mitchell	Co-President	whitneymiche30@hotmail.com
Melanie Cockerill-Keown	Co-President	melaniekeown@gmail.com
Pam Graham	Secretary	pgraham@mvsd.ca
Daveian Laliberte	Treasurer	
Kristen McGinnis	Test Chair	kjmcginnis@hotmail.com
Jana Cross-Knight	Communications	
Julie Shiner	Fundraising	

## Coaching

Coaches Representative	Michelle Jan
Janaine Ironstand	CanSkate
Michelle Jan	STARSkate & Bridging
Shelley Glazer-Clements	Synchro

## Skating Schedule - Roblin Arena

CanSkate	Tuesday & Thursday	5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
STARSkate	Tuesday & Thursday	4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Bridging	Friday	4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Roblin held one of the three Skate Parkland test days on Saturday, December 10, 2016.

## Fundraising

- Beer Gardens at the Roblin Rodeo.
- Mom's Pantry.
- 50/50 Tickets.
- Admission fee to the year-end carnival.

## Skate Dauphin

Becky Lowe-Smith	President	Rebecca_lowe-smith@cargill.com
Colleen Talbot	Test Chair	jlocolleen@mts.net
Duane McMaster	Treasurer	
Jodi Steinbachs	Board Member	

## Coaching

Coaches Representative	Donna Kemp-Drysdale
Donna Kemp-Drysdale	Introduction to CanSkate, CanSkate, Rising STAR, STARSkate & CanPower
Erin Sigvaldson	Synchro

## Skating Schedule - Credit Union Place

Introduction to CanSkate	Sunday	5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
CanSkate	Monday & Thursday	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Rising STARS	Sunday	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
STARSkate	Sunday	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	Monday & Thursday	4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Synchro	Sunday	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Fundraising

- Colourblast

Dauphin successfully held the Crocus Invitational on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

## Winnipegosis Skating Club

Alex Lytwyn	President	<a href="mailto:n99@mymts.net">n99@mymts.net</a>
Cheri Paskal	Co-President	<a href="mailto:cpaskal94@gmail.com">cpaskal94@gmail.com</a>
Diane Trumbla	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:dtrumbla@gmail.com">dtrumbla@gmail.com</a>

Lorilee Mckivior  
Danielle Gilfoy

Secretary

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### **Coaching**

Coaches Representative  
Sarah Steinbachs

Sarah Steinbachs  
CanSkate & Junior STARSkate

### **Skating Schedule**

	Winnipegosis & District Arena
CanSkate	Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Junior STARSkate	Monday 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

### **Fundraising**

- Silver collection at carnival

## **South Westman Regional Director Report**

### **Submitted by Kim Eissner**

**Regional Director** – Kim Eissner (Souris)  
**Assistant Regional Director**–Carla Lee (Waskada)  
**Past Regional Director** – Marie Tilbury (Melita)  
**Secretary** – Lindsay Boulanger (Hartney)  
**Treasurer** – Sarah Lehman (Deloraine)  
**Judges Bureau Rep** – Marie Tilbury (Melita)  
**Coaches Rep** – Laurie Bertholet

#### **What's been going on:**

- Manitoba Open – Feb 17-19 in Waskada in their new rink which opened this fall with no issues!!
- Regional STARSkate – Deloraine Feb 3-4th Deloraine took on the STAR 5 events as well last minute and did a wonderful job with this event!
- CanSkate FunSkate – Reston January 2017
- Regional Seminar – Killarney October 29th. Killarney brought up the issue of bringing in two clinicians from a distance and paying both mileage since they didn't carpool. We have clinicians who live closer which would have resulted in less expense for the host club. This cost meant the club did not make any profit for all the hard work and time they put into this event. Makes it hard to get clubs/volunteers to want to put time and effort into hosting an event.
- Regional Meeting - Held in conjunction with Regional Seminar in Killarney. 9 present representing 7 of 8 clubs.

