



**SKATE**CANADA  
**MANITOBA**

**2014 – 2015**

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

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**Annual Committee Reports**

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

**Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg, MB  
Saturday, April 25, 2015**

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8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Registration of Delegates, Observers, Coaches, Judges and  
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
  - Budget
  - Executive Director
  - Program Coordinator
  - 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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1. Skate Canada Workshop – presented by Norm Proft and Alex Killby, Skate Canada
  
2. Conflict Resolution Workshop - presented by Megan Svistovski, Skate Canada Manitoba  
Conflict, in its many forms, is an inevitable part of our personal and professional lives. This workshop will ensure participants can understand and resolve conflict professionally. Consider sources of conflict and the cost of leaving conflict unresolved. Consider five styles for dealing with conflict, identify your preferred style and discuss situations when each style should be employed. Review tips for effective conflict management.
  
3. How to prevent Volunteer Burn-out and How to engage new Volunteers to keep our clubs healthy—presented by Barb Gemmell, Gemmell Training and Consulting.  
Volunteers are the heart and soul of our Clubs, but the workload can become overwhelming. It is easy to burnout when one is passionate about the work, and typically when volunteers leave because of burnout it is very difficult to get them back. Is your Club experiencing any signs of burnout? Are you experiencing challenges in recruiting new volunteers? Participate in this interactive session to learn about different approaches to effectively engage and support volunteers and ensure our Clubs stay healthy.

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**AWARDS GALA EVENING**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Cocktails**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Presentations**

**End of the days formal proceedings.**

**2014 – 2015**  
**Confirmation of Actions taken by the Board of Directors**

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**Friday, April 25, 2014**

- THAT guests have a voice but no vote at the Board of Directors Meeting.
- THAT the Minutes of March 9, 2014 be approved as printed.
- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda from that which was printed, if necessary and be approved as amended.
- To accept the 2013-2014 Unaudited Financial Statement as presented.
- To recommend the appointment of Scarrow and Donald Chartered Accountants as Auditors for 2014 - 2015 for Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To recommend the appointment of Levene, Tadman, Gutkin, Golub as Legal Counsel for 2014 - 2015 for Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To recommend the acceptance of the Proposed Championship dates and sites for 2014-2015 to the Annual General Meeting delegates
- To approve THAT the Executive Committee be authorized to disburse raffle funds in the amount of \$280.00 per share to athletes who competed for Manitoba in the past year in Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian Tire National Championships and Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships and half to alternates as per Policy F.102.

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**

- 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, Section Chairman, Executive Director, Vice-Chair and Finance Chair.
- 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.
- To suspend the following positions to the Board for Skate Canada Manitoba:  
Vice-Chair  
Director

- THAT the following be approved as Alternates for Regional Supervisors:
 

Central	- Carolyn Patenaude
Eastman	- Kristjan Koshulak
Interlake	- Jennifer Simons
Norman	- Debbie Trowell
North Westman	- TBD
Parkland	- TBD
South Westman	- Kim Eissner
Winnipeg	- Sandra Klassen

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

- THAT the Minutes of April 25, 2014 be approved as circulated.
- THAT the Minutes of April 27, 2015 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.
- THAT the following Mission Statement be approved:  
 “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.”
- THAT the following Vision Statement be approved:  
 “A unified skating community that inspires participants to Skate for Life.”
- THAT the Board of Directors approve the External Social Media Policy.
- THAT the Board of Directors approve the Internal Social Media Policy.
- THAT the Board of Directors approve the In Camera Meeting Policy.
- THAT the Board of Directors approve the Social Media Guidelines for Coaches and athletes
- THAT the Board of Directors approve the Officials Out of Province Assignment Policy.
- To approve the alternates for Regional Supervisors:  
 Parkland – Heidi Zastre, Ste. Rose  
 North Westman –Jodi McKinstry, Carberry
- THAT the Reports be approved as printed and amended.
- THAT Skate Canada Manitoba purchase two tickets at \$150.00 each for the 35th Annual MB Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies and Dinner on Saturday, November 8th.
- To approve 2014-2015 Committee Members as amended.

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

- THAT the Minutes of September 27, 2014 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, 2015.
- THAT the Reports be approved as distributed and presented.
- THAT the revised In-Camera Meeting Standing Rule be approved.



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

Our organization over the last 3 ½ years has taken a focused and strategic path to improving the development, growth and longevity within our sport. We have made progress in all portfolios; some have made more progress than others. This path to change at times been a challenge for the board and the various working groups as we have had to ask ourselves some hard questions and make sure that what we are doing is within our Section's Mission, Vision and Values, along with our 5 strategic directions. This process is fluid and we continue to adapt and adjust as we move forward. The Skate Canada Manitoba Board of Directors strongly believes that we are going in the right direction and we continue to make positive progress and changes.

We continue to embrace the changes that Skate Canada has been implementing throughout the entire organization. We need to ensure that we all continue to review the information and changes that have been or will be implemented as they will affect the way some of us continue to do our day to day operations.

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 of the many Committee, Board and Executive for all of the work that you do throughout the year mostly behind the scenes to ensure that Skate Canada Manitoba is a viable organization within the province of Manitoba. We look forward to the coming year, where we will be working hard on a number of initiatives to improve and become more effective as an organization. So stay tuned as we will be sharing our process and plans as the year continues.

### **Finance/Grants/Bingo's**

- The Management of the Bingo's continues to be done through the Section Office
- Clubs have been timely at responding to requests and we have NOT had any issues regarding attendance at assigned events
- Sport Manitoba funding for the 2014-2015 Fiscal year is \$113,500.00
- Our Sport Manitoba funding for the 2015-16 Fiscal year will not be released until October 2015
- Sport Manitoba Coaching Department also provides grants based upon availability of up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year
- Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries provides us with an opportunity to earn monies based upon the number of Bingo's assigned and worked. The actual number of Bingo's that we receive in any given fiscal period is determined by Sport Manitoba. In the current fiscal year 2014-15 we will receive a total of 21 Bingos worth \$42,600. The start of the new fiscal period of 2015-16 we will see an increase in our bingo number up to 23 for a value of \$45,600.
- Skate Canada provides us with grants from member registrations (skaters, coaches, officials and executive members), and test fees. The value of this year's grant is anticipated to be approximately \$94,000.

**Skate Canada Manitoba Skater Results**

**2015 Skate Canada Challenge – Pierrefonds QC – December 3-7, 2014**

**Senior Women**

Deidre Russell 16/36

**Junior Women**

Madison McCallum – 21/48

Amy Todoruk – 44/48

Tristan Merke – 48/48

**Novice Women**

Kirsten Gutenberg – 35/54

Tori Thiessen – 36/54

Dominique Bergeron – 39/54

Taryn Jackson – 50/54

**Pre-Novice Women**

Casey Bertholet – 8/54

Andrea Laskovic – 49/54

Danae Russell – 44/54

Emma King – 45/54

**2015 Canada Winter Games –February 23 – March 1, 2015**

**Novice Women**

Kirsten Gutenberg – 13/18

Tori Thiessen – 16/18

**Pre-Novice Women**

Casey Bertholet – 6/19

Danae Russell – 15/19

**2015 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships  
Quebec City, QC – February 27 – March 1, 2015**

**Open**

University of Manitoba Ice Intrepid – 8/11

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

**Senior Women**

Deidre Russell – Top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> placement at SC Challenge = \$250

**Junior Women-**

Madison McCallum – Section Merit Award Winner = \$250

- Top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> placement at SC Challenge = \$250

Amy Todoruk – meeting Standard = \$150

Tristan Merke – meeting Standard = \$150

**Novice Women**

Kirsten Gutenberg – Top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> placement at SC Challenge = \$250

Tori Thiessen – Top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> placement at SC Challenge = \$250

**Pre-Novice Women**

Casey Bertholet – Top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> placement at SC Challenge = \$400

### **Synchro Team**

University of Manitoba Ice Intrepid – travel assistance to SC Synchronized Skating Championships = \$600

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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.

### **2014-15 Section Sponsors**



**PORTAGE  
VETERINARY  
HOSPITAL**

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

Skate Canada's Annual Conference and General Meeting will take place in Winnipeg from May 27-30th at the host hotel – The Hotel Fort Garry. Skate Canada's registration is currently online. Hopefully you have taken advantage of the early bird registration, if not there is still plenty of time to sign up to attend all of the different activities that are being offered throughout the entire week. You can find all of the information on Skate Canada's website [www.skatecanada.ca](http://www.skatecanada.ca).

- You can start the experience with the Section Hosted Activity - on **Wednesday** evening – a guided tour of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and then a reception at the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame Museum.
- **Thursday** is the Skate Canada Convention Opening
- **Friday (day)** – is workshop day - I strongly encourage you to attend the workshops (Friday) as they will bring great insight and knowledge that you can bring back to your club;
- attend the Achievement Awards Gala & Banquet (**Friday evening**) – to celebrate the award winners including a number of our own;

Stan Yee, St. Andrews SC –Manitoba Section Volunteer of Excellence  
Jacy Butler – Carman SC – Manitoba CanSkate Award winner  
Morgan Miller - Portage SC– Manitoba STARSkate Athlete of the Year  
Casey Bertholet – - Hartney FSC - Manitoba CompetitiveSkate Athlete of the Year

- Saturday – Skate Canada Annual General Meeting

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**Membership Statistics**

*As of Feb 25, 2014*

Clubs/Schools – 55

Coaches – 141

Officials -47

Synchro teams – 26

Skaters -3932

*As of April 8, 2015*

Clubs/Schools - 56

Coaches -150

Officials - 49

Synchro teams - 21

Skaters -4228

**Program Coordinator Annual Report  
Submitted by Megan Svistovski**

1. Update on current approved budget items
  - a. NCCP Courses
    - i. CanSkate – May 9-11
      - Sportsplex, Brandon MB
      - 15 registered
      - Megan Svistovski was the Learning Facilitator
    - ii. CanSkate – May 17-19
      - Jonathan Toews Community Centre
      - 13 registered
      - Megan Svistovski was the Learning Facilitator, Laurie Reade shadowed
    - iii. CanSkate – September 5-7
      - Sport for Life Centre and Notre Dame Community Arena, Winnipeg MB
      - 13 registered
      - Megan Svistovski was the Learning Facilitator
    - iv. Primary STARSkate Learning Facilitator Training – June 27<sup>th</sup>
      - Victoria Inn, Winnipeg MB
      - 2 registered and attended – Tammy McKay and Laurie Reade
      - Monica Lockie was the Master Learning Facilitator
    - v. Primary STARSkate – September 5-7
      - Sportsplex, Brandon MB
      - 12 registered
      - Tammy McKay was the Learning Facilitator
    - vi. ISPC – May 2-4 and 24-25
      - Morris Multiplex, Morris MB
      - 10 registered– 1 was previously certified and participated as a refresher.
      - Carolyn Allwright and Lynne Koper were the facilitators
  - b. Originally only one CanSkate Course was planned for the spring, but due to number of registrations, a second course was added. This was the first time since 2005 that an ISPC Course was run in MB!
  - c. Will continue with offering one CanSkate course in the spring and one in the fall, one Primary STARSkate course in the spring and in the fall and one ISPC course every two years.

