



2017 – 2018

***50<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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## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg, MB  
Saturday, April 28, 2018

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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. Annual General Meeting

### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Agenda

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
    - Section Staff
    - 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. Introduction of the 2018-2019 SCMB Board of Directors
  17. New Business
  18. Adjournment of Business Meeting
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11:45 a.m. Break for Lunch (**note:** lunch is not provided)  
1:00 p.m. **RAFFLE DRAW** in Wellington Ballroom

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## WORKSHOPS

*Workshops will be held on Friday April 27, 2018 to Sunday April 29, 2018.*

### Coach Workshops

#### **Workshop #1 - Regional Coach Seminar (Part 1)**

**Topic: Error Identification/Development of Progressions/ Technical Skills (intermediate)**

Date: Friday April 27, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: *Eric Coy Arena*

#### **Workshop #2 - STAR 1-5 On-Ice Session**

Date: Saturday April 28, 2018 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: *St. James Civic Centre*

#### **Workshop #3 - Regional Coach Seminar (Part 2)**

**Topic: Teaching progressions, identifying & correcting technical errors/advanced technique (Doubles & Triples)**

Date: Sunday April 29, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: *Eric Coy Arena*

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### Officials Workshop

#### **Workshop #1 - Officials Workshop (PART 1) – Professional Development**

Date: Saturday April 28, 2018

**Topic: Program Components & GOE Clinic**

Location: *Victoria Inn*

1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.

#### **Workshop #2 - Officials Workshop (PART 2) – Professional Development**

Date: Sunday April 29, 2018

**Topic: Mock Panels**

Location: *Victoria Inn*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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### Club Workshops

#### **STREAM #1 – Club Off Ice Management**

Saturday April 28, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: *Victoria Inn, Winnipeg MB*

#### **Session #1: Insurance and Risk Management**

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

#### **Session #2: Complaints and Dispute Resolution**

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **STREAM #2 – STAR 1-5 Club Administration**

Date: Saturday April 28, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: *St. James Civic Centre*

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**AWARDS GALA**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Cocktails**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Award Presentations**

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

## **2017 – 2018 Confirmation of Actions taken by the Board of Directors**

### **Friday April 28, 2017**

- THAT the Minutes of March 25, 2017 be approved (as amended).
- Add to 15. (a), (b), (c) on last page of agenda. Approval Don is allowed to have a voice not a vote during the meeting.
- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda from that which was printed, if necessary and be approved (as amended).
- To accept the 2016-2017 unaudited Financial Statement ending March 31, 2017 as presented.
- To recommend the appointment of Scarrow and Donald Chartered Accountants as Auditors for 2017-2018 for Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To recommend the appointment of Levene, Tadman, Gutkin, Golub as Legal Council for 2017-2018 for Skate Canada Manitoba.
- To recommend the acceptance of the Championship dates and sites for 2017-2018 to the Annual General Meeting delegates.

### **Sunday April 30, 2017**

- 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, Vice-Chair/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.
- THAT the following be approved as Alternates.
- THAT the BINGO policy be suspended.
- Alternate to the Coaches Representative.

### **Saturday September 23, 2017**

- THAT the Minutes of April 28th be approved (as amended) and circulated.
- THAT the Minutes of April 30th be approved (as amended) and 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 Financial Statements as presented.
- THAT the Reports be approved (as amended) and distributed.
- THAT the Conflict of Interest Policy be approved as presented.
- THAT the Ice Summit Attendance Policy be approved as amended.
- THAT the SCMB Discipline and Complaints Policy be approved as Amended.
- Change Organization in “Conflict of Interest” and “SCMB Discipline and Complaints Policy” to Skate Canada Manitoba.

**Saturday March 24, 2018**

- THAT the Minutes of September 23, 2017 be approved (as amended) and circulated.
- THAT the Chairman be authorized to change the Agenda.
  - i. from that which was printed, if necessary and THAT the Agenda
  - ii. be approved as printed and amended.
- Approve the final operating budget for Skate Canada Manitoba beginning April 1, 2018.
- THAT the Reports be approved (as amended) and distributed.
- To approve the Financial Policy as presented.
- Approve the MLCC Club Programming Enhancement Support Policy as presented.
- Purchasing a maximum of 12 tickets to the Grassroots Bursary.



## Executive Director's Report Submitted by Shauna Marling

Welcome and Congratulations to all! Thank you for coming to our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Some of you may think that 50 years is a long time while others may think the opposite. Whichever way you are thinking – a lot has happened in the past 50 years. Let's take a quick glance back at the way the world was in 1968;

- Need money – you had to go into a bank and fill out a withdrawal slip and wait in line to see a bank teller
- Air travel was for the wealthy and passengers dressed up to travel
- Phones were landlines with a rotary dial
- Only big business had a computer and it filled an entire room
- Televisions – had rabbit ears (antenna's) and you had to get out of your seat to manually change the channel

Some of you who read the above bullet points are nodding your head, while others can't comprehend those statements. That is the beauty of our organization - the melding of many individuals with diversity of knowledge and experience, working together to inspire Manitobans to participate in one of more Skate Canada programs at our member clubs. We need to continue to grow and adapt to the ever-evolving skating environment. Please take the time to read through all of the reports within our annual report book, take notes, ask questions, take the next step and ask, "how can I help!" Change isn't easy or without challenges, but it is inevitable. We need to respect the past but be strong to recognize when change is needed to make sure that we relevant in the skating family. Moving forward Skate Canada Manitoba will be looking to make some significant but needed changes to a variety of programming areas to bring us closer to the standards and expectations of Skate Canada. Skate Canada Manitoba working groups will be consulting with our members and with subject matter experts to assist us create a plan that will allow us to close the gap between us and the majority of the country. At the beginning of this report book is our Sections Missions, Vision and Values – we ask that you all embrace them and be are partner in change.

I encourage everyone to attend and participate in all the weekends many activities. We have planned fantastic professional development sessions for Coaches, Officials and Club Executive members – with the best subject matter experts! Don't miss out. Go to our [website](#) for more information on each of the Professional Development opportunities. Our Awards Gala Evening is a great opportunity to celebrate and thank many great individuals for their accomplishments – we hope to see everyone there!

On behalf of the members of Skate Canada Manitoba I would like to thank all our Committee members, Board and Executive for all of their dedication, time, passion and commitment that you have given to our organization throughout this past year!

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank and acknowledge the contributions that Kendra and Cadfan have brought to Skate Canada Manitoba this past year in both their individual roles and their work with each of the committees that they work with.

I would like to remind all of our members of the many fantastic learning tools that Skate Canada has developed for Coaches, Officials, Club Executives. These tools available FREE of charge. The tools are all available online through the Skate Canada e-learning site, so you can view them when it is convenient to you. If you haven't yet checked it out I strongly encourage you to do so.

## Finance/Grant

- Sport Manitoba Funding for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year \$134,000
- Our Sport Manitoba Funding for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year will not be released until June 2018
- Sport Manitoba Coaching Department also provides grants based upon availability and up-to a maximum of \$1,200 per year
- Skate Canada provides us with a share of the membership registration fees collected and test fee's. The value of the grant we anticipate for the 2018-19 Fiscal year is \$93,000
- With new Provincial budget that was released in the middle of March, Sport Manitoba is currently reviewing the funding decrease that was received. How the reduction will affect our funding or their programs and initiatives we will have to wait and see. They are currently working through this process. If there are any significant changes we will share the information to all those that is appropriate to do so.

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## Team Results from Skate Canada National Events

### ***2018 SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE – PIERREFONDS, QC NOV 29-DEC 3/17***

#### **Senior Women**

Deidre Russell 18/33

#### **Junior Women**

Andrea Laskovic – 48/48

#### **Novice Women**

Casey Bertholet 45/60

Emma King 51/60

Danae Russell 52/60

Marijka Popadynetz 55/60

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

Annika Duguay 46/60

Cecilia Howes 49/60

Emma Kasian 57/60

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

Yohnathan Elizarov - 23/40

### ***2018 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – OSHAWA ON FEB 23-25/18***

#### **Open Category**

University of Manitoba Ice Intrepid – 12/13

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

#### **Senior Women**

Deidre Russell – top 2/3rds = \$250

Deidre Russell – Section Merit Award Winner = \$250

#### **Junior Women**

Andrea Laskovic – meeting standard = \$150

#### **Pre-Novice Man**

Yohnatan Elizarov – top 2/3rds = \$250

#### **Synchro – Open**

U of M Ice Intrepid – travel assistance to National Championship = \$700

## Skate Canada's Ice Summit (Annual Conference and General Meeting)

The Events are taking place in Calgary from May 24-26/18 please review your emails and visit Skate Canada's website for further information [click here](#) . This is a FANATASTIC learning and networking opportunity.

If you have questions about the Skate Canada Ice Summit, we have 3 members of the Skate Canada National Service Centre Staff as our workshop facilitators and I'm sure that they assist or direct you to the answers to your Ice Summit questions.

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### Skate Canada Manitoba Section Sponsors

I would like to thank our Section partners for their continued support of skating in Manitoba. Without this support, Skate Canada Manitoba would not be able to provide the programming and services to the same level and capacity that we do on an annual basis. We ask that you support our Partners whenever you can and mention that you are a member of Skate Canada Manitoba and thank them for their continued support!



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### Membership Report

#### Skate Canada Manitoba Club Membership Report Number Comparison between April 1, 2017 & April 1, 2018

REGION	CLUB NAME	April 1/17 Members	April 1/18 Members	Plus/Minus
Central	Altona FSC	51	55	4
Interlake	Arborg SC	45	47	2
Interlake	Ashern FSC	32	42	10
Eastman	Beausejour SC	106	96	-10
North Westman	Birtle FSC	27	22	-5
South Westman	Boissevain FSC	63	71	8
North Westman	Carberry FSC	166	53	-113
Central	Carman SC	85	91	6
Central	Cartwright	0	34	34
Winnipeg	Century SC	140	149	9
South Westman	Deloraine SC	57	47	-10
Interlake	East St Paul FSC	188	237	49

REGION	CLUB NAME	April	April	Plus/Minus
		1/17	1/18	
		Members	Members	
North Westman	Elkhorn FSC	44	44	0
Norman	Flin Flon SC	58	86	28
North Westman	Foxwarren FSC	23	10	-13
Eastman	Grunthal FSC	64	54	-10
South Westman	Hartney FSC	44	41	-3
Eastman	Hazelridge FSC	212	231	19
Winnipeg	Highlander SS	1	2	1
Central	Holland FSC	41	56	15
North Westman	Kenton SC	17	16	-1
South Westman	Killarney FSC	76	81	5
Eastman	La Broquerie SC	51	52	1
Interlake	Lundar SC	42	20	-22
South Westman	Melita FSC	68	38	-30
North Westman	Minnedosa FSC	39	45	6
Central	Morden FSC	144	171	27
Central	Morris & District SC	39	38	-1
North Westman	Neepawa FSC	85	77	-8
Eastman	Niverville SC Inc	79	47	-32
Central	Notre Dame De Lourdes FSC	69	65	-4
Central	Pilot Mound FSC	89	40	-49
Central	Portage SC	131	101	-30
South Westman	Reston FSC	27	51	24
North Westman	Rivers SC	66	75	9
Interlake	Riverton Ice Club	8	0	-8
Parkland	Roblin FSC	56	47	-9
Parkland	Russell FSC	99	106	7
Eastman	Seine River SC	69	78	9
Interlake	Selkirk SC	93	83	-10
South Westman	Shilo SS	0	79	79
North Westman	Skate Brandon	239	192	-47
Parkland	Skate Dauphin	173	203	30
Norman	Skate Gillam	68	7	-61
Interlake	Skate Interlake	45	58	13
Norman	Skate Thompson	211	192	-19
North Westman	Skate Virden	90	105	15
Winnipeg	Skate Winnipeg	282	271	-11
South Westman	Souris FSC	45	61	16
Interlake	St Andrews SC	27	23	-4
Parkland	Ste Rose SC	42	3	-39
Interlake	Stonewall SC	71	51	-20
Interlake	Stony Mountain SC	70	40	-30
Parkland	Swan River SC	36	24	-12

REGION	CLUB NAME	April	April	Plus/Minus
		1/17 Members	1/18 Members	
Interlake	Teulon SC	29	28	-1
Norman	The Pas SC	59	48	-11
South Westman	Waskada FSC	48	48	0
Central	Winkler Skating Club	71	106	35
Winnipeg	Winnipeg WC SS	3	3	0
Parkland	Winnipegosis FSC	15	0	-15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4418</b>	<b>4241</b>	<b>-177</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. Clubs have until the end of the Skate Canada membership year to submit all of their membership numbers and payment for the 2017-18 membership year ending August 31, 2018.