#### **Test Days in the Region to date**

- High in Hartney Dec 18th 13 skaters 15 passed test & 2 retries = 17 tests
- High in Killarney Feb 26th – 20 skaters, 16 passed & 18 retries = 34 tests
- High in Melita March 19th - 22 skaters, 30 passed & 21 retries = 51 tests

#### **Gold Tests Completed**

- Rienna Skelton, Melita Skating Club – Gold Dances Dec 2016
- Sarah Arnott, Killarney Skating Club – Gold Interpretive Dec 2016
- Emilie Logan, Souris Skating Club – Gold Skills April 2016
- Logan Tilbury, Melita Skating Club – Gold Skills Feb 2017
- Samantha Hunt, Hartney Skating Club – Gold Interpretive March 2017
- Morgan Haerer, Hartney Skating Club – Gold Skills
- Emily Morrison, Hartney Skating Club – Gold Skills

#### **Top 3 successes in your Region**

- Waskada opening their brand-new rink with no hiccups or issues AND the WFSC hosting a major event in the first season. This is a club that is growing and there is excitement there! It is nice to see growth and excitement when we usually see more of the opposite so it is a bright light in the rural skating world.
- Deloraine Skating Club was to host the STAR 1-4 Regionals and at the last minute took on the STAR 5 events as well!!! This added a whole day to their competition resulting in some hard work and long hours by the volunteers and they did an amazing job by all reports!
- Reston Skating Club, another small club that is seeing some growth and positive changes! They hosted the CanSkate FunSkate – the first event hosted by their club in many years.

### **Top 3 issues in your**

- Gold test pins. Clubs are being charged \$20 for shipping for these pins!!! This is ridiculous and very costly for small clubs. There is no reason it should cost this much to mail a tiny pin within Canada!! Skaters put in YEARS of hard work, to achieve this standard and all they would like is a \$2 pin which now costs \$20 to get
- Test Day issues. Some clubs reported that the new forms were confusing. Cheques sent to one location, forms to another. Initially there were concerns about support for clubs with the STAR 1-5 evaluation – I understand a document has been released now but have not had any feedback on that. Dance partnering - no male partner for SW region. Was mentioned that standard fillable forms would be nice for Test Day Submission, JBR final test list, Income/Expense sheet, test day schedule (Norman may have one??)
- Regional Seminar. Having to pay clinicians from further away when there are closer ones to our host clubs. It was suggested that it be only for STAR 1-5 as the high-level skaters who attended did not get much from the seminar.
- Volunteers. This is always an issue and never seems to get resolved unfortunately.



**Winnipeg Region Report  
Submitted by Allison Ward**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club affiliation</b>
Region Director	Allison Ward	Century Skating Club
Assistant Director	Jacquie Enns	Skate Winnipeg
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Vacant	
Publicity Chair	Vacant	
Synchronized Skating Chair	Vacant	
Recreational Programs Chair	Vacant	
Region Coaching Representative	Vacant (Carol Light is our contact)	
Judges Bureau Representative	Barb Nickel	Skate Winnipeg
Club President	Brian Russell	Skate Winnipeg
Club Representative	n/a	Skate Winnipeg
Club President	Pam Zaman	Century Skating Club
Club Representative	n/a	Century Skating Club

**Clubs**

**Club**

Century Skating Club  
Skate Winnipeg  
Highlander Skating School  
Winnipeg Winter Club

**Website**

<http://www.centuryskatingclub.ca/>  
<http://www.skatewinnipeg.ca>  
n/a  
<http://www.winnipegwinterclub.com>

**Gold Test Skaters 2016-2017 Season**

SKW	Andrea Laskovic	Diamond Dance
SKW	Abby Bestland	Free Skate
SKW	Cecilia Howes	Free Skate
SKW	Charlotte Kowall	Dance; Skills
CSC	Chelsea Guenot	Free Skate
SKW	Claire Moore	Dance
SKW	Emily Elder	Dance
SKW	Emma Kasian	Dance; Skills
SKW	Jasmine Vandewater	Free Skate
SKW	Kayleigh Malcolm	Skills
CSC	Larissa Scott	Skills