2. Skating Programs

a. STAR Workshops

Location	Date	Clinicians	Number of Coaches	Number of Club Executive	Number of Officials
Virden	Sept. 13	Dana McKee & Jean Lesures	32	3	N/A
Gimli	Oct. 25	Megan Svistovski & RoxAnne Daignault	10	8	3
Niverville	Oct. 26	Megan Svistovski & RoxAnne Daignault	13	2	9

b. STARSkate

i. All STAR Seminars (formerly Regional Seminars)

Region	Date	Location	Clinician(s)	Team TOBA Demonstrators	Number of Skaters	Number of Coaches
Eastman	Oct. 18	Lorette	Dana McKee & Meghan Rafferty	1	13	0
Norman	Oct. 25	Thompson	Paige Lawrence	0	36	2
Parkland	Oct. 19	Russell	Kelly Walker & Carol Evenson	1	25	3
Central	Nov. 1	Holland	Tammy McKay & Meghan Sprung	1	24	2
Winnipeg/Interlake	Oct. 25	Terry Sawchuk	Tyler Bidnyk & Jaime Wong	0	27	5
North Westman	Nov. 15	Viriden	Laurie Bertholet	2	36	4
South Westman	Nov. 15	Boissevain	Tammy McKay & Meghan Rafferty	2	39	5

ii. All STAR Clinicians

- Tammy McKay and Dana McKee trained a group of new coaches Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. There were six new clinicians trained, for a total of eight All STAR Clinicians.
- A multi-year strategy was designed to provide succession planning for the clinicians and a refresh to the Host Club Guidelines were developed, complete with templates, best practices and clinician bios.
- This revision took longer than intended and big thanks go out to the Host Clubs for their patience in waiting for these plans.

c. Competitive/Games

i. Team TOBA Provincial Seminar

- July 5 & 6, 2014
- MTS IcePlex, Winnipeg MB
- 39 registered skaters and 18 registered coaches
- Christine Krall and Erik Schultz were the on-ice facilitators

ii. Simulations

- September 20 & 21, 2014
- Kinsmen Arena, Brandon MB
- 52 registered skaters/teams
- Brett Hines, Cadfan Edwards, Danielle Swain, Karen Howard and Tammy Dunbar were brought in to provide feedback.

iii. Team TOBA Junior Development Seminar

- March 15, 2015
- Morden MB
- 28 registered skaters, 19 registered parents and 11 registered coaches
- Deidre Russell was the on-ice facilitator; Adam Decker and Rosie Lesage were the off-ice facilitators.

d. Synchro

i. Technical Update

- September 17, 2014
- Webinar
- 8 coaches and 2 officials participated

- Julie Petrilli facilitated.
- ii. Synchro Choreography & Skills Session
  - October 11 & 12, 2014
  - Killarney MB
  - 2 registered teams and 18 registered skaters
  - Lee Chandler & Maddie McCallum facilitated
- iii. Synchro Monitoring Session
  - January 4, 2015
  - Morris MB
  - 9 registered teams
  - Mary Ellen McDonald and Mindy Gerlat were brought in to provide feedback.

### 3. Competitions

- a. Sectional Championships
  - i. November 7 & 8, 2014
  - ii. Kinsmen Arena, Brandon MB
  - iii. 72 registered skaters/teams
- b. Regional Championships
  - i. Central – January 10, Altona MB
  - ii. Eastman – January 11, Grunthal MB
  - iii. Interlake – January 11, Arborg MB
  - iv. Winnipeg – January 18
  - v. Norman – January 24, Gillam MB
  - vi. Parkland – January 24, Roblin MB
  - vii. N/S Westman – January 25, Souris MB
- c. Synchro Championships
  - i. January 17, 2015
  - ii. Hazelridge MB
  - iii. 19 registered teams
- d. MB Open FreeSkate
  - i. February 13-15, 2015
  - ii. Morden MB
  - iii. 173 registered skaters in 255 events
- e. STARSkate Championships
  - i. March 7, 2015
  - ii. Swan River MB
  - iii. 62 registered skaters in 14 events
- f. Crocus Invitational
  - i. March 21, 2015
  - ii. Stonewall MB
  - iii. 21 registered teams in seven events

## **Championships and Events Annual Report Submitted by Heather Hollinda**

### **Committee Members**

Director – Heather Hollinda, Roblin Skating Club; Parkland Region  
Executive Member – Michelle Magnusson, Skate Brandon; MB Section  
Staff Member – Megan Svistovski  
Coaching Member – Deirdre Russell – Skate Winnipeg; Winnipeg Region  
Judging Member – Miles Johnston  
Data Specialist – Don Brown, East St. Paul; Interlake  
Member at large – Kim Thiessen, Skate Brandon; North Westman

### **Committee Meetings**

- June 3, 2014 (Heather, Megan & Michelle – new director orientation) – minutes submitted for distribution
- August 28, 2014 (face to face with all committee members) – minutes submitted for distribution
- October 27, 2014 – Teleconference – minutes submitted
- January 28, 2015 – Teleconference – minutes submitted
- February 18, 2015 – Teleconference – minutes submitted
- March 4, 2015 – Teleconference – minutes submitted
- March 25, 2015 – Teleconference – minutes to be submitted pending adoption

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

- All budget submission programs have been completed.

### **Skate Canada Manitoba Strategic Direction**

- 3 of our committee members are leads in the tasks for Strategic Direction #3 : Review all programs and align with LTAD
- The objective most relevant to this committee is the alignment of a new competition structure with the LTAD
- Strategies to achieve this are:
  - o Review current state & host guidelines
  - o Restructure competition model
  - o Review softball Canada's competition structure for guidance
- Host Committee Guidelines were reworked and relabeled Local Organizing Committee Guidelines, specific to each event. These were utilized by the majority of host committees and feedback has been received. This is an ongoing initiative, and further revisions will be made with the received feedback and input from Data Specialists, Event Manager/Audio, and Evaluators Committees
- Regional STARSkate Competitions and FunSkates were based on the new STAR 1 – 5 structure, which has been developed from the LTAD model. Technical packages were reviewed by this committee. Further review is needed prior to next season.



### **Initiatives Achieved**

- Competition fee structure was approved for 2014/15 season
- Local Organizing Committee Guidelines were revised and implemented
- Competition events were based on LTAD model
- Terms of Reference has been updated and submitted for board approval
- Every Section-managed and Regional competition had a committee-member liaison
- Technical packages for competitions/events and funskates were reviewed prior to awarding of sanction
- Sanction Fee structure has been reviewed and recommendation for increases based on type and length of event have been made
- Recommendations for Profit Sharing with Section and Host for Section Managed events has been made
- Competition fee structure for the 2015/16 season and recommendations submitted

### **Up-coming Initiatives**

- Proposal for Restructuring of Regional Competitions has been developed, to be presented at AGM
- Competition Grid for Regional Competitions is pending approval of Trial for Regional Competition Event Restructure
- Continued revisions to Local Organizing Committee Guidelines Packages
- Conduct a Venue Review update, with input from Synchro Committee

### **Questions or Concerns**

- Alignment with the LTAD model has created the need for Technical Specialists at Regional Competitions for STAR 5 and higher FreeSkate Events. A limited number of these officials coupled with lower number of skaters at these levels in many Regions has identified the need to revisit the current structure of our Regional Competitions

### **Ideas for Future**

- Competition information/budgets/post event reports have been shared with Committee Director this year to facilitate planning with future host clubs/committees

### **Collaboration with other Committees**

- Plan to invite Synchro Committee to assist with the Venue review, to identify arenas suitable for hosting synchronized skating competitions
- Revision of Local Organizing Committee Guidelines will continue with input from other committees as appropriate
- Review of future technical packages to include input from Officials and Data Specialists

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

### **List of Committee Members**

Chair: Carol Light – South Westman

Regional Coaching Reps:

Kyla Itterman – Central

Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere – Eastman (Alternate)

VACANT – Interlake

Betty Anne Wilkinson – Norman

Teddi Garvey – North Westman

Susie Wilkinson – Parkland

Laurie Bertholet – South Westman

Karen Landers – Winnipeg

Officials Rep – Sarah Islietson

Office Support – Megan Svistovski – Program Coordinator

VP – Michelle Magnusson

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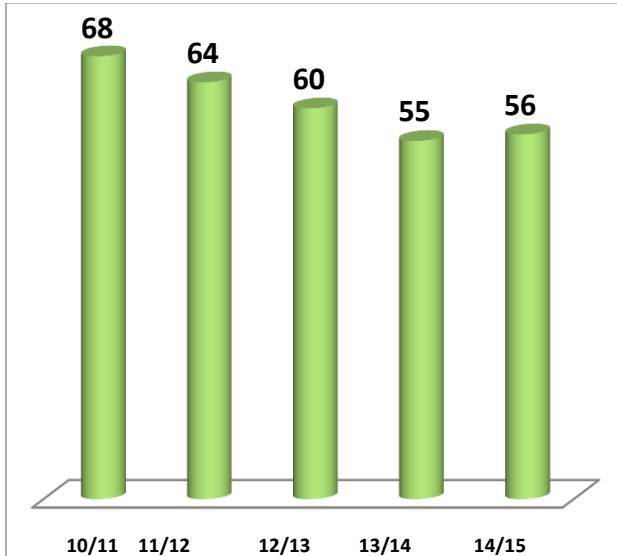
1. Committee meetings held
  - a. July 22, 2014 & September 1, 2014 & November 17, 2014
  - b. February 23, 2015 & March 23, 2015
  - c. Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution
2. Update on current approved budget items
  - a. Coaches Administration
    - i. 5 Conference Calls were held throughout the season
    - ii. Agenda was discussed as planned
    - iii. Meeting Minutes were submitted for circulation
  - b. Coaches AGM 2014
    - i. Friday Evening & Saturday Lunch
    - ii. Coaching MB Grant - \$1500
    - iii. Training was for officials & coaches as planned
    - iv. Clinician – STAR 1-5 Team Friday Evening – Saturday Coaches AGM
    - v. Will continue to provide a training opportunity on Friday Evening, as well as, a recognition reception for Coaches, Officials, Data Specialists & Audio at AGM, discussion on format of Coaches AGM at committee meeting & will continue to be discussed and changes have been made for the upcoming season
  - c. Coaching High Performance Grant
    - i. 4 grants @ \$300 – 3 have currently been used Coaching MB Travel Assistance Grants – Carol Light, Megan Rafferty, Carolyn Cameron – support for NCC & ACGM in QC
  - d. CanSkate/STARSkate Standards Seminar (Competitive Seminar)
    - i. Funding was used for the CanSTAR workshops held Fall 2014
    - ii. 2 seminars have been put in the budget for next season including a Learn to Train Back to Basics Seminar to be held Fall 2015 in 3 locations & a Learn to Compete – Competitive Seminar in conjunction with the Skating Programs