**NOTE 2:** The following clubs did not operate in 2017-18; Steinbach FSC (Eastman), Winnipegosis (Parkland); Ste Rose SC (Parkland)

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#### Regional Breakdown of Membership Comparisons

##### CENTRAL REGION

CLUB NAME	April	April	Plus/ Minus
	1/17 Members	1/18 Members	
Altona FSC	51	55	4
Carman SC	85	91	6
Cartwright	0	34	34
Holland FSC	41	56	15
Morden FSC	144	171	27
Morris & District SC	39	38	-1
Notre Dame De Lourdes FSC	69	65	-4
Pilot Mound FSC	89	40	-49
Portage SC	131	101	-30
Winkler Skating Club	71	106	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>37</b>

##### EASTMAN REGION

CLUB NAME	April	April	Plus/ Minus
	1/17 Members	1/18 Members	
Beausejour SC	106	96	-10
Grunthal FSC	64	54	-10
Hazelridge FSC	212	231	19
La Broquerie SC	51	52	1
Niverville SC	79	47	-32
Seine River SC	69	78	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>-23</b>

**INTERLAKE REGION**

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>April 1/17 Members</b>	<b>April 1/18 Members</b>	<b>Plus/ Minus</b>
Arborg SC	45	47	2
Ashern FSC	32	42	10
East St Paul FSC	188	237	49
Lundar SC	42	20	-22
Riverton Ice Club	8	0	-8
Selkirk SC	93	83	-10
Skate Interlake	45	58	13
St Andrews SC	27	23	-4
Stonewall SC	71	51	-20
Stony Mountain SC	70	40	-30
Teulon SC	29	28	-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>-21</b>

**NORMAN REGION**

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>April 1/17 Members</b>	<b>April 1/18 Members</b>	<b>Plus/ Minus</b>
Flin Flon SC	58	86	28
Skate Gillam	68	7	-61
Skate Thompson	211	192	-19
The Pas SC	59	48	-11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>-63</b>

**NORTH WESTMAN REGION**

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>April 1/17 Members</b>	<b>April 1/18 Members</b>	<b>Plus/ Minus</b>
Birtle FSC	27	22	-5
Carberry FSC	166	53	-113
Elkhorn FSC	44	44	0
Foxwarren FSC	23	10	-13
Kenton SC	17	16	-1
Minnedosa FSC	39	45	6
Neepawa FSC	85	77	-8
Rivers SC	66	75	9
Skate Brandon	239	192	-47
Skate Virden	90	105	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>-157</b>

**PARKLAND REGION**

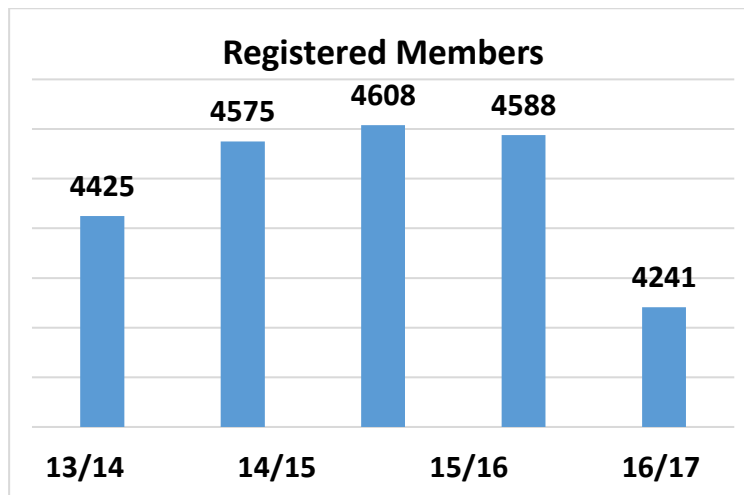
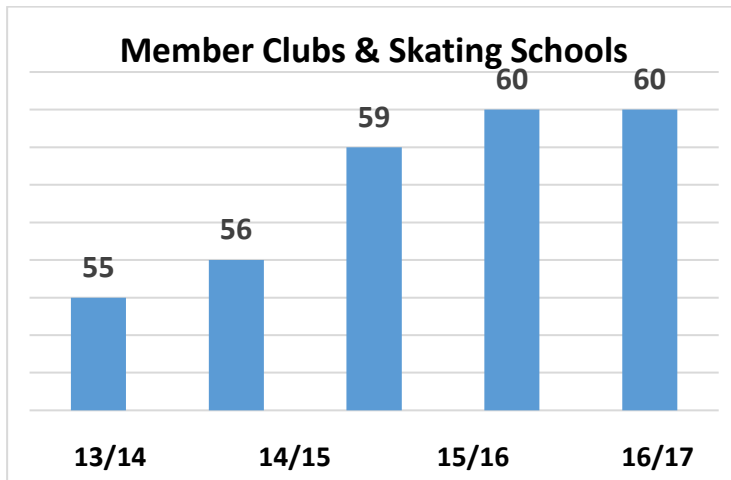
<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>April 1/17 Members</b>	<b>April 1/18 Members</b>	<b>Plus/ Minus</b>
Roblin FSC	56	47	-9
Russell FSC	99	106	7
Skate Dauphin	173	203	30
Ste Rose SC	42	3	-39
Swan River SC	36	24	-12
Winnipegosis FSC	15	0	-15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>-38</b>

**SOUTH WESTMAN REGION**

CLUB NAME	April 1/17 Members	April 1/18 Members	Plus/ Minus
Boissevain FSC	63	71	8
Deloraine SC	57	47	-10
Hartney FSC	44	41	-3
Killarney FSC	76	81	5
Melita FSC	68	38	-30
Reston FSC	27	51	24
Shilo SS	0	79	79
Souris FSC	45	61	16
Waskada FSC	48	48	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>89</b>

**WINNIPEG REGION**

CLUB NAME	April 1/17 Members	April 1/18 Members	Plus/ Minus
Century SC	140	149	9
Highlander SS	1	2	1
Skate Winnipeg	282	271	-11
Winnipeg WC SS	3	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>-1</b>



**NOTE 1:** in the Registered Member table it does NOT include coaching members

**Technical Director Board Report**  
**Submitted by: Cadfan Edwards**

**September 2017 Report**

Not having many events in the past quarter, the last few months has presented an opportunity to analyze the structure of our committees, and the programs being delivered. Each committee is running fairly independently of each other, and one of the objectives moving forward will be to not only ensure that the strategic of direction of the individual committee are in line, but to make sure they integrate with each other. Further to this, steps have been taken in the past few months to ensure that each program that we deliver this year has a distinct and clear measurability. This will ensure that when we review the programs' success at the end of the year, that we can accurately assess the viability of the program moving forward.

**Officials**

We have seen a new chair step into the official's role this fiscal year. There has been one officials meeting in the past quarter. One of the main objectives from the Technical Director perspective will be to ensure proper mentorship and succession planning is in place, as well as integrating the official's initiatives with the coaches. There is a key point to consider as we work to develop a strong relationship not only within our official's community, but with the coaches as well.

**\*\*The new STAR 1-5 program means that coaches will be doing their own assessments from STAR 1-5. \*\***

This means that there will no longer be low test days. Low test days were a great way for coaches, and officials to share information, and to make sure that there was a consistent standard across the province. We will have to take the absence of this into account as we move forward with both Official's initiatives, as well as coaching initiatives.

The officials committee in conjunction with the Technical Director are developing cost effective programming aid in officials "back to basics", as well as integrating coaching into this programming. The outcome of this program is to ensure constant delivery of information, as well as to strengthen the relationship between officials and coaches.

**Coaches**

There have been 4 NCCP clinics since the last report, and although it is exciting to see coaches starting their journey through the NCCP process, there have been many areas highlighted where the Technical Director should focus on.

- 1) Lack of National Level Coaches: Skate Canada Manitoba has a huge deficit of active National Level Coaches. This provides problems in mentorship capabilities, as well as development opportunities for our skaters. In a risk assessment view, programming should be developed now to mitigate the potential that in 5-10 years we may have no National Level Coaches remaining.
  
- 2) Lack of Male Coaches: Skate Canada in Conjunction with the Canada Games Council have released their tech package for the 2019 Canada Winter Games. It states that to have male skaters on your team, you MUST have a National Certified Male Coach as a Team coach. This presents a huge problem for Skate Canada Manitoba. In the interim, we have identified one male coach to move through the NCCP system. As a long-term focus, programming and initiatives must be developed to retain male's skaters as they move through their skating career. This should be a collaborative effort between the Coaching, Officials, and Skating Programs committees.



- 3) Coaches attaining Certification: One of the largest challenges Skate Canada Manitoba will face in the foreseeable future. Many of our coaches who are moving through the NCCP system are failing to be certified. This is due largely to lack of mentorship, and technical knowledge. An initiative has just been initiated to combat these issues. These young coaches will be our future. Ensuring they have strong technical knowledge, and the province behind them will be a huge step in retention, and development of better skating.

There will be a program developed to help support the young coaches moving through the Regional Coaching Stream. We will be reaching out to all Regional Coaches, and offering a seminar highlighting specific problem areas identified by our Learning Facilitator, Technical Director, and Skate Canada. Mentorship after the seminar will be ongoing. There is a grant process underway, and Skate Canada will also be supporting the initiative with staff (Monica Lockie as a Clinician). Details are still being worked out.

#### **Skating Programs:**

**ALL STAR:** Details are being finalized for the ALL-STAR seminars upcoming this fall. Following the seminars and post-event reports, this program will go under review for viability, clarity of objectives, and measurability. It is important to note, that 2 regions will not be running ALL-STAR seminars this fall. Winnipeg, and potentially Central. If this program is to move forward, clear objectives must be laid out, as well, as well as the importance of the Regions complying to running the seminars.

With the new STAR 1-5 program role out this fall, work will need to be done in collaboration with the Technical Director, Coaching committee, and STAR U clinicians to ensure consistent delivery of this program across the province. Work is being done on developing a system to identify clubs in need of assistance.

**SYNCHRO:** Synchro is a massive part of the Sport for Life Model. The main objective this season will be to identify if the programming being executed reaches the objectives laid out by the committee. Synchro may have the most difficult task of all the other Skating Programs in developing their programming, as we have 2 competitive teams, and the rest being recreational. Last season we saw a lack of engagement in the budgeted programming by the recreational teams. Participation, clarity, and measurability will be the focus. At the end of season, all programs will be assessed for their viability and direction.

**COMPETITIVE:** The largest change this season has been team structure. This may be the first time where we see skaters moving up within our team structure, as well as being asked to leave. The focus of the teams this year will be accountability, and engagement in their yearly plans and training schedules.

IST – In the last few seasons the participation in Strength and Conditioning has been largely unmonitored, and un-attended. The Strength and Conditioning Program in collaboration with Sport Manitoba has been completely re-vamped. In Winnipeg alone, attendance has improved from 1-2 skaters per week, to 13-16 skaters per week.

In addition to a re-vamped Strength and Conditioning Program, effort has been directed to the importance of yearly plans. Skaters were required to produce yearly plans for their season. These plans will integrate Sports Psychology, Strength and Conditioning, as well as the Coaches. The objective is to for the skater to see the importance of proper planning and having all resources available to them on the same page.

Please See competitive report for more details on programming.

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#### **March 2018 Report**

The past six months has been a steady stream of competition and programming that has left little down time for skaters, coaches, and volunteers. From qualifying competitions, to NCCP Clinics, to Manitoba Winter Games, it has been a season of ups and downs with success's and short comings.

The previous Technical Director Report dated September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 outlined many initiatives including:

- 1) Reinforcing the Strategic Direction of the committee's
- 2) Developing measurable protocols for programming
- 3) Developing a stronger link and continuity between committee's

As the last 6 months have been focused on the execution of previously budgeted programs, the coming months will have a stronger focus on the above. The following report will outline an assessment of the last 6 months of programming from the perspective of the Technical Director.

## **COMPETITIVE**

### **Simulations – September 2017 in Virden, MB**

The out of province officials in attendance were:

- 1) Karen Howard – Olympic level Judge
- 2) Brett Hines – National Level Technical Specialist

In previous years, the competitive committee would choose two local officials to fill the other two seats. (One Technical Specialist/Controller and one Judge). To support the development of stronger links between the committees, it was decided that the Officials committee would choose the local official to join Karen Howard as a mentoring opportunity. This proved to be a valuable experience for our local official and will continue to be the standard moving forward.