## Winnipeg Region Game Plan Completed

- **Regional meetings:**
  - Fall meeting, September 2016
    - 5 committee members from Two Winnipeg Clubs were present
  - Email communications throughout the season
  - Winter Meeting: January 15, 2017
    - 5 committee members from Two Winnipeg Clubs were present and one representative from the Highlander Skating School
- **Fall Schools:** Highlander, Skate Winnipeg, Century all hosted fall skating sessions
- **Regional Seminar:** hosted by Interlake this year
- **Regional Competition:** January 28, 2017 hosted by Skate Winnipeg
  - Greater number of Winnipeg Region skaters participated this year as there was not an expectation to travel
  - Single event entries did not receive medals, this did not make a positive feeling for the skaters ~ especially in a regional competition context where we are trying to encourage skaters to stay in this sport
- **Test days:**
  - December 2016 – both SKW and CSC hosted on-session low tests
  - December 17th - high test hosted by SKW
  - March 2017 – both SKW and CSC hosted on-session low tests
  - March 23, 2017 – high test hosted by SKW
  - March 23rd – high test hosted by SKW
- **Spring Schools:** Highlander and Skate Winnipeg hosted spring skating sessions

## Regional Upcoming Game Plan

- **Seminar fall of 2017:**
  - Consider a three region seminar if possible (Winnipeg, Interlake, Eastman)
  - Winnipeg will reach out to Eastman and Interlake to see if a joint seminar is desirable to all three regions
  - Request ice at Terry Sawchuk for similar time of year (after SaskSkate, before Sectionals), possibly even after Sectionals once STARSkaters are back on the ice (some programs just are beginning in mid-October)
- **Regional Competition 2018**
  - Winnipeg Region would like to strongly recommend that this competition be offered in Winnipeg each year. There was a significant difference in the number of skaters who participated in this event when it was held in the city
  - Will be hosted by Century the next time it is held in Winnipeg
- **Constitution**
  - Restructuring was discussed: a draft constitution will be presented at Winnipeg Region AGM
    - Draft Regional Committee structure includes: Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director and a Judges Bureau Representative (2 of the 3 positions will be held by representatives from different clubs or schools in the region)
    - Proposal includes freezing the Regional bank account for one year and then distributing funds between both clubs (SKW and CSC)
    - Events would be decided based on consensus between both clubs and will be shared or hosted by individual clubs

## Winnipeg Region Top Successes

1. Test Days – on session low test days have decreased testing costs and risk with booking ice; Thanks to Skate Winnipeg who hosted both high test days this season
2. Regional competition hosted by SKW – a well-run event providing many skaters in our region with an excellent competition experience

## Winnipeg Region Top issues

1. REGIONAL COMPETITION RESTRUCTURE: A significantly greater number of skaters participated in regionals when they were held in Winnipeg in January 2017 as compared to a far lower number in Ile des Chenes in 2016. In a region where parents have so many recreational choices for their children, travel at this level is a deterrent. We know that working towards and participating in a competition is one of the many things that bring a skater back year after year and are very concerned that we are losing skaters because of the travel requirement to participate in a regional competition at the STARSSkate level, our recreational skaters.
2. Restructuring our regional committee with a difficulty in recruiting volunteers
3. Decrease in Number of Skaters (fewer moving from CanSkate into STARSSkate; experienced skaters retiring)

## Winnipeg Region Club Information

Skate Winnipeg	Superskate numbers were down; programs are running smoothly Volunteers feeling stretched – there have been many events in a row (Summer Open, Super Skate and Regionals), looking at reviewing volunteer requirements from members
Century	Running at a significant loss this season; numbers are down this year New board members are working on learning their roles