- Competitive Seminar in May 2015 we have been able to secure clinicians for both seminars
- e. Coach Retention, Succession Planning & Mentorship Program
    - i. work will be done via email with the CanSkate mentors during the new season and a presentation of the program will be shared at the Coaches AGM in April 2015
    - ii. The Synchro Mentorship program has not been started as collaboration with the Skating Programs Synchro Committee has not been confirmed
3. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction(s)
    - a. Currently our committee is aligned with the Strategic Direction that is reviewing our Skating Programs
      - i. SCR and other coaches attended the Skating Programs meeting in August in Portage, MB
  4. Provide information on all up-coming programs and initiatives for your committee
    - a. Respect In Sport
      - i. An email was sent out to coaches from each Regional Coaching Rep in December as a reminder to complete the Respect In Sport Module
      - ii. Very little feedback was received from these emails
      - iii. We will continue to connect with MB Coaches who have not yet completed Respect In Sport
    - b. Coaches Registered (as of February 26, 2015)
      - i. We have 149 coaches registered in MB
      - ii. We have 16 coaches that took the CanSkate course in 2014 that have not registered as a coach with Skate Canada
      - iii. We have 39 coaches that are eligible to register but have not registered with Skate Canada as a coach for the 2014-2015 season
      - iv. An email was sent to coaches who's First Aid and Screening are not up to date with Skate Canada – Regional Supervisors & Regional Coaches Reps were cc'd on the email – all Coaches have responded and updated their requirements
    - c. On Line Training Module for CanSkate
      - i. A review of what we need to do with the On Line Training Module for CanSkate will be revisited in Spring 2015
    - d. Regional Coaches Representatives
      - i. Regional Coaches Meetings were held in Fall 2014 and Winter 2015 in all Regions
      - ii. Regional Coaches Reps will be reminded to attend the Spring Regional Meetings
      - iii. Regional Coaches Rep nomination forms have been sent out and will be collected prior to April 1, 2015 - circulation of the nominations will be sent out April 3, 2015 to all registered MB Coaches. If voting is needed it will take place between April 3, 2015 & April 17, 2015 – the Regional Coaches Reps will continue to make up the representatives on the Coaching Committee
    - e. 2015 Seminars
      - i. Planning is underway for the Learn to Compete & Learn to Train Seminars for the 2015 season
      - ii. Contracts have been sent out and dates have been proposed and tentatively booked.
    - f. Mentorship Program
      - i. Phase 1 (CanSkate) will be ready to roll out at our Coaches AGM in April 2015

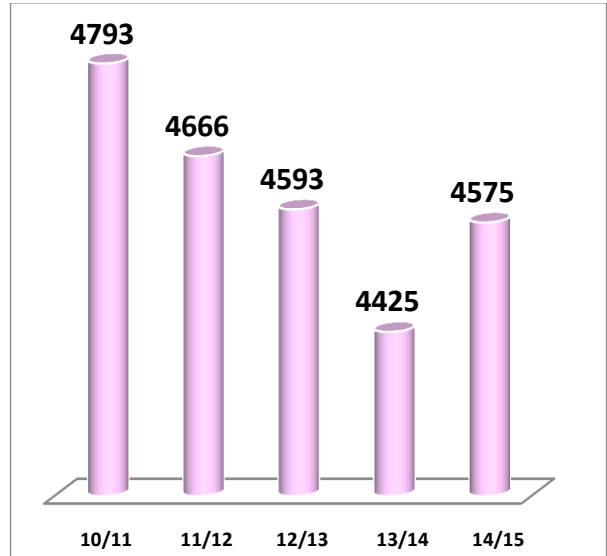
- ii. Phase 1 (Synchro) is on hold until we hear back from Skating Programs Synchro Chair on interest in collaborating
    - iii. We are planning to start working on Phase 2 over the Spring/Summer 2015
  - g. Coaches Portal
    - i. Currently being reviewed now that the new Skate Canada platform has been running
    - ii. We will be evaluating the different pieces of the portal and how best to communicate the information to our MB Coaches at our April 2015 meeting
  - h. Newsletters
    - i. Fall – focus on information for the upcoming season has been circulated and posted
    - ii. Winter – focus on new information from Skate Canada and within the Section, has been circulated and posted
    - iii. Spring/Summer – AGM, ACGM, NCC – highlight successes throughout the season – the newsletter will be sent out May/June 2015
- 5. List any questions or concerns
  - a. A huge concern that has been identified throughout the Section has been partnering for Sr Bronze –Gold dances. The Committee has discussed and will put forward a proposal to the Officials Chair regarding the possibility of centralized dance partner practices and dance tests, including the changes that would be needed to accommodate these types of test days.
- 6. List any suggestions/ideas for the future
  - a. We will continue to work to minimize costs within our Budget
  - b. Our main focus for the 2015-2016 season will be Coaching Education
- 7. List any collaborations with other committees
  - a. We intend to continue our partnership with the Skating Programs Committee – sub committees – Competitive, CanSkate and create a new partnership with the STARSkate committee now that the new Chair is settled in to her role and the Regional Supervisors Committee to continue to generate ideas and communicate between Clubs, Athletes, Regions & Coaches

**Membership Annual Report  
Submitted by Shauna Marling**

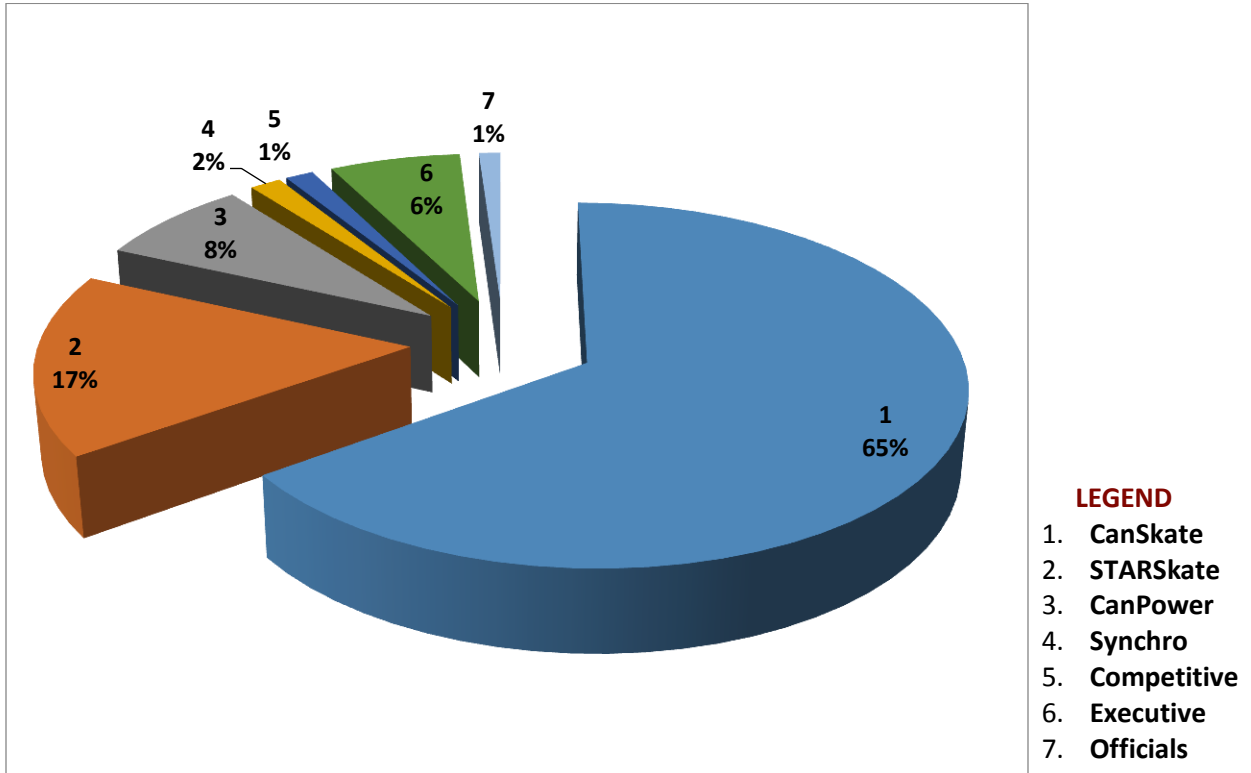
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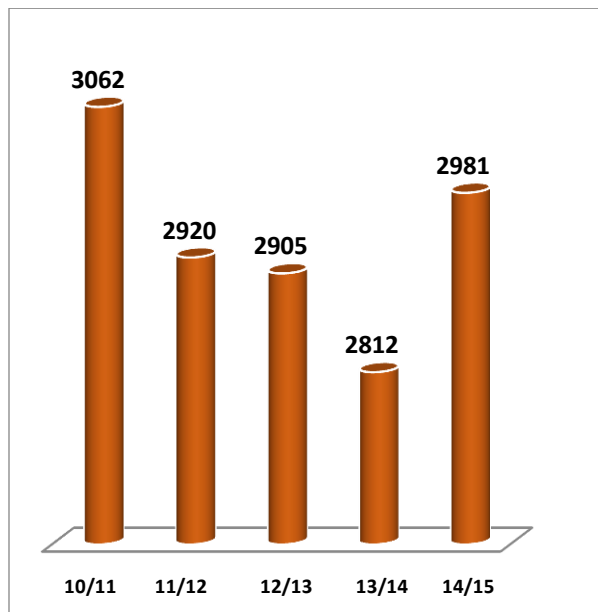
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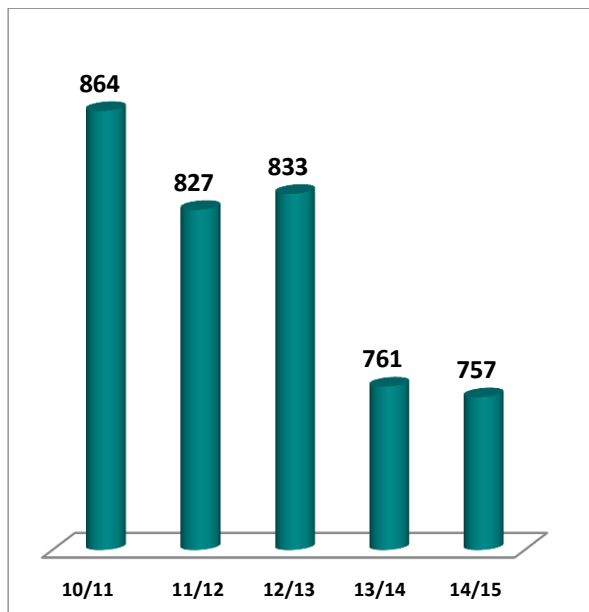
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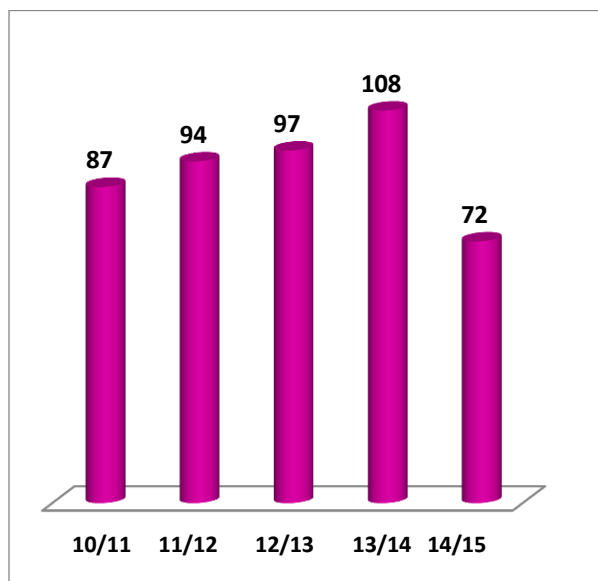
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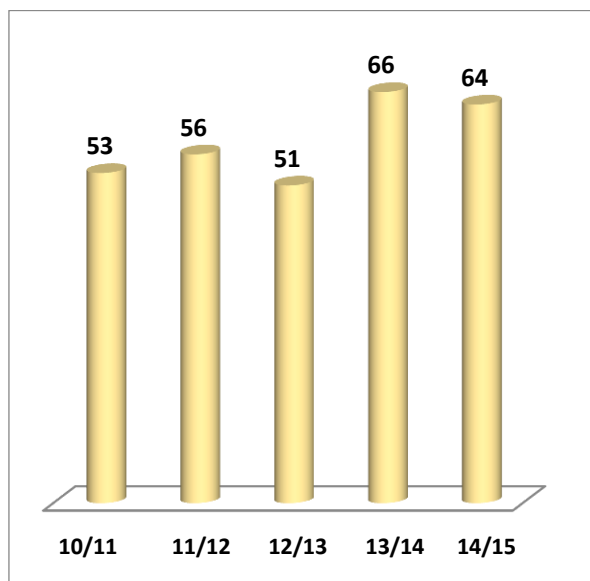
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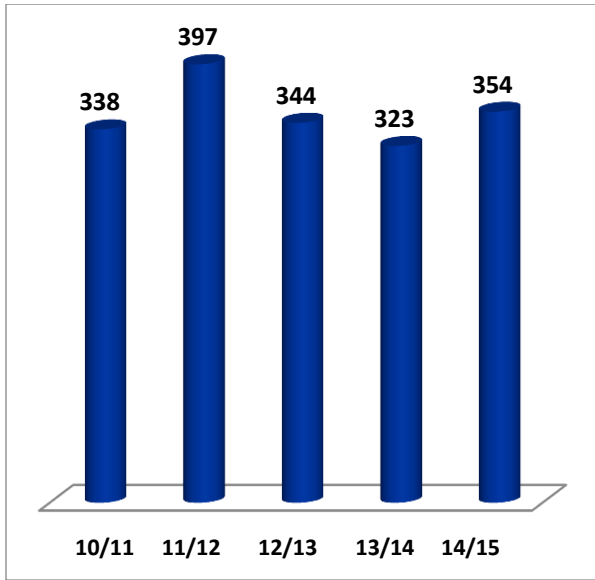
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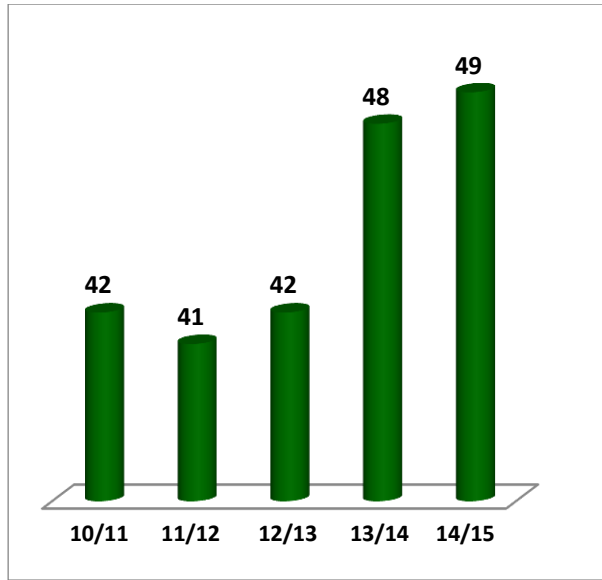
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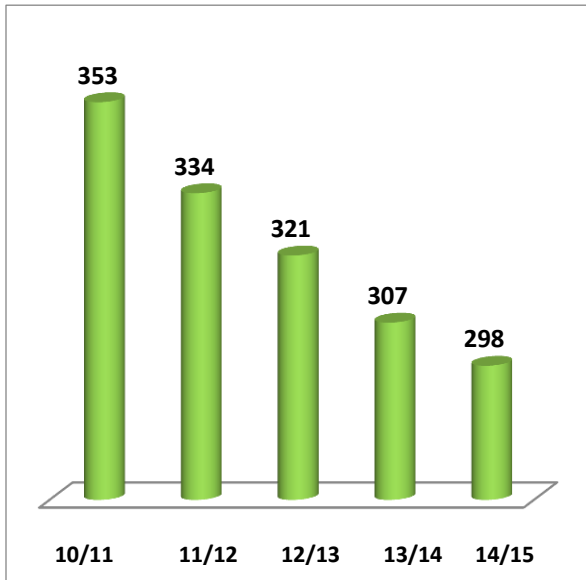
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**Official Members**