At the Simulation event, Karen also delivered a 2-hour presentation to our skaters covering GOE's, and the interruption rule. Leveraging the knowledge of our guest official to deliver valuable information to our skaters and coaches will be implemented in coming years.

The 2017 Simulations included skaters from Juvenile to Senior. The number of skaters for the weekend was 47. Post event discussions with our out of province officials were centered around the viability of having such a large number of skaters at one simulation event. To ensure an undiluted experience for our higher-level skaters and based on the recommendation of our competitive committee and out of province guests, the format of next year's simulation will be altered to reflect these discussions.

- 1) The September simulations will only include Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior level skaters.
- 2) There will be a separate simulation event for STAR 5, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile skaters.

The September simulation event will continue to use out of province officials chosen by the competitive committee, while the officials committee will choose local officials that may benefit from mentoring experience. The separate simulation event for the lower levels will pull from our local official pool and be at a time of year that is more in line with the yearly plan of the lower level skaters.

### **Training Burst (Karen Howard 1 on 1)**

Following this year's simulations, Karen Howard graciously volunteered her time for an additional day to focus closer on a few skaters. Karen, who does talent ID on a National scale, and within her own section made her selections for the proposed visit and passed them off to the TD. In October, Karen visited these skaters and did lessons including the coach and skater for approximately ½ an hour per skater. There was also an off-ice portion with a presentation focusing around program components. The skaters saw a huge benefit from this day, and focused time with skater and coach with an ISU level official proved to be a valuable experience.

## **Sectionals/ Challenge**

For interest in specific result placements please refer to the Executive Director Report.

Although there have been significant improvements made in the overall scores at both our Sectional Event, and Challenge Events. I fear we are falling farther behind on a National Scale.

Skate Canada Manitoba currently has the following spots available to us for the Skate Canada Challenge Event:

- 1) Pre-Novice – 3
- 2) Novice – 3
- 3) Junior – 2
- 4) Senior – 2

If we have skaters placing in the top 3 spots at Sectionals, there should be no issue in having the CMS (minimum score to attend challenge). The perception of the CMS must change. Currently it is a score only achieved by our highest level of skaters. Our goal should be that it is a score that is a benchmark for our top 6-8 skaters. Nationally it is a minimum score to reflect the bottom level skaters at the Challenge level. If we have skaters placing in the top 3 at our Sectional Event who do not have the minimum score (which was the case this year) then this means we have much work to do.

Following the Technical Director meeting at Challenge, it is evident that Skate Canada is looking to significantly raise the bar and as a Section we must be prepared to follow suit. The following is coming down the pipeline.

- 1) Challenge numbers for Pre-Novice and Novice will be reduced from 60 to 48 (or less)
- 2) A significant increase in the CMS in the next two years.

What does this mean for our skaters? A streamlined challenge may mean that we have a significantly smaller Manitoba Challenge Team in years to come. Our skaters typically fall in the bottom third of placements at Challenge and as a whole struggle to achieve the current CMS. More work than ever will have to be done to be viable and relevant.

This could have implications on:

- a) Our organization as a whole
- b) Advancement of Coaches
- c) Advancement of Skaters
- d) Funding

## **Manitoba Winter Games**

A huge thank you should be extended to the host Club/ City for all of their efforts in putting together the Manitoba Winter Games event in conjunction with Sport Manitoba and Skate Canada Manitoba.

- 1) 46 Skaters participated in these games
- 2) 2 out of province officials in attendance.

Both out of province officials were trained in TC and TS. They both possessed an excellent skill set and expressed interest in returning to Manitoba for further competitions.

### **Junior Development Seminar**

Another successful year this year with 35 young skaters from STAR 1-10 and Pre-Juvenile in attendance. On ice clinicians were Deidre Russell and Kaleigh Hole. Off ice was facilitated by the TD as well as Sport Manitoba. This seminar continues to be both financially viable, and a great opportunity for the young skaters to get a good grasp on a Team Structure that may be in their future.

### **Team Structure**

The new Team Structure has been released and applications are under way for the 2018-19 season. Changes this year include the following:

- 1) An increase in minimum score requirements for Development, High Performance and Elite athletes
- 2) Additional Technical Requirements for High Performance and Elite Athletes
- 3) Implementation of Juvenile U12 champion (Sectionals and STAR) into the High-Performance Program
- 4) Addition of Pair and Dance into Team Structure

Additional changes this year will include:

- a) Assessment of the Strength and Conditioning program delivery, specifically on location of programs
- b) Improvement to communication of additional benefits of team structure, including video submissions and feedback sessions

Application will close on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the new team will be announced prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **ALL STAR**

The ALL STAR budget has been completely torn down, with a new 3 phase program being initiated this coming fiscal year. In previous years the budget was focused around the subsidy of ALL STAR Seminars in the form of covering the cost of the clinician. Although Skate Canada Manitoba will continue to encourage regions to run Regional STAR seminars, the subsidy money will no longer be available. The new 3-phase role out will be focused on ensuring proper delivery of the new STAR Programming and will be organized by the Section.

- 1) Monica Lockie from Skate Canada and the creator of the new STAR program will deliver a 3-day event at the AGM for Coaches/ Skaters and Club Executive
- 2) Skate Canada Manitoba will deliver 3 or 4 seminars in the fall of 2018. The Sessions will be 3 prong, with a strong focus on program delivery for both coaches and club executives, while also giving a beneficial seminar for the skaters
- 3) The final stage will leverage the STAR University Trained Facilitators by performing site visits and/or calls to each club in the section to ensure proper support in delivery of the new program

### **COACHES**

In the previous Technical Report there was 3 main points of interest outlined.

- 1) Lack of National Level Coaches
- 2) Lack of Male Coaches
- 3) Coaches not attaining Certification

The focus over the past 4 months has been around the 3<sup>rd</sup> point. By focusing on the young coaching talent, it will only serve to aid in working toward the goal of both having a larger pool of male coaches and larger pool of National Level Coaches.

Phase 1 and 2 of the new ALL-STAR program has been designed to target the areas that were challenges for coaches attempting to gain certification in the Regional Coaching Stream. A portion of the Seminar delivered by Monica Lockie will specifically focus on the areas recognized by the TD as areas in where most of the Regional Coaches are failing their certification.

There was 1 NCCP clinic delivered since September which was a condensed ISPC (Provincial Level Clinic). The clinic was run specifically to meet the Canada games Requirement of having a Male coach at a National Level and to assist our coaches who required this certification for competitive skaters and Synchro. We did have 7 participants and did not incur a large cost.

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

**September 2017 Report**

1. **Raffle**  
Clubs have been notified raffle tickets are now available to order. To date 6 clubs have ordered raffle books.
  
2. **Website**  
Skate Canada Manitoba Website has been reviewed, updated and organized.
  
3. **Events**
  - i. Updated LOC Guidelines and all toolkit documents. Posted to website.
  - ii. Sent personal emails to each club hosting an event in 2017-18 season.
  - iii. Collected three required documents from each event chair. Reviewed budgets, confirmed competition announcements and started collecting Sanction payments.
  - iv. Simulations registration form was completed and email via MailChimp to our members/posted online.
  - v. Simulations registration deadline September 8. All Planned Program Sheets were review and printed for the officials.
  - vi. Received Sectionals Technical Package from Skate Canada. Made changes and had the EMC review. Sectionals Technical Package has been posted along with the registration.
  
4. **Team Clothing**  
Team clothing was re ordered through Lulu Lemon. Cadfan and Kendra viewed different selections online. Lulu Lemon order was placed August 25, 2017. Team clothing was sent to Boss Embroidery and now is being picked up by athletes.
  
5. **Merchandise**
  - i. **Mondetta Clothing**  
Shauna and Kendra visited Jon and Lynsey from Mondetta regarding team clothing/clothing to sell for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Kendra set up an online portal with Mondetta where we can view their items at cost. Kendra informed Lynsey we would be in touch once we decide what direction we would like to go in.
  - ii. **Medals**  
Kendra worked with Marlene and had new medals designed. They are currently in the works of being made. The Section will use up the old medals first. A single-entry participation medal was designed to give to “single event entries”. There were a lot of complaints in the previous season regarding athletes going home with nothing.
  - iii. **Towels**  
Promotional item was decided on to give away at three of the Sectional events in the 2017-18 season. Towels with SCMB logo and “50” are being designed. (Black towel Red embroidery)
  
6. **CanSkate Bags**  
Slowly continue to go out. 11 still need to be picked up.

7. **Canada 150 – National Skate day – December 10<sup>th</sup>**

All 55 pairs of skates were sharpened by Pro-Connection on Henderson Highway. Waiting for Skate Canada to send us skate guards. Currently working on planning Canada 150 with Shauna.

8. **2017-18 Directory**

Directory was redesigned/updated. Printing will begin in September.

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**March 2018 Report**

9. **Raffle**

Raffle Books were given to 14 clubs, 14 athletes and 14 board members in 2017/18 season. They are being collected for the AGM. Currently missing 2 clubs, 8 athletes and 4 Board members raffle books.

10. **Events**

- i. Completed all the registrations for the 2017-18 competitions
- ii. Registration forms were available to our members in October, allowing them to have plenty of time to register.
- iii. Donna and Kendra will be researching alternate online registration platforms for events for the new year
  - Donna and Kendra will be working on new ways to accept Planned Program Sheets.
- iv. Assisted LOC chairs/tech reps/data specialists and volunteers throughout their competitions.
- v. 2018-19 competitions locations/dates have been finalized and sent to the executive for approval.
- vi. Received lots of feedback on SCMB event material online. We will be reviewing the feedback and working to ensure we incorporate relevant changes to the LOC guidelines/documents. We will also be reviewing the Section Office /EM communication, information and timelines provided to the host committees, to improve the information and ensure that each LOC has a good understanding of the different roles. Post event reports have been submitted to the section, which are being collated and will be forwarded to the EMC. Below is a summary of the overall profits for the Regional and Section events

**2018 Regionals Competition Profits**

<b><i>Region</i></b>	<b><i>Profit</i></b>
Parkland	\$ 934.15
Norman	\$ 3,785.26
North/South Westman	\$ 7,237.70
Eastman/Winnipeg	\$ 2,423.02
Central	\$ 3,006.24
Interlake	\$ 6,364.85

**2018 Skate Canada Manitoba Competitions Profits**

<b><i>Competition</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Club Share</i></b>	<b><i>Section Share</i></b>
<b><i>Sectionals</i></b>	Virden, MB	\$ 490.79	\$ 327.19
<b><i>MB Open</i></b>	Portage la Prairie, MB	\$ 13,594.19	\$ 4000.00
<b><i>Synchro Champs</i></b>	Beausejour, MB	\$ 2,461.33	\$ 1,640.89
<b><i>Prairie regionals</i></b>	Stonewall, MB	\$ 6,908.44	\$ 4,000.00
<b><i>STARSkate Championships</i></b>	Hazelridge, MB	\$ 4,379.20	\$ 2,919.46
<b><i>Crocus Invitational</i></b>	Souris, MB	\$ 3,959.10	\$ 2,636.72

### **11. Team Clothing**

Team clothing has been updated for the 2018-19 team. Team will continue to order Lulu Lemon gear, and have it embroidered. Wufoo form will go out at the beginning of April.

### **12. Seminars**

Booked ice/meeting rooms for the Regional/Club Coach Seminar in (Brandon and Portage la Prairie) in May and September.

### **13. Merchandise**

**NEW clothing** - Toques and Scarfs have been designed/ordered from Carberry International. New items will be available for sale at the AGM.

A suggestion box will be available at the merchandise table at the AGM for new clothing ideas. We will also be asking on our AGM forms.

SCMB Merchandise inventory is getting low, and we will be working on new items to be available in the fall. Shauna and Kendra will be working on merchandise throughout the summer.

#### **Medals**

New medals were used at the Crocus Invitational in Souris. Competitions really enjoyed having the single event entry "Participation Medals" for the athletes.

#### **Towels**

Anniversary Towels will be given out during our AGM. They were thrown into the stands during the opening ceremonies at Synchro Champs. Kids loved this. STARSkate championship registered athletes were given a skate towel.

### **14. CanSkate Bags**

Three CanSkate bags haven't gone out yet.