**Club Executive Members**



## Officials Annual Report

There will be an Officials Strategic Planning session held on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> with Norm Proft and Alex Killby from Skate Canada as the session's facilitators.

### **Audio Annual Report** - Submitted by Stan Yee

Events attended by the audio group:

AGM & Ice Show in Brandon, ACGM in Quebec City, Summer Open in Winnipeg, Simulations and Sectionals in Brandon, SuperSkate in Winnipeg, Challenge in Montreal, Winterfest in Toronto, Central Regionals, Winnipeg Regionals, Parkland Regionals, North & South Westman Regionals, Synchro Sectionals in Hazelridge, Prairie Synchro in Warman, Manitoba Open in Morden, Synchro Canadians in Quebec City, Provincial STARSkate in Swan River, Crocus Invitational in Stonewall, and Stony Mountain. We will be attending the Bursary Ice Show in Winnipeg and World Synchro in Hamilton. It has been a very busy year.

On behalf of Michelle Magnusson and Susan Zuk, a big thank you to all the host committees for all that you have done for us at these events.

Also a big thank you goes out to all the local announcers and computer people who helped us at the Regional events. Thank you to all the runners who delivered music to and from registration. A big thank you goes to all those at the registration table who gathered and sorted all the music for us, your help is invaluable.

We now have 2 sets of music computers for competitions.

We now have a request from an individual from of the Interlake Region to be trained as an announcer.

We are still looking for music people and announcers to join our group.

Thanks for another great skating season!

### **Data Specialist's Annual Report** – submitted by Doreen Brown

Despite some challenges at the beginning of the season, competitions have been running smoothly as possible with everyone learning to work within the new STAR program. We will be working with the Championship & Events Committee as the upcoming seasons Technical Packages and Announcements are released/finalized.

Deadline for submission of workbooks for promotion to the next level of Data Specialist was the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. No one has submitted for promotion.

Don Brown received an invitation to SaskSkate in September 2014 and Challenge in December 2014. Doreen Brown received an invitation to National Synchro in Quebec City at the end of February 2015.



We have had 4 people interested in becoming Data Specialists. Rebecca Phillips and Julie Malcolm from Skate Gilliam, Denise Smith from Roblin and Barb Nicholls and Monique Laskovic from Winnipeg.

Don Brown was able to do some training while attending the Norman Region STARSkate Competition in Gillam in January 2015.

### **Evaluators and Judges Annual Report** – submitted by Marj Beddall

**Committee:** Marj Beddall, Diane Brine, Diane Harder, Mary Ellen McDonald, Karren Antymniuk, Bernice Lucas, Melody Collo, Shelley Meakin and Karen Landers (Coaching Rep.)

#### **Clinics:**

Technical Panel Clinic – was to be held in conjunction with the Northern Ontario Section, August 21-24, 2014 but due to insufficient numbers, it was cancelled.

Simulations Clinic – During Simulations September 20-21 in Brandon, officials were offered the opportunity to attend and observe the events with the technical panel and judges.

Gold Evaluator Clinic – Kirby Ann Hintz attended this in Saskatoon October 25-26.

STAR 1-4 Clinics – were the main focus this year for all our officials. Many attended the session at the 2014 Skate Canada Manitoba AGM, while others were at the refresher courses in Gimli or Niverville in September 2014.

#### **Out of Province Assignments:**

March 2014 - Living Skies Synchro, SK (Regina) – Cyndi Price

October 3-5, 2014 - Sask Skate (Regina) – Tammy Dunbar, Cadfan Edwards, Brenda Sokoloski, Shelley Meakin, Mary Ellen McDonald

November 14-15, 2014 - SK Sectionals (Melville) – Diane Harder, Cadfan Edwards

January 10-11, 2015 - Rose Bowl Synchro Competition (Calgary) – Mary Ellen McDonald

January 30 – February 1, 2015 - Sunset Country Interclub (Keewatin, ON) Tech rep – Diane Brine, judges: Mary Ellen McDonald, Danielle Swain, Rebecca Bayes

February 7-8, 2015 - Prairie Regional Synchro Competition (Warman, SK) – Megan Maxwell, Mary Ellen McDonald, Cyndi Price, Marj Beddall

February 20-22, 2015 – Thunder Bay Open (Thunder Bay) – Melody Collo

February 26-28, 2015 - Jean Norman Competition (Weyburn SK) – Diane Brine, Diane Harder, Mary Ellen McDonald, Melody Collo, Cadfan Edwards,

March 13-14, 2015 - Living Skies Synchro Competition (Regina) – Megan Maxwell, Mary Ellen McDonald, Marj Beddall

#### **Out of Province Test Days**

May 23-24, 2014, Thunder Bay, ON – Diane Brine

November 22-23, 2014, Fort Frances, ON – Diane Brine

December 11-13, 2014, Kenora/Keewatin, ON – Debbie Haney

February 6, 2014, Moosomin, SK – Miles Johnston

March 13-14, 2015, Keewatin, ON – Debbie Haney

March 31, 2015, Keewatin, ON – Debbie Haney

#### **Promotions**

Karren Antymniuk – Clinic Leader

Jocelyn Bergunder – Juvenile singles judge  
 Tricia Debeuckelaere – Primary singles judge  
 Elizabeth Hare – Juvenile judge  
 Kirby Ann Hintz – Senior Bronze Evaluator in free skate, dance and skills and Primary judge  
 Leanne McLean – Primary judge

**Test Day Coordinators Annual Report** – submitted by Diane Harder

**Test Days** – There were 56 regular season test days held this year and 19 in the off season. 9 test days were cancelled. A breakdown of tests/skaters & evaluators per region are listed below:

Region	# of Skaters	# of Test days	# Evaluators
Central Region	135	16	2
Eastman	38	6	2
Interlake	161	10	2
Norman	89	6	0
Parkland	55	4	2
North Westman	147	11	5
South Westman	82	8	1
Winnipeg	103	14	7

There are 738 skaters enrolled in STARSkate and 64 Competitive skaters.

The Manitoba Section has 29 Evaluators/Judges and 8 individuals that are only qualified to judge competitions which leaves 21 officials available to evaluate at test days.

Testing opportunities outside of test days were held at Manitoba Open Free Skate.

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.

**Communication Annual Report  
Submitted by Susan Zuk**

**List of Committee Members**

Include: Debbie Haney, Shauna Marling

1. Committee meetings held

- May 15, 2014
- June 19, 2014
- August 6, 2014
- September 17, 2014
- January 8, 2015

2. Work Sessions

September 10, 2014

- Creating mail and facebook design with external resource

September 22, 2014

- Meeting with Adam Wedlake and Shauna to discuss Basketball Manitoba communications environment
- Working with Shauna on online newsletter test implementation

Weekly working sessions

- Scheduled Wednesday morning working sessions to implement communications tools and identify other activities and goals to be accomplished.

3. Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution for all meetings

4. Accomplishments

a. Budget Update

- i. Communications – worked within budget

b. Focus Areas

- i. Survey – Performed to understand the current use of communication tools of our members/stakeholders

1. Completed survey (sent to clubs, officials, Board of Directors and coaches) and reviewed results with highlights as follows:

- a. Membership desires a multi-platform and user-friendly website.
  - i. Our challenge is dependency on Skate Canada who is having technical issues and this will mean a delay in enhancing the Skate Canada Manitoba website.
- b. Majority of our members use Facebook and mail. Twitter and Instagram are becoming popular among the skaters.
  - i. Our focus on creating a Facebook page and a Twitter Site for a rollout this fall.
- c. Survey Cost is only the monthly fee for Survey Monkey
- d. Facebook and Twitter cost is an honorarium fee to a student volunteer.

ii. Social Media Policies

- 1. Created and reviewed by various committees board for:

- a. External Social Media Policy
    - b. Internal Social Media Policy
    - c. Social Media for Coaches and Athletes
  - 2. Approved by the Executive and was approved by the Board at the September 27, 2014 meeting.
- iii. Received a proposal from Targa Communications to implement a social media environment. We have decided they were going to charge us \$2000 for what we are currently implementing so not to move forward with their proposal. We will approach specific technical and communications people as we require their expertise.
- iv. Mail Management – Based on mail limitations, the Canadian SPAM Act and mail complexities of the section we looked into a mail program used by other Sports groups within Sports Manitoba.
  - 1. Utilizing a program called MailChimp to provide a managed mail environment.
    - a. All members will be part of a complete mail list and then specific mail lists are being created. For example, Executive, Board, Officials, Regional Directors, Judges, various skater groupings, etc. Shauna has created a spreadsheet of groups for implementation which has been implemented with continuous changes being made based on need.
    - b. The tool will also be used to communicate all our information in an online, standard format. Testing was completed initially of this online format with the September newsletter update to the executive.
    - c. This started to be the ongoing process beginning in January and February.
    - d. No cost except for an honorarium to a student who is assisting.
    - e. Looks to be working well and latest feedback is it has been well received.
  - v. Website – The section office has been updating the section website by adding dropdowns for each competition. Each competition will include all the information for the event. A challenge occurred at the National Office which caused our section’s website to be unavailable until March of this year. Updates continue to be made to the new environment which Skate Canada has provided.
- c. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction(s) that are within your Committee/portfolio
  - i. Increased communications to the internal workings of the section via MailChimp.
  - ii. Increased communications to the media with news releases for Challenge via regular mail and then using MailChimp before and during the Canada Winter Games.

5. Future Communications Programs and Initiatives

- a. eMail/MailChimp
  - i. Continuing to implement MailChimp and enhance utilization. Currently over 300 mail addresses have been implemented and categorized into segments such as: media, officials, clubs, regional directors, skating teams, executive and board.
  - ii. Continuing the movement to online news through MailChimp.
- b. Social Media Tools

- i. Deciding on what additional social media tools to provide based on continuous changes regarding what our skaters are using. Can implement Facebook and Twitter and integrate with the section website. MailChimp will have integration with the section website as well as with other tools.
  - c. Enhanced Capabilities with the Tools
    - i. Promote our events using MailChimp to the media and integrate with the website and other tools as appropriate.
    - ii. Integrate self-subscription to our mail management system through the Skate Canada Manitoba website.
    - iii. Monitor Skate Canada to understand when updates will occur on our website.
    - iv. Enhance website.
    - v. Investigate and review tools for online meetings
    - vi. Investigate and review tools for online survey.
  - d. Guidelines for Use
    - i. May need to create guidelines for members in areas such as Key Strategies for coaches, officials, skaters and parents.
- 6. Additional work regarding future collaborations with other committees
  - a. Policy reviews and feedback for all current implementations.
  - b. Creation of a communication matrix template
    - i. Provide all Skate Canada Manitoba Portfolios with a communications tree
      - 1. Who needs to know what and by when
        - a. i.e. portfolio, communications, office
          - i. press releases for events, programs, results, achievements, awards, seminars and clinics
        - ii. Tools who needs to know and participate and timelines.

## **Marketing Committee Annual Report Submitted by Monique Laskovic**

Committee members: Debbie Haney, Monique Laskovic , Jacque Enns, Shauna Marling

We have been working this season to renew and revitalize the Sponsorship/Partnership package. It has been a number of years since the package was reviewed. The draft Sponsorship/Partnership package has been forwarded to both the Skate Canada Marketing Business Unit and the Sport Manitoba Marketing Department for them to review and provide our committee with any feedback. Once we receive the information from the above 2 groups we will make the appropriate changes to put the finishing touches on the documents. Once this has been completed we will be moving forward with the next stage(s) of the process.

If anyone knows of a business or organization that they believe might be a good partnership please email [mlaskovic@hotmail.com](mailto:mlaskovic@hotmail.com) to have the business added to our "Target List". Please note before we approach someone on our "Target List" we will be completing research on the business/organization to see if a mutually beneficial relationship can be formed.

## **Skating Programs Annual Report Submitted by Michelle Magnusson**

### **Committee Members**

Michelle Magnusson- Skating Programs Chair, Vice Chair Assigned  
Tammy, Dunbar – Competitive / Winter Games Chair  
Mary Ellen McDonald – Synchronized Skating Chair  
Meghan Rafferty – CanSkate Chair  
Kim Smith – STARSkate Chair  
Megan Svistovski – Program Coordinator

### **Committee Meetings**

- August 9, August 25

### **Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction**

#### **Strategic Direction #3: Review all programs and align with LTAD.**

- Online survey sent to clubs, members, officials, coaches for feedback in June 2014 (30% response rate). Raw data was provided to participants involved in Skating Programs Review and Strategic Planning session. A report will be shared with the Executive and Board.
- Skating Programs review and strategic planning session was held on August 9<sup>th</sup> (13/22 invited in attendance). Draft document has been provided to Executive and Skating Program sub-committee chairs for review and to discuss with their committees.
- A number of the suggestions / plans discussed at this session are included in various skating program sub-committee initiatives this season and in planning for 2015-16.
- Special Olympics Manitoba was present and subsequently has met with the SCMB Program Coordinator to plan how to encourage our clubs, coaches, and membership to consider integrating Special Olympic figure skating into our programs. Information has been provided to regional supervisors and coaches.

### **Upcoming Programs and Initiatives**

- Finalize the 2015-2019 skating programs strategic plan to present to membership at the 2015 AGM.
- Update Skating Programs Term of Reference to reflect strategic plan and current roles and responsibilities of skating programs committee and sub-committees.

### **Collaboration with other Committees**

- Championships & Events – ongoing
- Coaching – ongoing
- Officials – ongoing

**CanSkate Sub-Committee Report** - Submitted by: Meghan Rafferty/Michelle Magnusson

<b>List of Committee Members</b>	<b>Volunteer Capacity</b>	<b>Region</b>
Meghan Rafferty – Chair	Coach	Eastman
Dana McKee	Coach	Interlake
Jody James	Coach	Central
Kim Eissner	Club Executive	South Westman
Megan Svistovski – Program Coordinator		
Michelle Magnusson- Skating Programs Chair, Vice Chair Assigned		

**Committee Meetings**

- Conference Call held January 26, 2015

**Update on current approved budget items**

**CanSkate Live**

- This year completes year three of the CanSkate Live Program (all regions will have been provided with a session for clubs and coaches to attend). Skate Canada has officially launched the New CanSkate program in September 2014.
- Virden (September 13) – CanSkate clinician – Dana McKee; STAR clinician – Jean Leshures; 3 club executive members; 30 coaches; 3 Program assistants, 1 SCMB Executive member in attendance
- Gimli (October 25) – CanSkate clinician – Megan Svistovski; STAR clinician – Roxanne Daignault; 8 club executive members; 10 coaches; 3 officials; 1 SCMB Executive member in attendance
- Niverville (October 26)- CanSkate clinician – Megan Svistovski; STAR clinician – Roxanne Daignault; 2 club executive members; 13 coaches; 9 official; 1 SCMB Executive member in attendance
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CanSkate Development & Delivery Clinic Grants were available to clubs this season.

CanPower Coach Clinics – Can Power coach clinics are organized through the SCMB office. We normally try to run a clinic every 2 years or as necessary.

**Upcoming Programs and Initiatives**

- Initiative to promote Special Olympic figure skating to our coaches, clubs, and programs. Meeting was held with Special Olympics Manitoba and SCMB Program Coordinator to plan. Information was provided to coaches and regional supervisors. This will be followed up by both the CanSkate, STARSkate and coaching committees.
- This committee would like to promote the CanSkate Element Event to skaters, clubs and regions. This is a future initiative for this committee.
- This committee provided a list of ten clubs to SC for potential assistance, education, or support regarding the new CanSkate program. Skate Winnipeg has been chosen by Skate Canada for this initiative.
- Program Assistant appreciation – The committee is planning to host an event in conjunction with the ACGM to celebrate the efforts of PAs. Watch for details in the near future.

**Collaborations with other committees**

- Ongoing collaboration with coaching, skating programs, regional supervisors and championships and events committees.



## **Synchronized Skating Sub-Committee Report** - Submitted by Mary Ellen McDonald

### **Committee Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Volunteer Capacity</b>	<b>Region</b>
Mary Ellen McDonald	Chair	Winnipeg
Tammy McKay	Coach	North Westman
Megan Maxwell	Coach	Interlake
Meghan Sprung	Coach	North Westman
Pam Parker	Coach	Central
Sarah Murkin Debeukelaere	Coach	Eastman
Megan Svistovski	Program Coordinator	
Michelle Magnusson	Skating Programs Chair, Vice Chair Assigned	

### **Committee meetings held**

- August 25 2014 – Meeting held between Chair and Program Coordinator to review the items on plan and also to review the planning meeting held with Skating Programs early in summer. (no minutes)
- Conference call held January 29, 2015

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

Choreography & Skills Session – Held in Killarney on October 11 & 12 with Lee Chandler as the clinician. Two teams and 18 skaters attended.

Coaches and Officials Training – Webinar training / update of rules and trends was provided to coaches and officials instead of an in person session. The webinar was held September 17 with Julie Petrelli as the clinician; 8 coaches and 2 officials participated

Team Monitoring – Held on January 4<sup>th</sup> in Morris with Mindy Gerlat and Mary Ellen McDonald providing feedback for 9 teams.