### **15. Annual General Meeting**

Registration for Club, Coach and officials Workshops have been developed and emailed to SCMB members. Coaches Annual General Meeting Notice and registration has been emailed to all Skate Canada Manitoba coaches. Delegate/Instrument of Proxy forms have been updated and emailed to clubs. AGM Awards Gala tickets have been redesigned for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Award letters have been emailed to all our winners. Skate Canada Manitoba will continue to use the Awards Gala PowerPoint including award winner's photos.

Shauna and myself had a meeting with the Victoria Inn hotel to start organizing our AGM. Rooms and food menus have been confirmed.



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

**2017 September Report**

**List of Committee Members**

Chair: Carol Light – South Westman  
Kaitlyn Loewen – Central  
Sybil Carello – Eastman  
Rosalyn Bauer – Interlake (Alternate)  
Sherry Shepherd – Norman  
Cindy Mahoney – North Westman  
Donna Kemp-Drysdale – Parkland  
Laurie Bertholet – South Westman  
Roni Swischuk – Winnipeg  
Office Support – Cadfan Edwards  
VP – Diane Brine

- **Committee meetings held**
  - April 29 – In Person Meeting
  - August 20, December 17
  - Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution
  - Committee Reports were sent to Vice Chair for Executive Meetings when required
  
- **Coaches Administration**
  - 2 Conference Calls were held throughout the season
  - 1 In Person Meeting was held during AGM weekend – both past & new committee members were present
  - Meeting Minutes were submitted for circulation
  - 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 were in attendance at 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 Weekend**
  - Business of Coaching & STAR 1-5 Workshop was held on Friday April 28
  - 38 Coaches in attendance
  - Coaches AGM Meeting was held on Saturday April 29 during lunch hour of Section AGM
  - 44 Coaches in attendance (increase from last season)
  - All expenses completed and submitted to Section Office
  - Seminar & Meeting were held at the Victoria Inn & Convention Centre in Brandon, MB in conjunction with SCMB AGM
    - Expenses - \$1959.82
    - Coaching MB Coach Appreciation Grant received - \$1000
    - **Under Budget by \$690.18**

- **Learn/Train to Compete Seminar (in conjunction with Provincial Seminar May 2017)**
  - Cancelled due to low registration
  - 3 coaches did register and attend at a reduced rate
  - **Revenue Collected of \$240**
  
- **Learn to Train (STARSkate) Back to Basics Seminars**
  - 2 seminars were planned for this season
  - Beausejour – September 23 – 11 Coaches attended
  - Virden– September 24 – 19 Coaches attended
  - Expenses - \$3924.11
  - Registration Fees were collected - \$2250
  - Coaching MB Special Initiatives Grant received - \$800
  - Clinicians Patty Hole & Tammy McKay were fantastic
  - **Over Budget by \$706.11**
  
- **Mentorship**
  - The Committee has decided to put this initiative on hold until Skate Canada rolls out their Mentorship Plan
  - 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
  
- **Regional Meetings**
  - Regional Coaches Meetings were held in Fall 2017 in conjunction with ALL STAR Seminars.
    - Central – Seminar was cancelled
    - Eastman – no meeting held
    - Interlake/Winnipeg – Seminar was cancelled
    - Norman – no meeting held
    - North Westman – November 18 – Carberry – 6 Coaches attended
    - Parkland – Seminar was cancelled
    - South Westman – October 29 – Melita – 2 Coaches attended
  - Regional Coaches Meetings were held in Winter 2018 in conjunction with Regional Competitions.
    - Central – January 13 – Carman – 14 Coaches attended
    - Eastman/Winnipeg – February 3 – Hazelridge – 10 Coaches attended
    - Interlake – February 3 – Gimli – 12 Coaches attended
    - Norman – January 27-28 – Flin Flon – 3 Coaches attended
    - North/South Westman – January 27 – Elkhorn – 11 Coaches attended
    - Parkland – no meeting held
    - Synchro Coaches meetings were held throughout the season
  
- **Communication**
  - eBlasts were sent out to coaches by the Technical Director when information was available
  - We will review and determine what format is a good fit for our Communication Strategy for the Coaching Community in Manitoba.

- **2018-2019 Budget**
  - Meeting was held in December and Budget was submitted to Executive for review
  - Information was returned with a few small logistic changes
  - Both Clinicians for the Fall Learn to Train/Learn to Compete Coaching Seminar have been booked, just waiting to send out the contracts once the Budget is officially approved – Facility booking has not yet been confirmed by SCMB Technical Director
  - A shift from the Mentorship item to a Coaches Strategic Planning item has been made for the upcoming season.
  
- **AGM 2018**
  - Planning is underway for the 2018 Coaches AGM & Workshop
  - Grant Opportunities have been applied for in March 2018 in accordance with our submitted Budget
  
- **List any questions or concerns**
  - Concerns that have come up throughout the season have been addressed with the Section Board and respective Committee Chairs
  
- **List any suggestions/ideas for the future**
  - We will continue to work to minimize costs within our Budget
  - Our main focus for the 2018-2019 season will be creating a new Strategic Plan for the upcoming MB Games Cycle
  - Our Committee, SCR & RCR Terms of Reference were passed at the 2017 AGM
  
- **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

**Communications Committee Report**  
**Submitted by: Susan Zuk**

**2017 September Report**

**List of Committee Members**

Director & Chair: Susan Zuk

Vice Chair: Don Brown

Office Resource: Shauna Marling

**1. Committee meetings held**

- a. GoToMeeting Training Session: Aug 10
- b. Committee Meeting: Aug 31
  - i. Minutes were created for distribution
- c. Working Meeting: July, Sept. 7, Sept 15

**2. Current approved budget items**

- i. Communications Matrix – Updating the communications matrix to manage section communications throughout the year.
- ii. Media Releases – Created and sent out CanSkate Media Release
- b. any other relevant information
  - i. Continuing with all initiatives

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

- a. List what your Strategic Direction is and the tasks to be completed
  - i. Strategic direction is to enhance communications internally and externally

**4. Up-coming programs and initiatives for your committee**

- a. Facebook – continue to utilize tool to promote section activities and skating
- b. Webinar Tool – continue to use to assist with internal section meetings and communication.
- c. Communications Matrix - Continue to enhance the communications matrix and utilize within the section. Work to build matrixes with other committees. Discussion matrix and integration with other committees.
- d. Media Releases – Continue as per communications matrix.

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

- a. To collaborate with committees, clubs and competition committees during next half of year.

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**2018 March report**

**1. Committee Meetings Held**

Working Meetings: Multiple working meetings based on need throughout the fall and winter months

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

- a. Media Releases Using Media Contact List in MailChimp
  - i. 2018 Skate Canada Manitoba Crocus – Announcement (January 2018)
  - ii. 2018 Skate Canada Synchro Nationals – Announcement (February 2018)
  - iii. 2018 Skate Canada STARSkate Competition – Announcement (February 2018)

- iv. 2018 Prairie Synchro Competition – Announcement (February 2018)
- v. 2018 Skate Canada Manitoba Open Competition – Announcement (February 2018)
- vi. 2018 Winter Games (February 2018)
- vii. Skate Canada Manitoba Regionals – Announcement (January 2018)
- viii. Skate Canada Challenge – Announcement of 2018 Challenge Team (Nov 2017)
- ix. Skate Canada Manitoba Sectionals – Announcement (Oct 2018)

**b. Promotions**

Shaw TV recorded

- i. Manitoba Synchro Skating Championships in Beausejour, Manitoba
  - Released onto Shaw TV and YouTube January 2018
- ii. Prairie Synchro Competition in Stonewall, Manitoba
  - Released onto Shaw TV and YouTube February 2018

**c. MailChimp**

- i. Section Office continues to use MailChimp for communication to a variety of groups including:
- ii. Officials, Clubs, Skaters (various categories), Media, Regional Directors, Executive

**d. Facebook**

- i. Releasing more promotion of events on Facebook this season. Need to make it an activity included in all events skaters are attending
- ii. Posted Manitoba Synchro Skating Championships teams
- iii. Posted Prairie Synchro Competition teams
- iv. Post STARSkate competitors and MB Open Competitors
  - Requests were received from parents when coverage was not full. Identifies people enjoy the posts and are starting to look for them.
- iii. May decide to change the Facebook environment
  - Currently the Skate Canada Manitoba Facebook account is implemented as a proper page and is setup as a personal account with public settings. This allows people to be friends of the page and the can “like” pages.
  - The personal account can be discontinued (cannot be migrated) potentially after a month of promoting the new business one. People would then be able to post pictures when they are at events though this means there is no control on the posting.
- iv. Strongly suggest every event has a person posting skaters to Facebook or Instagram next season.

**e. Skate Canada Manitoba Awards**

- i. Award selection completed with award selection team.

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

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

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

Communication Tool Implementation

- i. Website – Continued media releases and Facebook updates for the year.
- ii. Communications Matrix Template - Continue to update the communication matrix.

**5 List any collaborations with other committees**

- i. To collaborate during the rest of the year per the Communications Matrix

## **Events Management Committee** **Submitted by Kim Baron**

### **Committee Members**

Director – Kim Baron  
Vice Chair & Data Specialist – Don Brown  
Coach – Pam Parker & Laurie Bertholet  
Official – Shelley Meakin  
Data Specialist– Barb Nickel  
Office Resource – Kendra Gilbert

### **Committee Teleconference Meetings**

- September 11, 2017 - minutes submitted
- November 22, 2017 - minutes submitted
- January 31, 2018 - minutes submitted
- April 8, 2018 - upcoming meeting

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

- **Administration** - Meetings will be held by teleconference; no face-to-face meetings planned at this time.
- **LOC Mentorship** - November 14, 2017 - Pre-Competition LOC Teleconference - 16 participants.
- **Medals, Ribbons & Wristbands** - Single entry medal introduced this year. Inventory to be done by office to determine needs for next season.
- **Sectioned Managed Competitions Complete**
  - i. Sectionals - November 4-5, 2017 - Virden, 67 skaters, 12 volunteers
  - ii. Synchro Championships - January 20, 2018 - Beausejour, 6 male skaters, 211 female skaters, 28 volunteers
  - iii. Prairie Regional Synchro Championship - Feb 10-11, 2018 - Stonewall
  - iv. Manitoba Open - Feb 16-18, 2018 - Portage La Prairie, 11 male skaters, 197 female skaters, 40 volunteers
  - v. STARSkate Championships - March 3-4, 2018 - Hazelridge, 4 male skaters, 138 female skaters, 15 volunteers

### **Initiatives Achieved**

- 2018/2019 budget was drafted and submitted to the executive committee for review and approval.
- Revisions to Local Organizing Committee Guidelines packages are ongoing
- Technical packages for competitions/events and funskates have been reviewed prior to awarding of sanction.
- No Site visits required for 2017/2018 season.
- Pre-Competition Teleconference was held with LOC Chairpersons, Technical Reps & Chief Referees.
- Terms of Reference has been updated
- Events Management Committee Annual Timeline has been created
- Competition Supplementary Events (including Synchro Skate to Standard Beginner I and Beginner II) to be offered as optional events at Regional Competitions have been selected according to the Skate Canada Competition Technical Program Requirements.
- Host location for all 2018/2019 competitions have been secured and sent to executive for approval.
- Competition Venue Review is now complete for 2018-19 season.
- Regional Directors & Coaching Committee have been contacted for feedback on STAR 5+ FreeSkate events at Regionals. Our committee has reviewed the collected feedback for a STAR 5+ Regional Competition restructure and have forwarded our proposal to the executive.

- Collaborated with Technical Director and Coaching Representative to create a Coach Competition Check-in Procedure.

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

- Continued revisions to Local Organizing Committee Guidelines packages.
- Sectional & Region Event Grids to be extended to the end of the 2020/2021 season. Distribute extended competition grids to all Regional Directors.
- Welcome all upcoming LOCs and provide direction to get them started with their planning.
- Conduct post competition interview with LOC chairperson and review all feedback.

#### **Ideas for Future**

- Continue review of current competition structure. Consider and propose changes to same.

#### **Collaboration with other Committees**

- Revision of Local Organizing Committee Guidelines will continue with input from other committees as appropriate
- Continue to seek input from other committees in regard to any proposed competition structure change.
- Work with the Communications Committee to further our event exposure through social media.

#### **Collaboration with other Committees**

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- Work with the Communications Committee to further our event exposure through social media.