### **Upcoming programs and initiatives**

- An initiative is to investigate the possibility of getting team clothing for Synchro teams that advance to represent Manitoba at Nationals.
- An initiative is to provide Facility Qualification specifications to the Championship committee to ensure that in the future appropriate venues are selected for Synchronized Skating events.
- An initiative was presented to clubs in October 2014 to apply for a grant from SCMB (up to \$1000) to start a Synchro team.
- A number of individual names (coach, club, skater, official, team manager) were submitted by the committee to potential attend the SC Synchro Summit following the ISU World Synchro Championships in April 2015. Three members were selected to attend.
- Two SCM Synchro Coaches are invited to participate in the coach mentoring program at the ISU World Synchro Championships in April 2015. Congratulations to Megan Maxwell and Megan Svistovski.

### **Collaborations with other committees**

- Officials – ongoing
- Championships and Events- ongoing

## Competitive / Winter Games Sub-Committee Report - submitted by Tammy Dunbar

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Volunteer Capacity</b>	<b>Region</b>
Chair: Tammy Dunbar - Chair	Judge/Technical Official	Central
Tammy McKay-CWG Coach	Coach	North Westman
Laurie Bertholet – CWG Team Manager	Coach	South Westman
Tyler Bidnyk-CWG Coach	Coach	
Karen Landers	Coach	Winnipeg
Cadfan Edwards	Technical Specialist	North Westman
Dana McKee	Coach	Interlake
Danielle Swain	Judge	Interlake
VC Assigned- Michelle Magnusson		
SCMB Staff-Megan Svistovski		

### **Committee Meetings Held**

- August 19, October 8, December 9, January 14, January 28

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

#### **Canada Winter Games Programs:**

- In May 2014, Tammy Dunbar attended the Sport Manitoba CWG Coaches/Managers meeting and received information from Sport MB on the 2015 Games in Prince George. This information was distributed to our Coaches: Tammy McKay & Tyler Bidnyk and Team Manager: Laurie Bertholet. Our CWG Sport MB mission staff will be Karyn Andrich. Also in May, 2 of our CWG Selection Team members, Danae Russell & Emma King attended a Sport MB Athlete meeting where they were involved with selection of the walk out uniforms.
- A **CWG Newsletter** was developed and 2 editions (Spring & Fall) were sent out via e-mail to all CWG Select Team to provide updated information regarding the 2015 Canada Winter Games and the Selection process for our Figure Skating Team.
- **CWG Colorado Experience:** Applications were received from 17 of the CWG Select members to be considered for this opportunity to train for a week at the World Arena in Colorado Springs under the tutelage of Christy Krall and her staff. The CWG committee made the difficult selections and the following skaters were chosen: Novice – Dominique Bergeron, Kirsten Gutenburg, & Tori Thiessen; Pre-Novice – Casey Bertholet, Danae Russell & Devon Borody. These skaters along with CWG coach, Tammy McKay and CWG Team Manager, Laurie Bertholet travelled via air to Colorado Springs for an intensive week of training. Funding for this project was shared between the skaters, Sport MB and SCMB. From all reports, this was a fantastic experience for all involved. This program was available due to extra Games funding but it proved very worthwhile and is a program worth pursuing in non-games years.
- **Lessons with Christy Krall** - In July, for the 2 days prior to the Provincial Team Seminar, all CWG Select Team members were provided with an opportunity to receive a lesson from Christy Krall and her training partner Eric Shultz at either the Brandon Summer Skating School or the Winnipeg Summer Skating School. This experience was well received and turned out to be very cost effective.
- **July 5 & 6, 2014** – the CWG Select Team (those not already on the High Performance/Competitive Teams) were invited to take part in a portion of the Provincial Team Seminar in Winnipeg, giving more opportunities to work with Christy Krall & Eric Shultz.

- For being part of the CWG Select Team, each member received a pair of warmup tights from Triple Flip and an infinity scarf. This clothing purchase was sponsored by the Portage Veterinary Hospital.
- **Special Olympics** - Tammy Dunbar has been in contact with Susan Lamboo, from Special Olympics and Special O was hoping to have least 1 athlete attending the 2015 CWG in Prince George. There were no Special Olympics figure skating athletes attend CWG.
- **Out of Province Competition Grants** - All CWG Select Team members had the opportunity to apply for out of province competition grants to assist them in attending a Fall Competition. The CWG Committee was able to give out 21 - \$150 grants to our athletes to help them with their training.
- **Strength & Conditioning Programs** the CWG committee was able to negotiate a subsidized rate for Strength & Conditioning training both in Winnipeg at Sport for Life Center and also in Brandon for all our CWG Select Team members as well as our High Performance Team Members. This service has benefitted our athletes through this season and will be in the 2015/16 budget.
- **CWG Team TOBA for Figure Skating** selections were made following the 2015 SC Challenge in Montreal. Our team consists of:
  - **Pre Novice Ladies:** Casey Bertholet, Danae Russell, alternate - Andrea Laskovic;
  - **Novice Ladies:** Kirsten Gutenberg, Tori Thiessen, alternate – Dominique Bergeron.
  - **Head Coach:** Tammy McKay, **Team Coach:** Tyler Bidnyk, **Team Manager:** Laurie Bertholet.
- **CWG Staging Camp** –was held in Brandon on December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, the CWG Team and alternates attended and a variety of sessions both on & off-ice were held to help prepare the skaters for their upcoming CWG experience including media training, nutrition in a dormitory lifestyle, the Games experience, Drug Awareness, Sports Psych.
- **2015 CWG** – On February 21, our athletes and support team left Winnipeg on the Team TOBA Charter for Prince George, BC and the 2015 CWG. Our skaters represented Manitoba with pride and from the smiles seen on various media outlets, they enjoyed their experience. Thank you to Tammy McKay and Tyler Bidnyk for guiding the Team in Prince George and to our Team Manager Laurie Bertholet for keeping everyone organized and safe. GO TOBA!!

### Competitive Programs:

- **Team TOBA Structure** - with the changes implemented this year at all levels of Competition from STARSkate to Senior; the Competitive committee revised the Team TOBA structure to enable it to fit into the new STAR 1-5 structure as well as the new qualifying structure to Challenge for our Junior and Senior athletes. The STAR 1-5 made us rethink the criteria for Team TOBA Junior. Whereas, the addition of minimum scores implemented by Skate Canada to the Junior and Senior Levels, made us revisit the qualifications for Team TOBA High Performance. Also minimum scores were introduced to the Team TOBA Developmental category. Please note that the Team TOBA structure is a “living” document that may need tweaking to get the fit right for all the new changes this past year. The Competitive Committee will by reviewing the changes at the end of the season and determine if adjustments will be needed.
- **HP Team Challenge Funding** - With the changes to Challenge qualifying, the Competitive Committee put forth to the Executive a amendment to how athletes in Junior and Senior are funded to the Challenge event.
- **Provincial Team Camp** Provincial Team Camp – Held in Winnipeg July 5th & 6th, 2014.
  - On-Ice Clinicians were Christy Krall and Eric Schultz

- Off-Ice Programs included: Strength & Conditioning; Ballet; Nutrition; Social Media; Sports Psych; All things Media
- High Performance Team was invited for 2 full days and was housed at the Victoria Inn and had a Team Supper with guest speaker, Jared Funk, a 2014 Paralympian. The Competitive Team was invited for 1 day. The CWG Select Team not already included was invited for a portion of a day.
- A brief Parent Session was held the first day at drop off and this is something the committee would like to expand on for another year.
- Team TOBA High Performance; Developmental and CWG Select Team all attended the seminars to varying degrees.
- **SaskSkate Selections** – An application process was used again this year in order to select skaters to attend the SaskSkate Competition (Invitational side) in Regina. The applications were reviewed by the Competitive Committee, skaters chosen and names sent on to the Saskatchewan Section.
- **Competition Simulations** – was held Brandon, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. There were 9 Juvenile; 23 Pre-Novice; 9 Novice; 9 Junior and 2 Senior skaters participating. Monitors for the sessions were: Brett Hines and Cadfan Edwards both Section Technical Specialists; Karen Howard, ISU & 2014 Olympic judge, Tammy Dunbar, Challenge judge and Danielle Swain, Section Judge. The addition of the ISU judge’s view was very much appreciated by the skaters.
- **Athlete Monitoring** – took place upon request from the coaches between Sectionals and Challenge and Challenge and Canadians.
- **Junior Team TOBA Seminar** – will be held in Morden on March 15. There are 28 skaters registered for this seminar which was open to all STARSkaters and Competitive skaters who met the published criteria. The Committee is excited to have Deidre Russell as the clinician for the on-ice portion of this seminar. Off-ice sessions for skaters as well as parent sessions will focus on Strength & Conditioning Training and Nutrition.
- **Junior Team TOBA Monitoring** – was provided to the 2014 Team TOBA Junior athletes at the Skate Winnipeg SuperSkate competition in November. Each skater received a written report from one of the monitors at the event.

**Up-coming programs and initiatives**

- **Fundraising Opportunity** - All Skaters at the Provincial Seminar and on the CWG Select Team were provided with an opportunity to fundraise using Scratch Cards. The committee secured Scratch Cards for the skaters to purchase at \$10 per card, the skaters can raise up to \$100 per card for a sold out card.

**STARSkate Sub-Committee Report** - Submitted by Michelle Magnusson

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Volunteer Capacity</b>	<b>Region</b>
Chair: Kim Smith	Coach	North Westman
Tammy Dunbar	Judge/Technical Official	Central
Meghan Rafferty	Coach	Eastman
Heather Coates-Hamblin	Coach	Winnipeg
Carolyn Hysop	Coach	Winnipeg

Michelle Magnusson, VP Assigned, Skating Programs Chair  
Megan Svistovski, Program Coordinator

### Meetings Held

- The work of this sub-committee has been accomplished via email communication between the program coordinator, vice chair, and master ALL STAR clinicians.
- A conference call to plan ALL STAR clinician training and seminar planning was held on September 15 (3/4 attended). Conference call with All STAR Clinicians was held December 11 to discuss feedback from All STAR seminars and future plans for this seminar.
- Conference call held March 2, 2015 with new committee chair and committee members.

### Update on Current Budget Items

- **Regional Seminars** – Application call out for clinicians was completed June 2014 with two applicants (two of the three previous clinicians). Regional Seminar dates were submitted to the office by June 30. Following the August 9 planning meeting, a plan to re-vamp the existing regional seminar format was initiated. This began with a name change to ALL STAR seminar designed for skaters from the Learn to Train, Learn to Compete and Active for Life LTAD levels. Tammy McKay and Dana McKee (Master Clinicians) trained 6 coaches to become ALL STAR Clinicians on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This team was developed and delivered a standard format seminar to skaters across the province. Each of the new clinicians had the opportunity to host their own seminar with either Tammy, Dana or another new clinician this fall. Thank you to the regions and host clubs for the patience with this new process.
- A conference call was held on December 11 to discuss feedback from clinicians. Post Event Reports from host clubs were also provided. This will be used to plan for 2015 All STAR seminars.
- **STAR 1-5** – A STAR 1-5 educational component was included in the 3 CanSkate Live days to capitalize on a captive audience of coaches, executive members and officials. See CanSkate report for attendance numbers.
- **Pilot Competition** - Skate Winnipeg hosted a successful pilot STAR 1-4 competition on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This was an opportunity for coaches, skaters, and officials to experience this new competition structure in a non-threatening environment. Suggestions for improvements have been discussed and were implemented at the Summer Open competition and were communicated prior to regional competitions (via Championships and Events Committee).
- **SCMB** has purchased ribbons to clubs and regions to purchase for the STAR 1-5 competition program at a cost of .35 ¢/ribbon. These ribbons may also be used for other events judged by an assessment standard (gold, silver, bronze, merit).
- **STAR 1-5 competition structure** – We have completed our first season of the STAR 1-5 competition structure. We are in the process of evaluating our needs for 2015-2016, including educational components for skaters, coaches, clubs, parents, and officials.