**Marketing Committee Report**  
**Submitted by: Shawn Cabak**

**2017 September Report**

**OBJECTIVE:** To promote and secure Partnerships for skating in Manitoba.

**List of Committee Members**

Marketing Chair SCMB -Shawn Cabak

Chair SCMB - Donna Yee

Vice Chair SCMB - Diane Brine

Executive Director SCMB- Shauna Marling

**1. Committee meetings held**

- i. Conference calls were held on June 19, July 18 and Aug. 14. The goal is to meet monthly.
- ii. Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution

**2. Current approved budget items**

- i. The budget was reviewed at our June 19 meeting.
- ii. Discussion was to adjust the budget during the year if necessary.

**3. Existing sponsors-Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, Portage Veterinary Hospital, Inner Edge Skate & Dance Shop**

Victoria Inn provides cash and a rebate/stay, Portage Veterinary Hospital sponsors initiatives in the Athlete Development program areas and Inner Edge sponsors team clothing items. Enterprise Car Rental provides a 4% rebate on rentals. We need to encourage our members to support our sponsors. It was suggested SCMB should communicate with our sponsors regularly, provide updates, send thank-you (pic of HP team) etc.

**4. Potential Partnership Opportunities**

- a) **Forks Partnership** - The committee is exploring the possibility of skating demos/events at the Forks that clubs and skaters can participate in to promote skating. The Forks will be contacted to discuss a promo event.
- b) **Canada 150 program** - Skate Canada has hired a company to coordinate a national skating day celebration in cooperation with the Lieutenant Governors. SCMB has received the skates, helmets which are in storage. The skates & helmets can be used for other promotional activities. **Clothing** - The SCMB office has been in touch with Mondetta to provide clothing for SCMB. Bargains is another option suitable for less expensive promo items. There will be discussions with a few clothing companies to see what they can offer to SCMB in discounts or clothing sponsorship. This can be for team clothing and or discounts to all skaters.
- c) **Shaw TV & Shaw Direct**- Shaw TV provided skating coverage last year and Shaw Direct sponsored some of our Skating Events in 2017. The committee will contact Shaw to see if they are willing to provide additional event coverage and sponsorship opportunities again this season.

**5. Update on SCMB – Strategic Direction**

• **Review terms of reference including Committee members**

The Marketing Terms of Reference is being reviewed and changes will be made. A timeline will be included that will focus Marketing committee activities in the May- Sept period prior to the busy skating season. This would allow us to line up sponsors prior to SCMB skating events. The Bingo



policy is currently under review and will be revised to reflect the new reality of the Manitoba Government and the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries have implemented.

## 6. Up-coming programs and initiatives

- **Partnership/Marketing tool kit**

The committee is reviewing the Partnership tool kit that can be used with various companies. We can be flexible when using the tool kit to best match a company needs with what SCMB has to offer. Exclusive marketing can help to attract potential partners (only have 1 financial institution sponsor, 1 grocery chain etc.). The demographic & events info in the tool kit needs to be up-dated.

- **Marketing Package**

SCMB can offer companies advertising, booths and banners at events, Facebook, website ads, e-news blast to members & more. We can market various SCMB properties to potential partners i.e.. CanSkate, STARSkate, Competitive, Synchro events, AGM etc.

A marketing document to highlight SCMB mission/values, who we are, the partnering opportunities available and cost will be drawn up and sent to possible sponsors.

- **Identify potential new sponsors/marketing partners.**

Each committee member will research 1 or 2 companies that will be approached as a partner. The companies will be offered an opportunity to sponsor SCMB. Possible examples include the Dairy Farmers of Canada, MPI, Cdn Tire, Co-op, Shoppers Drug Mart & Steinbach CU.

It is important to research the companies to be able to customize a package that they would be interested in supporting.

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### 2018 March Report

#### **Committee meetings held:**

Conference calls were held on Sept. 18, Oct.16, Nov.6, Jan.8, March 12. Another planned for April 9. The goal is to meet monthly. Minutes were submitted to Section Office for distribution

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

- **A new 2018/19 budget has been submitted.** Bingos funds have been moved out Mktg budget and placed in the Office Administration budget area, Portage Vet Clinic partnership monies will be moved to Skating Programs Competitive committee budget.

- **Existing sponsors-Victoria Inn, Portage Vet Hospital, Inner Edge.** Victoria Inn provides cash and a rebate/stay, Portage Veterinary Hospital sponsors training bursts and Inner Edge sponsors team clothing. Enterprise provides 4% rebate on rentals. We need to encourage our members to support our sponsors.

Would like to add a Mailchimp footer with SCMB sponsor logos.

- **Potential Partnership Opportunities**

- i. **Forks Partnership** - tabled
- ii. **Canada 150 program Dec.10 at Dakota-** The section office did very well coordinating the event and lining up prizes, refreshments, mascots, media, volunteers etc. Skate Canada Manitoba, Rogers & local Member of Parliament brought greetings. Although the attendance of 120 was respectable it was below capacity and expectations.

- iii. **Clothing-** SCMB merchandise may go to more online sales instead of having product on hand to cut down on inventory cost.
- iv. **Shaw Direct-** Shauna met with Shaw to discuss televising 2 synchro events in Beausejour & Stonewall. Will ask to use last year's video for promo or link to our website. Possibility of other events in the future.

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

- **Review terms of reference including Committee members**

The Marketing Terms of Reference were reviewed, changes were made, and the revised Terms of Reference were accepted by the committee. Included in the Terms of Reference is a timeline and the goal to promote and market the sport of skating in Mb in cooperation with the Communications committee.

- **Review SCMB Strat plan & individual committee's strategic plan**

Part of the Strategic plan was for the Marketing committee to 1) review & update marketing package 2) make a list of potential sponsors 3) approach possible sponsors 4) raise \$10 K annually (in cash or in kind) which it does currently. The Committee wants to raise additional funds to be used for skating programs & new initiatives.

- **New programs/initiatives ideas for discussion, development and implementation**

When the committee raises sponsorship dollars it can decide where to use the funds unless the sponsor has a specific request. The Committee goal is to raise \$10 K in additional funds to be used for skating programs & new initiatives. This goal will be reviewed every year.

#### **Up-coming programs and initiatives**

- **Partnership/Marketing tool kit**

The demographic info and other components of the tool kit have been updated and shared with the committee and will be used when negotiating with sponsors.

- **Marketing**

The Marketing package will be used to tailor SCMB products (advertising, booths and banners at events, Facebook, website ads, enews blast to members & more) to match the needs of Sponsors. The committee will look into the promo videos available from Skate Canada to help promote skating in Manitoba.

- **New sponsors/marketing partners.**

A marketing letter to highlight SCMB mission/values, who we are, the partnering opportunities available and cost was drawn up to send to possible sponsors. These marketing letters were sent out from the SCMB office requesting sponsorship at the end of January to MPI, Dairy Farmers + Petro-Canada. Wawanesa is next on the list. A sponsor list with contact info and outcome will be maintained to track results. The committee will continue to promote and work to secure funding to improve the sport of Skating in Manitoba.

Both the Dairy Farmers and Mb Public Insurance declined SCMB requests for sponsorship. Other potential sponsors will be researched and contacted in the future.

As a rural based youth organization representing over 4000 members from across Manitoba SCMB has many potential benefits to offer sponsors.

The challenge is being able to monetize those benefits into mutually rewarding partnerships. Thank-you to the Marketing committee members who participated for the year.

## Officials Reports

### Audio Committee Submitted by: Stan Yee

#### **Committee Members**

Chair: Stan Yee

Vice Chair: Don Brown

Director: Steven Howes

Office Resource: Cadfan Edwards

#### **2017 September Report**

- Confirmed list of events and availability
- There will not be any audio available for Regional competitions this year.
- Stan Yee will attend Skate Canada International, Challenge and Skate Canada National Championships.
- Summer Open Competition was completed without any issues.
- Upcoming events will be Simulations in Virden, SCI in Regina and Sectionals.

#### **2018 March Report**

Skate Canada Manitoba Audio committee has attended Skate Canada International, Sectionals, SuperSkate, Challenge, Canadian Tire Nationals, Synchro Championships, Manitoba Open, STARSkate Championships, Winter Games, Crocus Invitational and Stony Mountain FunSkate.

- This past year audio purchased two new laptops allowing us to have two complete music systems.
- We will be hosting a music/announcer seminar in the fall to help those hosting Regionals.
- There have been no major issues other than a few of the rinks being cold.
- Thanks to Susan Zuk for coming out and helping with audio.

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### Data Specialists Committee Report Submitted by Don Brown

#### **Committee Members**

Chair & Vice Chair: Don Brown

Section Chair: Donna Yee

Monique Laskovic

Director: Steven Howes

Office Resource: Cadfan Edwards

#### **2017 September Report**

- Data Specialist assignments have been issued for the upcoming season.
- Refresher/update clinic is scheduled for October 21, 2017.
- Summer Open was a success and no major issues were encountered.
- Don Brown has been invited as a RSM/DS for the Canadian Synchronized Championships in February 2018.
- One new Introductory Data Specialist from Thompson is being mentored and trained this season.

## **2018 March Report**

- First meeting of the committee sorted our assignments for the upcoming season and planned a refresher clinic for October 2017. We had seven data specialists attend including three new people.
- Donna Yee was invited to Skate Canada Challenge in Montreal as a Data Specialist for evaluation for potential promotion to Level III. Donna was successful and received notification of her qualification in January.
- Don Brown was invited to The Canadian National Synchronized Skating Championships in Oshawa as a Result System Manager/Data Specialist in February.
- Two new Data Specialists from Norman were certified as Introductory Data Specialists in January.
- All competitions were covered with Data Specialists.
- Some equipment issues were encountered this year and we had to finish Prairie Synchro and conduct Manitoba Open manually. Equipment has been rectified and STARSkate and Manitoba Games were run successfully.

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## **Judges, Evaluators and Techs Committee Report**

**Submitted by: Amber Lotz**

### **List of Committee Members**

Chair: Amber Lotz

Vice Chair: Don Brown

Director: Steven Howes

Judge: Brenda Sokoloski

Judge: Diane Harder

Judge: Karren Antymniuk

Judge: Shelley Meakin

Judge: Mary Ellen McDonald

Coach: Gisele Sutherland

Office Resource: Cadfan Edwards

### **2017 September Report**

1. Committee meetings held
  - a. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - b. I circulated the minutes to members & to the Section Office
2. Current approved budget items
  - a. List each program/budget area
    - i. Looking to propose professional development evening. Not currently in budget
    - ii. STAR 1-4 Clinic
    - iii. Juvenile-Senior Clinic
    - iv. Synchro Nov Judge Clinic
  - b. Update as to the status of each program
    - i. All TBD
  - c. program as planned or was it revised
    - i. Program dates need to be revisited
3. List any collaborations with other committees
  - a. Talk about working with Events Management to develop system for Tech Reps

## 2018 March Report

### 1) **The need for training**

We have compiled a list of people that are interested in taking clinics in the new year. We are looking to have another meeting in the next coming weeks to discuss this further and to set a timeline/schedule for the next season.

### 2) **Mentorship/Professional Development**

Some discussion has taken place about the need for mentorship for newer judges. Would like to assign one person on committee or one to two officials to take charge of this and be the contact person for individuals needing guidance.

### 3) **Changes**

There are a lot of upcoming changes to the training systems and judging in general. Have put some training on hold until more definitive answers come through so as not to waste the resources and have to re-train.

4) We will be having a meeting soon and can update the executive as to further discussion at that time.

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## Test Days Report Submitted by Diane Harder

**Test Days** – There were 30 test days requested during the period from Nov.1st –March 31<sup>st</sup>. There were 20 test days requested in the period from April 1<sup>st</sup>-Oct.31<sup>st</sup>. 11 test days were cancelled related to low numbers of tests. A breakdown of test days & evaluators per region are listed below:

Region	# of Test days	# Evaluators
Central	11	2
Eastman	4	1
Interlake	5	3
Norman	5	0
Parkland	3	0
North Westman	10	5
South Westman	5	0
Winnipeg	9	7

The Manitoba Section has 27 Evaluators/Judges and 9 individuals that are only qualified to judge competitions which leaves 19 officials available to evaluate at test days. There are 3 evaluators qualified at Senior Bronze level and 1 Evaluator at Junior Silver level. There are 13 evaluators that are qualified at the Gold level. STAR 1-5 tests are assessed by coaches. Evaluated tests are from Senior Bronze to Gold in all disciplines.

Judges qualified at the following levels: Senior (2), Junior (2), Novice (11) Juvenile (8) STAR 1-4 (7)  
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

### Competitive & Games Committee Report

See Technical Director Report.

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### STARSkate Committee Report

See Technical Director Report.

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### Synchro Committee Report Submitted by Megan Maxwell

#### September 2017 Report

#### List of Committee Members

Chair: Megan Maxwell

Mary Ellen MacDonald

Tammy McKay

Pam Parker

Meghan Sprung

Jessica Watson

Sarah Murkin-Debeukelaere

Vice Chair: Diane Brine

Director of Skating Programs: Deanna Popadynetz

Office Resource: Cadfan Edwards

#### Meetings

Synchro committee meeting was held July 4, 2017. Minutes were shared July 26. Next meeting planned for late Sept/early Oct.

#### **Start a Synchro Team Grant - Fall 2017**

Poster submitted to Technical Director (TD) Sept. 6 for posting on website and sharing via both club and coaching newsletter. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 6 at noon. Mentor Coaches to be determined. \$1000 budget

#### **Choreo/Skills Weekend**

Planned for weekend of Oct. 20-22. Confirming details with choreographer Jennifer Critchton  
Researching ice availability with TD. Once confirmed, information to go out. Proposed reg. deadline Oct. 6 noon.

#### **Terms of Reference**

Megan & Diane have had discussions and begun making edits. Many clauses in current ToR related to the Officials Committee. Revised ToR to be submitted to Board in coming weeks.

#### **Technical Update**

Plan to offer it in Oct. Logistics and facilitator yet to be confirmed

#### **Monitoring**

Mid-Dec - possibly Dec. 16. Logistics and official yet to be confirmed

#### **Shadowing for Coaches**

We plan to offer any interested coaches the opportunity to shadow experienced coaches and their teams at all MB Synchro events in an effort to help encourage coaches new to synchro to get involved. No budget required.

**Questions/Concerns:**

- Will any Provincial Level Coach Training be offered (ISPC)? There was some discussion about this possibility. We have at least 5 Pre-Novice synchro coaches that now required a Provincial Level Accreditation.
- Synchro inclusion at STARSkate Regional Events - Can we add that Beginner 1, Beginner 2 and Elementary Synchro will be offered in our communications? We want to ensure everyone is aware of this opportunity this season.

**List any collaborations with other committees**

- We have a new Synchro Technical Specialist that has moved to MB to complete her schooling - Karen Ballinger.

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**March 2018 Report**

Synchro committee met was held July 4, 2017. Other synchro related discussions were held via email correspondence.

**Update on current approved budget items**

**a. Start a Synchro Team Grant - Fall 2017**

- i. 4 clubs submitted applications: Skate Dauphin, Skate Interlake (Gimli), Boissevain and Seine River.
- ii. Dauphin (\$600) and Skate Interlake (\$400) were selected based on the experience of the coaches, and the fact that their respective areas of the province did not have a synchro program that could serve surrounding clubs.
- iii. Megan Maxwell travelled to Dauphin Nov. 24-26. Megan cut their program music and worked with team on-ice for 3 hours and off-ice for 1 hr to layout an Elementary Program. Dauphin Elementary team registered to compete at Crocus in March. Another 1-2 hr of time with the team and coach would have been beneficial.
- iv. Jessica Watson travelled to Gimli twice (Nov. 18 and Dec. 9). On ice, the team had a base program set, so they worked on synchro skating technique and simplifying some of the choreography. Jessica also led a parent meeting to discuss team building. During the second day, they held an off-ice with the skaters which covered the Skate to Standard marking system and example videos of gold, silver, and bronze level elements. Gimli's Beginner team attended Synchro Champs in Beausejour.

**b. Choreography/Skills Weekend**

- i. Held Oct. 19-22 in Stonewall, Winnipeg, Carberry, MacGregor and Morris.
- ii. Nichole Manahan of Nexxice led all sessions
- iii. Four teams participating in choreography sessions. (Hazelridge and Pembina Pre-Novice, U of M Open and Brandon Adult 1).
- iv. Skills Session and Coaching Session: 9 coaches signed up and 38 skaters registered for the Skills session in MacGregor
- v. Budget: A profit was made with the skills session of \$496.
- vi. Timing: Oct. 19-22 was too late for choreography to be ready to compete in early January. Recommend advancing the choreography portion to late September. May consider separating out the skills/coaching session from the choreography session, as the skills session is still best done in later October as some rural teams don't begin their seasons until early October.

### **c. Technical Update**

- i. Held Nov. 21 via Webinar
- ii. Led by ISU Official Andrew Bosco.
- iii. Attended by 8 coaches and officials.
- iv. Suggestion for 2019 - collaborate and share costs with SK Section Synchro coaches and officials.

### **d. Monitoring**

- i. Held Dec. 16 in Carberry
- ii. Karen Ballinger (TS) and Cyndi Price (Judge) provided feedback to teams
- iii. 8 teams participated (Beginner to Adult)
- iv. Profit of **\$396.13**.

### **e. Updating Terms of Reference**

- i. Megan & Diane had discussed and begun making edits in fall. Many clauses in current Terms of Reference related to the Officials Committee.
- ii. Revised Terms of Reference to be completed.

### **f. Synchro Award**

- i. Criteria for synchro award were drafted. Being submitted now for consideration for next season (2018-2019).

### **g. Competition Format**

- i. Many sections run their synchro competitions with teams competing twice in the same day. (BC, SK, ON). 10-12 min practice sessions are optional and sold depending on ice availability (sometimes the night before if possible).
- ii. Benefits: Teams would receive 2 report cards and full official's panels would be used for a longer period during the day.
- iii. Considerations: Competing twice would actually take less time than the practices (4.75 hrs of practice compared to 3.5 hrs of competition). A 1-2 hr lunch break in between would provide teams and volunteers a break/lunch.
- iv. This format could be used for Synchro Champs and Crocus. Prairie Regionals would remain in the current format.

### **h. Megan Maxwell and Jessica Watson attended the **coaches meeting at Synchro Canadians** on Feb. 24.**

Led by Heather McMahon, Brett Hines and Chris Stokes. Topics discussed included:

- i. New Strategic plan in the works. Synchro will be given more attention
- ii. Vision to include more synchro into singles events. For example, Skate to Standard synchro categories at all Star 1-4 events
- iii. Club Education - encourage clubs to offer a synchro session 1/month
- iv. Consider adding a synchro component to CanSkate
- v. TS training may be scheduled for September (consult Beth Liverman)
- vi.

### **Questions/Concerns**

- i. Synchro inclusion at STARSkate Regional Events - Can we add that Beginner 1, Beginner 2 and Elementary Synchro will be offered in our communications? We want to ensure everyone is aware of this opportunity this season. What steps do we need to take to encourage and support all regions to offer synchro at their Regional Events?



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

**Committee Members**

North Westman - Kirsten Duguay - Zone 1 Rep	Alt: Vicki Dryden
Norman - Betty Anne Wilkinson	Alt: Heather Reed
South Westman - Carla Lee	Alt: Leisa Halloran
Parkland - Dan Gudmudsen	Alt: Tammy Edwards
Winnipeg - Jaqueline Enns	Alt: Lena Remple
Eastman - Kristjana Kosheluk - Zone 2 Rep	Alt: Connie Marques
Central - Eva Peters	Alt: Michelle Gerbrandt
Interlake - Tammy Karatchuk	Alt: Richelle Triska
Miranda Edwards Board Representative	

**Committee meetings held**

- September 23, 2017 in-person meeting Winnipeg Victoria Inn
- November 8, 2017 conference call
- February 4, 2018 conference call
- March 22, 2018 conference call

**Initiatives & Top Priorities**

- Feedback to Regional Boundary Sub-Committee
- Feedback to Events Management re: removing STAR 5+ from Regional Competitions
- Suggestions for AGM Professional Development
- Regional Competitions and Meetings
- Amendment to Constitution for AGM- Regions to submit annual Financial Statement to SCMB

**List any questions or challenges**

- ALL STAR Seminars - many regions had low numbers. Many had to be cancelled while others took on financial losses.
- Regional Committee meetings - RD's are having trouble getting clubs to attend. Conference calls somewhat more successful.
- Regional Directors - do they need to live in their region? Question forwarded to Executive committee. Amendment to Constitution.

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

- Improved orientation for Regional Directors. Suggest a follow up conference call to review roles and responsibilities after information disseminated during SCMB AGM.
- Continue to include Alternate Regional Directors to meetings and work on Terms of Reference to include roles of this position.
- Suggestion to decrease the number of Regional Reports. Communication forwarded to office with examples of templates.

**Collaboration with other committees**

- Events Management Committee
- Boundary Sub-Committee
- Skating Programs
- Executive Committee

Central Regional Director's Report  
Submitted by: Eva Peters

**September 2017 Report**

NONE do to vacancy of position

**March 2018 Report**

Only one meeting has been held within our region and that was in November of 2017 due to changing of RD's.

**Coaches' Report-** every club is up and running. Kaitlyn (Loewen) has all contact info updated of coaches within the region. Pilot Mound's coach asked about the cancelling of test days and the reason why. Wondering why there aren't enough high-test days. Reason being there isn't enough tests to be done so it's too costly to get a judge etc. Discussion about how coaches doing low test days now isn't as exciting for skaters. High-test day in Altona on December 17th. Estimates are due November 25<sup>th</sup>. (This test day was cancelled due to lack of registrants)

**Treasurer's report-** the amount of money in our regional account (\$1587?) is the same. Discussion about dispersing the funds. Eva will ask Skate Canada Manitoba about whether there is any reason we need to hold this money in this account. (It was discussed during the RD conference call that the money is to be used for travel expenses, whether for officials, gold test skaters, etc. Need to find out who is authorized to access it and how to go about it as needed.

Notre Dame FSC is supposed to take over Regional Director in May for the 2-year term. Eva will find out if they are aware of this. (They have since reported that they have absolutely no one able to fill the role and have forfeited their turn in the RD rotation. To be discussed at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Central Regional Director Rotation
- May 2014-April 2016 Pilot Mound FSC
- May 2016-April 2018 Altona FSC
- May 2018-April 2020 Notre Dame FSC
- May 2020- April 2022 Cartwright FSC
- May 2022-April 2024 Morden FSC
- May 2024-April 2026 Winkler FSC
- May 2026-April 2028 Carman FSC
- May 2028-April 2030 Holland FSC
- May 2030-April 2032 Portage FSC
- May 2032-April 2034 Morris FSC

Notice for nomination for achievement awards was given to all clubs.

The possibility of the amalgamation of all the clubs was discussed. Misgivings about this were unanimous – bigger is not always better. The smaller clubs will usually feel the brunt of such a move. Clubs were asked to send info to Eva from your clubs regarding feelings about the possibility of amalgamation or questions and concerns to be passed on.

Next meeting is to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00 pm in Altona.