### Up-coming programs and initiatives

- We will continue work with various SCM committees to discuss future plans for the STAR 1-5 competition and STARSkate programs in general.

### Collaborations with other Committees

- Ongoing collaboration with coaching, skating programs, regional supervisors and championships and events.

## **Central Region Annual Report Submitted by Shelley Sutherland**

### **Committee Members**

Chair: Shelley Sutherland, Pilot Mound  
Alternate: Carolyn Patenaude, Holland  
Treasurer: Debbie Mutch, Pilot Mound  
Secretary: Shawn Cabak, Portage la Prairie  
Judges Bureau Rep: Pamela Hiebert, Winkler  
Coaches Rep: Kyla Itterman

This was our first season as “Central” Region. In February 2015 a motion was passed to amalgamate Central Plains and Pembina Valley Regions.

**Clubs:** Altona , Carman, Cartwright, Holland, Morden, Morris, Notre Dame, Pilot Mound, Portage, Winkler

### **Completed Game Plan**

- Regional meeting: September 11, 2014
- ALL-STAR Seminar was held on November 11, 2014 in Holland
- Morris hosted a Fun Meet on December 7, 2014
- The Regional Competition was held on January 11, 2015 in Altona
- Morden hosted the Manitoba Open Free Skate February 13 – 15, 2015
- Test days:
  - September 15 (L-H) – Portage la Prairie
  - October 18 (L-H) – Winkler 83% pass rate
  - December 6 (L) – Notre Dame 57% pass rate
  - December 13 (H) – Portage la Prairie 77% pass rate
  - December 22 (L) – Portage la Prairie 29% pass rate
  - January 31 (L) – Pilot Mound 74% pass rate
  - March 14 (L) – Winkler
  - March 21 (L) – Portage la Prairie
  - March 22 (H) – Morden

### **Upcoming Game Plan**

- Regional meeting: week of April 13, 2015
- Test Days:
  - April 20 (L-H) – Portage la Prairie
  - May 2 – Spring School - Morden
  - May 3 – Spring School - Morris
  - August 20 – Summer School – Morden
- Portage la Prairie will host STAR 1 -4 Regionals January 30, 2016

**Eastman Region Annual Report  
Submitted by Lisa Jennings**

**Committee Members:**

Regional Supervisor Lisa Jennings  
Assistant Supervisor Kristjana Kosheluk  
Coaches Rep Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere  
Secretary rotation  
Treasurer Shelly Hopkins  
Judges Bureau Rep Michelle Czuby  
Synchro Rep Connie Marques

**Completed Game Plan**

Test Days:

November 29, 2014 – Lorette – low  
December 14, 2014 – Hazelridge - high  
February 1, 2015 – Grunthal – low

Regional Seminar held October 18th in Lorette.

Hazelridge held a successful synchro camp and tryouts from September 22 to 26. They were able to bring in new skaters to the synchro program.

Registration for clubs in our Region: Steinbach, LaBroquerie, Lorette, Hazelridge, Grunthal, Beausejour and Niverville. Our Region has One new club this year – Niverville!

The Grunthal Figure Skating Club hosted a successful 2015 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Eastman Regional Competition, January 10, 2015.

The Hazelridge Figure Skating Club hosted a successful 2015 Skate Canada Manitoba Synchronized Skating Championships January 17, 2015.

**Upcoming Game Plan**

Test Days

March 17, 2015 – Hazelridge - high  
March 19, 2015 – LaBroquerie (held in IDC) - low  
May 7, 2015 – Lorette – spring school in IDC – high/low  
Regional AGM – TBD

**Interlake Region Annual Report  
Submitted by Laurie Pinchin**

**List of Clubs in Interlake Region**

Arborg  
Ashern  
East St Paul                    [www.espcc.ca/East-St--Paul-Skating-Club14.php](http://www.espcc.ca/East-St--Paul-Skating-Club14.php)  
Lundar  
Riverton  
Selkirk                            [www. Selkirkskatingclub.ca](http://www.Selkirkskatingclub.ca)  
St. Andrews  
Skate Interlake  
Stonewall  
Stony Mountain                [www.sktecanada.ca/sites-offline/stony-moutain-skating-club/](http://www.sktecanada.ca/sites-offline/stony-moutain-skating-club/)  
Teulon  
Warren – not active this year

**List of Regional Committee Members**

Secretary/Treasurer	Don Brown	East St. Paul
Judges Bureau Rep	Kirby Hintz	Selkirk
Synchro Rep	Darrelle Yee	St. Andrews
Coaches Rep	Vacant – quit in January 2015	
Publicity	Vacant – never filled this year	

**Region Activities**

- Regional meetings - we hold 2 meetings each year in the spring and fall – we rotate location North Interlake and South Interlake to allow clubs travel advantages
- Successes In the Region
  - Arborg Skating Club hosted a very successful Regional Competition with a profit of \$2741.70
  - Stonewall Skating Club is hosting Crocus on March 21, 2015
- Issues in the Region
  - Challenges with a couple of coaches in the region (information was shared with the appropriate individuals and groups)
  - Test day concerns – there were not enough test days in the region to accommodate the number of tests needed – JBR worked with coaches and Diane Harder to rectify as best we could for this year
- 2015-16 Arborg Skating Club is hosting the Manitoba Open  
January 17, 2016 is set for date for Interlake Regionals – Place TBD



**Norman Regional Supervisor Report  
Submitted by Debbie Trowell**

The Pas Skating Club [www.skatethepas.com](http://www.skatethepas.com)  
Flin Flon Skating Club [www.flinflonskatingclub.com](http://www.flinflonskatingclub.com)  
Skate Thompson [wwwskate-thompson.com](http://wwwskate-thompson.com)  
Skate Gillam [wwwskategillam.com](http://wwwskategillam.com)

Regional Committee

Regional Supervisor - Debbie Trowell  
Alternate Regional Supervisor - Erin Krokosz  
Treasurer - Eloise Gawiak  
Member at Large - Heather Reed  
Coaches Representative - Betty Anne Wilkinson  
Judges Bureau Representative Rachel Brooks

Regional Meeting:

*Teleconference June 14 2014*

1. Skater Retention, open discussion on ways to keep our skaters involved longer, to be continued at next meeting.
2. Norman Seminar – discussed what addition were requested by clubs
3. Norman Regional Competition and FunSkate. Norman Events: fees, & events discussed and set.
4. ACGM: Debbie Trowell gave a presentation on the ACGM - Gala and Workshops STAR 1-5 & STAR Update.

*Norman AGM January 23<sup>rd</sup> Gillam*

1. 2015 Norman Seminar: Region would like to have the addition of dance partner session
2. Regional STARSkate Championships: more skaters attending consequently not enough time to include all events offered in the FunSkate which runs on the same weekend
3. Move Norman spring meeting from June to April: during the weekend of MB AGM Wpg

**Top Successes:**

1. Norman Awards – we have made the award criteria more suited to our regions skaters, coaches and volunteers. Awards are presented at the regional championship banquet – thus growing in attendance. Great club building opportunity.
2. Norman FunSkate – gave the skaters more event choices, more revenue for the host club, ensures skaters choose to attend the regional competition
3. Norman Seminar – sought out more private coaching & dance partnering, judging, & parent orientation. This was in addition to the Skate Canada Manitoba Clinician.
4. Gold Test - Norman Region started this year to recognize skaters triple and quad gold test achievement with a presentation and plaque presented at the STARSkate Regional Championship Banquet

**Top Issues:**

1. Skater Retention – educating skaters on the future possibilities for them i.e. - judging, coaching, competing, testing. Norman region will support skaters with monetary incentives for becoming a coach or a judge. Awards giving for achieving gold tests
2. Developing Coaches – educating clubs on how to develop coaches and region monetary support
3. Developing Judges - region monetary support
4. Dance Partners: difficulty finding partners for practise and test days

**Club Information:**Skate Gillam

New Website thanks to Uplifter [www.skategillam.com](http://www.skategillam.com) All registrations will be done on line, including STARSkate Championship

Skate Canada Manitoba Day – Monday Oct. 20, 2014

Host for the Norman Regionals & FunSkate Jan.23-25,2015

Battle of the Blades Feb. 2015 will be held instead of an ice show

Fundraising - new this year will be Bothwell Cheese

CanSkate & STARSkate

Coaches: Betty Anne Wilkinson

The Pas Skating Club

In process of developing 1 STARSkate and CanSkate coach

Dana McKee came to The Pas two weekends (Oct. & Dec) to work with our skaters and help our coaches  
Fundraising – case of chocolates at time of registration, town clean up, jewelry raffle, cash calendars, banquet clean, meat draw.

Skate Canada Manitoba Day Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

Programs: STARSkate and CanSkate

Coaches: Club Coach Rep - Wanda McKinney, Sherry Shepherd, Brea Anderson, and Meagan Trowell

Flin Flon Skating Club

Developing 2 new coaches

Working on better organization structure within the executive board

Neighboring town of Creighton is starting up a skating program – so competition for our club. Big loss in CanSkate registration

FFSC celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Year End Show

Fundraising – coop discount cards

Programs STARSkate CanSkate & Synchro

Coaches: Club Coach Rep - Heather Powell, Leah Snyder, and Kristen Nolan

Skate Thompson

Hosted Seminar Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 Clinician Paige Lawrence

We hosted our annual club ice show, which was a huge success. Our Club brought in two great guest skaters Jodene Higgins and Sean Rice; they participated in the show and also did private lessons and ran a seminar. Region members were invited to attend.

We ran a two-week summer program for STARSkate. We had on ice sessions complemented by off ice sessions that included dance with a local dance studio, health and nutrition classes ran by the NRHA,

and other classes ran by our coaches. The kids had an amazing time and it was a great way to jump start the season.

Sharon Maki and Monica Lockie run a CAN/STAR Seminar for Norman Region skaters and coaches in Thompson Feb 21-22

Fundraising: We always support the Skate Canada Manitoba raffle, run a skate-a-thon, do a 50/50, we run canteens during bingos, and we run a food booth during Nickel Days weekend.