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

**September 2017 Report**

**List of Clubs in Region:**

**Club Website**

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|---------------------|--|
| 1. Beausejour S.C.  |  |
| 2. Grunthal S.C.    |  |
| 3. LaBroquerie S.C. |  |
| 4. Hazelridge S.C.  | <a href="http://www.hazelridgeskatingclub.ca">www.hazelridgeskatingclub.ca</a> |
| 5. Seine River S.C. | <a href="http://www.seineriverskatingclub.ca">www.seineriverskatingclub.ca</a> |
| 6. Niverville S.C.  |  |
| 7. Steinbach S.C.   | <a href="http://www.steinbachskatingclub.ca">www.steinbachskatingclub.ca</a>   |

**List of Regional Committee Members**

- Regional Director: Kristjana Kosheluk, Hazelridge S.C.
- Asst Regional Director: Connie Marques, Hazelridge S.C
- Secretary: Lisa Jennings, Sein River S.C.
- Treasurer: Shelly Hopkins, Hazelridge S.C
- Synchro Rep: Lisa Jennings, Seine River S.C.
- Coaching Rep.: Sybil Carlello
- Judges Bureau Rep. : Connie Marques, Hazelridge S.C
- Members at Large All Club presidents

**Top successes in Eastman**

1. New clubs growing
2. More clubs offering a wider variety of programs including Special Olympics
3. Great coaches and great skaters (3 skaters recognized at Skate Canada MB Awards Gala)

**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 – need to do more communication and word of mouth and get the older STARSkaters interested in continuing as coaches

**Clubs in Eastman Region**

**Beausejour S.C. – Beausejour**

- Will be running on Friday and Sunday both arenas.
- CanSkate, Rising STAR, and STARSkate
- Coach – Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere, Sybil Carello
- President- Lorne Pelletier
- Skate Canada MB day- Sept.
- Ice Show-March
- Constitution- up to date

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**Grunthal S.C., Grunthal**

- Will be running on Wednesday and Saturday
- CanSkate, and STARSkate
- Coach – Michelle Andres
- President-Jody Milburn
- Skate Canada MB Day Oct. 14 2017

- Ice Show-March 2018 TBA
  - Constitution –up to date
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#### **Hazelridge S.C., Hazelridge**

- Will run 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 & Taylor Hopkins
  - President- Kristjana Koshleuk
  - Skate Canada MB Day- Sept 17
  - Ice Show- March 11 2018
  - Constitution-up to date
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#### **La Broquiere S.C., Labroquiere**

- Will run on Mondays and Fridays
  - STAR, JR. STAR, CanSkate and Kid Skate
  - Coaches- Joelle Alden, Cynthia Cote
  - Skate Canada MB Day-
  - Ice Show- End of February
  - President- Marijke Vonderbank
  - Constitution- up to date
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#### **Seine River S.C., Lorette and Ile des Chenes**

- Will run on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday
  - PreCanSkate, CanSkate, CanPower, JR STAR, STARSkate, Adult and Synchro
  - Coach - Sarah Murkin-Debeuckelaere
  - Skate Canada MB Day-possible Nov.
  - Ice Show- March
  - President-Mark Vanroon
  - Constitution- up to date
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#### **Niverville S.C., Niverville**

- Will run on Tuesday and Friday
  - CanSkate, CanPower, JR STAR, Synchro, Adult skate
  - Coach – Meghan Rafferty
  - Skate Canada MB Day-
  - Ice Show-
  - President-Elissa Leah
  - Constitution- up to date
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#### **Steinbach S.C., Steinbach**

- Will not run this year due to lack of ice availability, coaching staff, and volunteers
  - President- Jacki Kippenstein
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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, Wing night, Skate Canada Manitoba Raffle tickets, Skate-a-thon, and New Bothwell Cheese.

Last Meeting was held in Oakbank on April 9 2017. 11 people attend the meeting. Updates on most clubs programs, with numbers, review of year, test results, Test Day that were held and what was needed for next season, STAR seminar (thought that including dance and Jr STAR skaters in groups.) and elections held

## **Next meeting Fall 2017.**

### **Upcoming events in Eastman Region**

1. All Star Day Niverville Oct. 28, 2017
  2. Test Days.
  3. MB Synchro Championships in Beausejour, Jan. 20, 2018
  4. Regionals in Hazelridge, Feb. 3
  5. STARSkate Championships held in Hazelridge, March 3 & 4 2018
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### **March 2018 Report**

All STAR Seminar: Held in Niverville October 28, 2017 \* Numbers very low. This event took a loss even with a grant from Sport MB Eastman of \$300. The region will cover the shortfall.

Synchronized Skating Championships January 2018: Held in Beausejour was a success. 9 clubs, 19 teams, 217 skaters

Eastman & Winnipeg Regional competition: Held in Hazelridge Feb. 3, 2018 \* Also very successful.

STARSkate Championship: Held in Hazelridge March 3 & 4 2018

#### **Test Days:**

La Broquerie - December 16, 2017 - 18 out of region (Ontario Skaters), 26 skaters, 33 tests 22 passed

Hazelridge - February 15, 2018 (1 out of region) - 11 Skater, 18 tests, 9 passed

Hazelridge - March 10, 2018

#### **STAR Assessments 1-4:**

Seine River Skating Club- 13 tests completed (as of Feb.)

Hazelridge Skating Club 13 tests completed (as of Feb.)

Eastman has been very busy this year. The executive had 2 meetings, so far this year. They were held at events (\*) within the region. There is one more planned to wrap up the year. As a region we have talked a lot about events being held in our region, support of skaters and clubs, and competitions in our region. We also discussed on line registrations. Most clubs in the area are all over the map when collecting registrations. We have discussed 3 different company's being used in the region League Line UP, Team Snap and Uplifter. Clubs are looking to find what works best for them. We also always have a conversation about the lack of volunteers in our clubs and the difficulties that they are having when hosting events. We have also discussed best times to do things as a region that would work for more of the skaters.

**Interlake Region Report  
Submitted by Tammy Karatchuk**

**September 2017 Report**

**List of Clubs in Region:**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Website</b>
1. Ashern SC	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/ashernskatingclub">www.facebook.com/ashernskatingclub</a>
2. Arborg SC	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/arborskatingclub">www.facebook.com/arborskatingclub</a>
3. East St. Paul SC	<a href="http://www.esbcc.ca">www.esbcc.ca</a>   <a href="http://www.facebook.com/EastSt.PaulSkatingClub">www.facebook.com/EastSt.PaulSkatingClub</a>
4. Lundar SC	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/LundarArena-GrettirCoopInc">www.facebook.com/LundarArena-GrettirCoopInc</a>
5. Riverton Ice Club	N/A
6. Selkirk SC	<a href="http://www.selkirkskatingclub.wordpress.com">www.selkirkskatingclub.wordpress.com</a>
7. St. Andrews SC	<a href="http://www.standrewsrec.com">www.standrewsrec.com</a>
8. Skate Interlake (Gimli)	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SkateInterlake">www.facebook.com/SkateInterlake</a>
9. Stonewall SC	<a href="http://www.stonewall.ca">www.stonewall.ca</a>
10. Stony Mountain SC	<a href="http://www.skatestony.ca">www.skatestony.ca</a>   <a href="http://www.facebook.com/SkateStony">www.facebook.com/SkateStony</a>
11. Teulon SC	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/teulonskatingclub">www.facebook.com/teulonskatingclub</a>
12. Warren SC*	<a href="http://www.warrenarena.com">www.warrenarena.com</a>
13. Interlake Skating Association	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/InterlakeSkatingAssociation">www.facebook.com/InterlakeSkatingAssociation</a>

**List of Regional Committee Members**

- Regional Director: Tammy Karatchuk, Arborg Skating Club
- Alternate Regional Director: Richelle Triska, Riverton Ice Club
- Treasurer: Sherri Orbanski, Arborg Skating Club
- Secretary: Dawn Sul, Arborg Skating Club
- Coaches Representative: Rosalyn Bauer, East St. Paul SC
- Judges Bureau Representative: Aynsley Martin, East St. Paul SC

**Interlake Region Happenings:**

- Interlake Regional meeting
  - Most club presidents do not attend the meetings. For the April meeting, two presidents attended, and one was from the host location.
  - I asked if they'd prefer conference calls, and they said it was more convenient in person.
  - Planning for the weekend of the ALLSTAR Seminar in Arborg, but no solid plans.
- Planning for the ALLSTAR Seminar, Interlake Regionals and the Prairie Synchronized Regionals.
- This year:
  - Continue to improve communication
  - Finish the constitution
- Top three successes in your Region
  - More boys continuing in CanSkate and STARSkate 2017/2018
  - Arborg is holding the Interlake-Winnipeg All STAR Seminar
  - Clubs are becoming more creative with fundraising:
    - Ashern is hosting a Quiz Night
    - Arborg hosted a Paint Nite
- Top three issues in your Region
  - Issues with constitution
    - Finding time to update
    - Would like to make changes, however, feel I'm unable

Communication

Acknowledgment of emails

Not kept in the loop about issues in the region

Issues with summer school, students, clubs not running sessions, etc.

**Clubs programs:**

Ashern SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate

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Arborg SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate, PreCanPowerSkate, CanPowerSkate, AdultSkate

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East St. Paul SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate, AdultSkate

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Lundar SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate

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Riverton Ice Club  
CanSkate

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Selkirk SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate

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St. Andrews SC  
CanSkate

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Skate Interlake (Gimli)  
CanSkate, STARSkate, (Synchro - maybe??)

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Stonewall SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate, Synchro

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Stony Mountain SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate, AdultSkate

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Teulon SC  
CanSkate, STARSkate

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\*Warren SC  
Refer to Rosalyn Bauer – [rosalyn\\_g@hotmail.com](mailto:rosalyn_g@hotmail.com)

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**Fundraising:** clubs do their own various fundraisers. Range: selling chocolates (Riverton), pancake breakfasts (Arborg), Mom's Pantry (Lundar), selling cheese (Ashern) etc.

- Upcoming competitions in the Interlake region:
  - 2018 Interlake Regional STARSkate (5+) Championships  
Host: Skate Interlake (Gimli), Feb. 3 – 4, 2018
  - 2018 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships  
Host: Stonewall SC, Feb. 10 – 11, 2018

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## **March 2018 Report**

### **Competitions in Region**

- 1. 2018 Interlake Regional STARSkate**  
Skate Gimli February 3, 2018
- 2. 2018 Prairie Synchronized Skating Championships**  
Stonewall, Manitoba February 10 and 11, 2018

### **Primary Concerns**

- Some clubs are reluctant about hosting competitions
  - Events Management Committee sent an email to my region about the value of holding competitions: the funds for the clubs, economic boost to for your town, and more.
  - Another recent host stepped up and agreed to host. While it's fantastic recent hosts see the value, it concerns me that repeat hosts feel the pressure to host competitions year after year.
  - Additionally, according to the competition grid, for the 2018/2019 season, it's the Interlake turn to host the 2018 Manitoba Synchronized Skating Championships. Unfortunately, EMC email resulted in declines. The competition will be out of region.

### **Suggestion for the Competition Committee**

- In the Competition Grid, we would like to recommend for discussion by the Events Management Committee:
  - stipulate the town/city who will act as host. If a club hosted a REGIONAL or SYNCHRO competition the previous year, they would receive a bye for the competition hosts. For example, if they hosted a regional in 2019, they are on the list for Crocus in 2020 – if they qualify.
  - The Competition Committee would assign competitions based on the club venue report. This way, towns will not be assigned a competition impossible to host. The Regional Director is responsible for reporting changes to a club's venue size to the Competition Committee.
  - Volunteer Burn Out
    - i. The Competition Committee will contact the local high schools in those areas and offer this volunteer opportunity to the students.
    - ii. The hours can be applied for school credit.
    - iii. Our skaters can talk about the benefits of volunteering to their friends, teachers, etc., and promote the competition.
    - iv. The Competition Committee can also contact former skaters from Skate Manitoba/Skate Canada from the past to attend the competitions for a meet and greet.
    - v. Volunteers would receive free admission, one silent auction ticket and a free brochure (which they can have the former skater autograph.) People like free.

### **Successes**

- One QUAD - Five skaters (at time of this report) completed a gold test, One of those skaters in an adult
- Our region hosted two successful competitions

### **Additional Concerns**

- Communications between the Regional Director and the skating clubs needs improvement.
- Issues arise in my region, and the RD is out of the loop until the last minute.
- No host was found for the 2018 Manitoba Synchronized Skating Championships.



- There was a misunderstanding with another region regarding hosting a seminar. As a result a club in our region tried to organize one in a short time frame, however we were not able to make it work so the seminar did not run this year

Norman Region Report  
Submitted by Betty Anne Wilkinson

September 2017 Report

**List of Clubs in Region**

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

**List of Regional Committee Members**

Regional Director: Betty Anne Wilkinson, Gillam

Alternate Regional Director: Heather Reed, Skate Thompson

Treasurer: Cyndi Pedwell, Flin Flon Skating Club

Coaches Representative: Sherry Sheppard, The Pas Skating Club

Judges Bureau Representative: Erin Krokosz, Skate Thompson

Member at Large: Angela Bakos, Skate Thompson

**Regional Meeting**

Regional meeting Saturday June 3, 2017 Snow Lake

- i. The intention of the meeting was not to rush as we do at the Fall & AGM meetings.
- ii. The day was set up to have a deeper look and better understanding of where to find resources and e-Learning tools at the Skate Canada website. Go through Skate Canada MB website.
- iii. Complete all regular Regional Spring meeting business.

**Communication/contact with clubs within Region**

- i. Flin Flon has two new coaches and have started their season.
- ii. Thompson has started their season with a fall session having just completing their late summer session.

**Top 3 successes in your Region**

- Spring Meeting everyone went away with a much better understanding of the Skate Canada Web site.
- New coaches for Flin Flon.
- Region has ordered Regional ribbons for the annual Regional FUNSkate.