Programs: CanSkate, STARSkate and CanPower

Coaches: Club Coach Rep- Sue Sutherland, Agnes Szabo, Ben Harriss, Jordan Schaus, Kimberly Aexander, and Amy Portey

### **Gold Tests**

Gabby Umpherville – Interpretive

Singles The Pas Skating Club

Megan McKinney – Interpretive

Singles The Pas Skating Club

**North Westman Region Annual Report  
Submitted by Jennifer Chant**

**Virden, Birtle, Carberry, Minnedosa, Foxwarren, Neepawa, Brandon, Elkhorn**

Regional Supervisor – Jennifer Chant  
Assistant Regional Supervisor – Jodi McKinstry  
Judges Bureau Rep – Shelly Gutenberg  
Secretary/Treasurer – Kim Thiessen  
Coaches Rep – Teddi Garvey

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 – North & South Westman Regional STARSkate  
I attended this competition on behalf of the Region. This was our first under the new structure. Overall the day was a success.

**Seminars**

STARSkate Seminar – Nov 15 - Virden

**Competitions**

2015 Skate Canada Manitoba Sectional Championships – Nov 7-8 – Brandon, MB

Skate Virden FunSkate – Jan 3-4 – Virden, MB

North & South Westman Regional STARSkate – Jan 25 – Souris, MB

Next Meeting AGM – April 25 – Winnipeg, MB

**Game Plans underway** - upcoming Spring & Summer Schools and various test days; Regional Seminar (Carberry) & Regionals (Neepawa) are tentatively booked for next year.

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

**Gold Dances**

Hannah Martin-Elkhorn

**Gold Interpretive**

Amy Todoruk – Neepawa

Our Region was fortunate to have 3 skaters represent **Team Manitoba at the Canada Winter Games**; Tori Thiessen (Brandon), Kirsten Gutenberg (Brandon) – Novice Ladies and Casey Bertholet (Brandon) – Pre-Novice Ladies.

We also had Tori Thiessen (Brandon), Kirsten Gutenberg (Brandon) – Novice Ladies and Madison McCallum (Brandon) - Junior Ladies and Casey Bertholet (Brandon) – Pre-Novice Ladies **represented Manitoba at Skate Canada Challenge** this year.

This year has been an exciting and successful year for our region. We've seen growth in our skaters who work with excellent coaches and clubs throughout.

Congratulations to all for your great accomplishments!

## **Parkland Region Annual Report Submitted by Jodi Steinbachs**

### Committee Members

Regional Supervisor – Jodi Steinbachs  
Outgoing Regional Supervisor – Heather Hollinda  
Judges Bureau Rep – Denise Smith  
Secretary – NA  
Treasurer – NA  
Coaches Rep – Susie Wilkinson

### Completed Game Plan

#### Regional Meetings

October 19, 2014 – Russell Arena

- Five clubs represented.
- Meeting chaired by Heather Hollinda. Updates from Skate Canada Manitoba were provided by Heather.
- Presentation by Michelle Magnusson about Star 1-5.
- Club round table – Dauphin hosted a fall school, not well attended; Roblin will have two CanSkate coaches; Swan River has three older skaters who have taken the CanSkate coaching, Carrissa Kowal memorial Day was well attended; Ste Rose has just started season & seeing an increase in rising STARS; Russell is going well.

January 26, 2015

- Unofficial meeting held at Parkland Regionals
- Four clubs represented.
- Discussion on forming a partner listing that would be available to all clubs across Manitoba & possibility of listing it on Skate Canada Manitoba website.
- Discussion with Swan River club about upcoming Provincials and if they need any assistance.
- Confusion over who is to actually book dance partner for test days. Need clarification on this.

#### Regional Seminar

The seminar was hosted by Russell – 25 skaters in attendance. Club lost approximately \$400.00 running seminar, was going to look into Sport Manitoba grant to try and re-coup the loss. Kelly Walker and Carol Evenson were clinicians.

#### Test Days

December test day in Dauphin, hosted by Dauphin

February test day in Dauphin, hosted by Ste. Rose. 16 passes, 33 retrys; 28 skaters in total.

March test day in Russell. Going to be over two days because of difficulty securing partner.

Gold Tests Completed – Laura Hollinda – Skills

### Competitions

Regional Competition hosted by Roblin in end of January. 48 registered skaters of which 25 were CanSkate element event skaters.

STARSkate Provincials held in Swan River March 7, 2015. Event was a success & well organized by the Swan River Club.

Ice Shows/Carnivals – all clubs

Upcoming Game Plan

Test days – TBD @ Russell test day March 21/22<sup>nd</sup>

**South Westman Region Annual Report  
Submitted by Marie Tilbury**

**South Westman Region Executive Committee 2014-15**

Regional Supervisor - Marie Tilbury (Melita)  
Assistant Regional Supervisor–Kim Eissner (Souris)  
Secretary – Heather McCutcheon (Melita)  
Treasurer – Nicole Bodin (Melita)  
Judges Bureau Rep – Jeannine Enns (Killarney)  
Coaches Rep – Laurie Bertholet (Hartney)

**South Westman Region – 8 Clubs**

**Boissevain** - PreCanSkate, CanSkate, CanPower, STARSkate, Elementary Synchro, Pre-Novice Synchro;  
Coaches: Megan Svistovski , Carol Light & Avery Albrecht

**Deloraine** - CanSkate, Rising Stars & STARSkate; Coach: Sharlene McGregor

**Hartney** – CanSkate, STARSkate, Synchro, Pre-season CanPower; Coaches: Laurie Bertholet & Debra Turner

**Killarney**- CanSkate, STARSkate, Synchro - 3 teams plus adult team; Coaches: Kelly Bernard, Kayla Taylor, Sydney Bernard & Meaghan Shewchuk

**Melita** - CanSkate & Jr./Sr. STARSkate ; Coaches: Sharlene McGregor & Keesha McCutcheon; Satellite CanSkate at Pierson Edward Sports Centre

**Reston** – CanSkate & CanPower ; Coaches: Cheryl Bartel & Ashley Mitchell

**Souris** – Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate, Rising Stars, STARSkate, CanPower, 2 young synchro teams;  
Coaches: Carol Light, Teagan Kliever & Peggy McLeod

**Waskada** – CanSkate & STARSkate; Coach: Sharlene McGregor

**Top 3 Successes in the Region**

\*Souris Skating Club hosting of 2015 Skate Canada Manitoba North/South Westman STARSkate Regionals – Sunday, January 25, 2015 – 107 skaters

\*Deloraine Skating Club hosting of South Westman Regional CanSkate Elements Event/FunSkate – Saturday, February 21, 2015 – 70 skaters

\*Additional Synchro teams around the region.

**Top 3 Issues in the Region**

\*Dance partnering

\*Judges & officials for test days and events

\*Seminar opportunities & training sessions for parents

**Top 4 priorities for the Region**

\*Partner recruitment/action plan

\*Education/communication with parents

\*Sharing of ideas between clubs

\*Volunteer recognition & awards submission

**Upcoming Events in the Region**

\*Spring Regional Meeting

\*Hartney Spring School

\*Test Days Remaining: April 19<sup>th</sup> Hartney Spring School Test Day

**Gold Test Achievements**

Sarah Arnott, Killarney Skating Club, Skating Skills

Sarah Kinley, Killarney Skating Club, Interpretive

Taylor Arnott, Killarney Skating Club, Skating Skills

Paula Mason, Killarney Skating Club, Dances

Sara Mantell, Hartney Skating Club, Dances & Interpretive

Casey Bertholet, Hartney Skating Club, Interpretive, QUAD Gold

Avery Albrecht, Boissevain Skating Club, Dances & Interpretive

Hillary Bennie, Waskada Skating Club, Skating Skills

Raeleigh Logan, Souris Skating Club, Interpretive



**Winnipeg Region Report  
Submitted by Allison Ward**

**List of Clubs in Region**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Website</b>
Century Skating Club	<a href="http://www.centuryskatingclub.ca/">http://www.centuryskatingclub.ca/</a>
Skate Winnipeg	<a href="http://www.skatewinnipeg.ca">http://www.skatewinnipeg.ca</a>
Highlander Skating School	n/a
Winnipeg Summer Skating School	<a href="http://www.winnipegsummerskatingschool.com">http://www.winnipegsummerskatingschool.com</a>
Winnipeg Winter Club	<a href="http://www.winnipegwinterclub.com">http://www.winnipegwinterclub.com</a>

**List of Regional Committee Members**

<i><b>Title</b></i>	<i><b>Full name</b></i>	<i><b>Club affiliation</b></i>
Past Region Supervisor	Emma Slagerman	Skate Winnipeg
Region Supervisor	Allison Ward	Century Skating Club
Assistant Supervisor	Sandra Klassen	Century Skating Club
Secretary	Jacque Enns	Skate Winnipeg
Treasurer	Vacant	
Publicity Chair	Vacant	
Synchronized Skating Chair	Vacant	
Recreational Programs Chair	Vacant	
Region Coaching Representative	Karen Landers	Skate Winnipeg
Judges Bureau Representative	Barb Nickel	Skate Winnipeg
Club President	Brian Russell	Skate Winnipeg
Club Representative	Monique Laskovic	Skate Winnipeg
Club President	Pam Zaman	Century Skating Club
Club Representative	Carolyn Godfrey	Century Skating Club

**Winnipeg Region Update**

- Regional meeting
  - January 25, 2015 at Sport for Life Building
  - Financial report – in need of a treasurer
  - JBR report – on-session low tests are welcome to all skaters, with those from Winnipeg region having priority
  - Region AGM set for Sunday April 19, 2015
- Update from previous report on outstanding items listed/presented
  - Regional Seminar: operated at a significant loss
    - ? is it possible to explore a three region seminar with Interlake, Winnipeg and Eastman
  - Regional Competition: made a profit of \$800.00, registration income was down, but fundraising efforts balanced the reduced income from registration, printed programs did not sell at the event.

### Regional plans/directions/actions for the upcoming year

- Seminar:
  - Consider a three region seminar if possible
  - 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
  - Request ice Sunday January 17, 2016: at Terry Sawchuk Arena

### Winnipeg Region Top Successes

1. **Regional Seminar** – co-hosted with Interlake, small but a great experience both on and off the ice for all participants
2. **Superskate** – was smaller than usual but successful
3. **Regional competition** hosted by Century Skating Club on January 18, 2015: made a profit, was the first time this club has had full responsibility for hosting and the host committee felt the experience overall was successful

### Winnipeg Region Top issues

- 1: Ice Cost and new policy on returning ice once it has been booked – this had a significant impact on the region in two ways:
  - Regionals: requiring a very fast turnaround from registration deadline to the creation of a schedule so that extra ice could be returned before the City of Winnipeg’s deadline
  - Test days: deadlines are such that clubs are unable to return excess ice; for 2015-16, test days will need to be built into regular ice sessions and bookings to avoid excess ice and extreme costs that would burden the clubs
- 2: Decrease in Number of Skaters (fewer moving from CanSkate into STARSkate; experienced skaters retiring)

### Winnipeg Region Club Information

<b>Skate Winnipeg</b>	Superskate numbers were down; programs are running smoothly
<b>Century</b>	Expecting to break even CanSkate #s are up, STARSkate #s are down New draft constitution has been submitted to section for review in order to be voted on at the club’s AGM