**Top 3 issues in your Region**

- Having clubs communicate with the region.
- Having the section office ask the clubs to communicate with the region when they are contacted.
- Having club members sit on the regional board and taking on an active role.

**Upcoming events**

- Norman Region ALL STAR Seminar Host - Thompson October 21, 2017 Clinician Dana McKee.

Norman Regional Competition & FUNSkate Host Flin Flon Skating Club January 26 & 27,2018.

## March 2018 Report

### Regional Meetings

Spring Meeting Snow Lake June 4, 2017 – 5 in attendance

Fall Meeting at All STAR Seminar – Thompson October 29, 2017 - 13 in attendance

AGM January 26, 2018 – Flin Flon – 9 in attendance

### Region Action for

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| June                 | a) Set fees for Regional Seminar/ Competition & FunSkate<br>b) Region JB & Thompson test chair complete Skate Canada on line Test Chair Training |
| September            | a) Regional FunSkate package update<br>b) Regional report for Skate Canada Manitoba  |
| October              | a) Constitutional Changes update for AGM<br>b) Move Regional bank account  |
| November             | a) Aline Regional Awards Booklet with Skate Canada   |
| January              | a) Compile required articles for Regional AGM & Awards   |
| February March April | a) Regionals Constitution, Regional Policy Manual complete changes & updates<br>b) Regional report for Skate Canada Manitoba AGM                 |

### Regional Events

1. Skate Canada Manitoba Day was held by, Flin Flon, The Pas and Thompson
2. Skate Thompson Pilots CanPower Program
3. 3 new Certified CanSkate Coaches have joined 2 regional clubs (Flin Flon & Thompson)
4. Data Specialist 2 members of Skate Thompson are in Training and attended Regionals and Manitoba Games
5. Norman ALLSTAR Seminar Host Skate Thompson Oct. 29, 2017– SCMB Clinician –Dana McKee, 24 skaters attended from Thompson, Flin Flon and The Pas. 3 Coaches attended from Thompson, The Pas & Flin Flon. Off-ice and private lessons were offered for skaters.
6. November Test Day held by Skate Thompson for Senior Bronze – Gold - 4 skaters, 9 tests taken, 9 passes
7. Norman Regional STARSkate Competition and FunSkate hosted by Flin Flon Skating Club January 26-27,2018- 49 skaters participated from The Pas, Flin Flon and Thompson. Officials plane was canceled three times. Coaches for the second time in the last few years ended up judging events. Official start of the competition started eight hours behind. Competition was completed on the Sunday morning.
8. A banquet was held with 75 Skaters and families in attendance. The Norman Awards were presented at the banquet.

Congratulations to: 2018 Norman Award Winners

Most Dedicated Program Assistant Award– Emily Gilbert -The Pas Skating Club

Most Enthusiastic CanSkate Athlete Award – Lauryn Osberg-Ilnisky – Skate Thompson

Most Dedicated CanPower Athlete Award – Daylin Monias -Skate Thompson

Most Dedicated STARSkate Athlete Award - Victoria Pedwell - Flin Flon

STARSkate Miss Congeniality Award – Sarah Burbidge - Flin Flon Skating Club

CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award – Megan Sazbo - Skate Thompson

Most Dedicated Coach Award – Alex Dallas - Flin Flon Skating Club

Volunteer Coach Award- Victoria Pedwell - Flin Flon Skating Club

Volunteer Award – Erin Krokosz - Skate Thompson

Officials Award – Shelley Meakin - Skate Brandon

Norman Regional Director Award presented to - Charlie Boychuk - Skate Thompson

Regional Team Spirit Certificate was awarded to - Skate Thompson

9. Regional Test Day was held on Sunday January 28 – 7 skaters, 12 tests taken, 4 passes, 8 retry
10. The Pas Skating Club test day for March was cancelled.
11. Skate Thompson test day to be held in April for the Region.

Skate Thompson and Flin Flon Skating Club Volunteers Thank-you for your hosting commitment to our Regional Skaters, Families, Guest Coaches and Officials. Both events were a wonderful success with everyone coming together enjoying comradeship.

### **Top Issues**

1. Communication - Clubs and Section not fully comprehending protocols on communication within the Region
2. Volunteers
3. Regional Competition - The host club NEEDS total control of the registration process. Uplifter was highly recommended by Skate Canada, but our section isn't using it? Uplifter has been used by all the regional clubs for regional events registration and we had zero errors, which we could keep tabs on who was registering and who wasn't, to help inform the clubs so they could continue to canvass their skaters to ensure a full event.

### **Clubs Fundraising Ideas**

1. Cash Calendars
2. Wine Survivor
3. Meat Draws
4. Chocolates
5. Money Raffle
6. Wine Raffle
7. Gold Canyon
8. Skate MB Tickets
9. Axel T-shirts
10. Skate-A-Thon

Congratulations Megan Szabo: Skate Thompson on your Gold Free Skate Test Achievement

Congratulations Kassia Wolanski-McGirr: Skate Thompson on your Gold Interpretive Test Achievement

Congratulations Emily Gilbert: The Pas Skating Club on your Skate Canada Manitoba Section Program Assistant Award

2018 Manitoba Winter Games North Team of Amy Shier & Meagan Szabo had a blast while improving their overall skating goals.

You both were great Ambassadors for your home Club and the City of Thompson.

And yet another Figure Skater Lights the Games Cauldron! Congratulations Megan Szabo

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

**List of Clubs in Region**

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

**Regional Committee Members 2017-2018**

Regional Director - Kirsten Duguay, Carberry FSC & Skate Brandon  
Alternate Regional Director - Vicki Dryden, Skate Virden  
Treasurer and Past Regional Director - Jennifer Chant, Elkhorn FSC  
Secretary – Deanna Popadynetz, Skate Brandon  
Coaches Representative - Cindy Mahoney, Skate Virden  
Judges Bureau Representative - Linda Little, Skate Virden

**Regional Committee Members 2018-2019**

Regional Director – Vicki Dryden, Skate Virden  
Alternate Regional Director – Janice Heritage, Elkhorn FSC  
Treasurer – Jennifer Chant, Elkhorn FSC  
Secretary – Kirsten Duguay, Skate Brandon  
Coaches Representative – Cindy Mahoney, Skate Virden  
Judges Bureau Representative – Linda Little, Skate Virden

**Meetings**

- November 18, 2017 in-person at All STAR Seminar in Carberry well attended
- February 25, 2018 conference call

**Top Successes**

1. North Westman Seminar hosted by Carberry FSC November 18, 2017 with excellent skater and coach attendance. Committee commended clinician Tammy McKay “very organized and great to work with”.
2. Elkhorn FSC hosted North & South Westman Regionals. Skate Brandon hosted Crocus Invitational in Souris. Tremendous success for both events.
3. Many clubs seeing an increase in Rising STAR and STAR programs. In addition, clubs reporting state that their coaches have completed the STAR 1-5 Assessor Training and are testing more.

**Top Challenges**

1. CanSkate numbers down in several clubs. Strategies to improve include collaborating with Minor Hockey and local Rec Departments.
2. Clubs having to pay mileage to get qualified coaches, which is putting clubs in difficult financial positions with declining membership.
3. Heard from one club they ordered STAR 1-5 materials from Skate Canada and they were charged and sent wrong and out of date stuff.

**North Westman Region Coaches**

North Westman Coaches Rep reports she has 14 coaches she is communicating with for North Westman.

Regional Director strongly encouraging club and coach attendance at the upcoming SCMB AGM. Motion approved to support coaches to attend by covering their registration fees.

**Congratulations to skaters with GOLD Test Achievements for 2017-2018**

**GOLD INTERPRETIVE**

Brooklyn Chartrand, Neepawa FSC  
Annika Duguay, Carberry FSC  
Kara Ellis, Neepawa FSC  
Karissa Ellis, Neepawa FSC  
Taryn Gwynne, Skate Brandon  
Marijka Popadynetz, Skate Brandon

**GOLD DANCES**

Zoie Forgue, Neepawa FSC  
Torie Wotton, Foxwarren FSC

**QUAD GOLD**

Zoie Forgue, Neepawa FSC  
Taryn Gwynne, Skate Brandon  
Marijka Popadynetz, Skate Brandon

I have enjoyed my time as Regional Director for North Westman. I have had an opportunity to work with and meet new people in the skating world. North Westman is fortunate to have committed and dedicated volunteers, coaches, parents, officials and coaches that contribute to the success of skating in our region.

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

**List of Clubs in Region:**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Website</b>
Swan River SC	No website
Russell SC	No website
Roblin SC	<u>No website</u>
Skate Dauphin	<a href="https://skatedauphin.uplifter.com">https://skatedauphin.uplifter.com</a>
Ste. Rose SC	No website

**List of Regional Committee Members**

Chair	Daniel Gudmundson	Ste. Rose Skating Club Inc.	cathydan@mymts.net
Alternate	Tammy Edwards	Russell Figure Skating Club	tedwards@mymts.net
Regional Test Chair	Christine Klimuk	Swan River Skating Club	roseklim@mymts.net

**Regional Meetings**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017** – All clubs were represented at the meeting and the STAR 5+ Parkland Regional Competition organized by the Ste. Rose Skating Club Inc. in Dauphin was discussed. Swan River noted that they were looking for a certified coach. The December test day in Dauphin was confirmed. The proposed amalgamation of Skate Parkland with North and South Westman was discussed.

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018** - Skate Parkland held their annual general meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Tammy Edwards was appointed Regional Director, Whitney Mitchell was appointed Alternate Regional Director and Robyn Nerbas was appointed Regional Judges Bureau Representative for the 2018/2019 skating year. Russell Figure Skating Club is organizing the Parkland Regional Championship in Russell on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

**Test Days**

- **Saturday, December 9, 2017 Dauphin, Manitoba** 10 skaters completed 14 tests and the test day required 2.5 hours to complete.
- **Saturday, January 13, 2018 Dauphin, Manitoba** 1 skater completed 1 test and the test day required 15 minutes to complete.
- **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 Russell, Manitoba** 5 skaters completed 9 tests and the test day required 2.0 hours to complete.
- **Friday, March 16, 2018 Russell, Manitoba** 14 skaters completed 24 tests and the test day required 4.0 hours to complete.

**Regional Seminars**

The ALLSTAR Seminar was cancelled in Roblin due to the extremely low number of registrations. Two skaters from Skate Dauphin attended the ALLSTAR Seminar in Carberry, Manitoba.

**Competitions**

**STAR 5+ Parkland Regional Championship Saturday, January 13, 2018** There were 13 skaters from the Parkland Region and 20 skaters from North and South Westman who attended the competition in Dauphin.

### Top Successes within Skate Parkland

- 1 Successfully held the STAR 5+ Parkland Regional Championship 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 each community.
- 2 Difficulty recruiting certified coaches for Swan River, Ste. Rose du Lac and Winnipegosis.

### Gold Test Achievement

**Gold Interpretative** Sundre Nerbas  
Russell Figure Skating Club

**Gold Interpretative** Natalie Edwards  
Russell Figure Skating Club

**Gold Interpretive** Tia Huston  
Russell Figure Skating Club

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### Club information:

#### Swan River Skating Club

- Vacant President
- Amanda Bulycz Vice-President [amandayaschyshyn@gmail.com](mailto:amandayaschyshyn@gmail.com)
- Elaine Forsyth Treasurer [forsythb@mts.net](mailto:forsythb@mts.net)
- Christine Klimuk Test Chair [roseklim@mymts.net](mailto:roseklim@mymts.net)

#### Coaching

- Coaches Representative: Vacant
- Jessica Bergan/Erica Forsyth CanSkate
- Erica Forsyth Future Stars
- Vacant 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.

#### Number of Skaters in each Skating Program

- CanSkate 18
- Future Stars 1
- STARSkaters 2

#### Fundraising Activities

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

#### Ice Show

- The ice carnival titled “**Under the Sea**” will be held on March 12, 2018.



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**Ste. Rose Skating Club**

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| • Dan Gudmundson   | President           | <a href="mailto:cathydan@mymts.net">cathydan@mymts.net</a>           |
| • Amanda Parthenay | Secretary/Treasurer | <a href="mailto:pinetteamanda@gmail.com">pinetteamanda@gmail.com</a> |
| • Val Beasse       | Test Chair          | <a href="mailto:girls.v@hotmail.com">girls.v@hotmail.com</a>         |

**Coaching**

- Coaching position is vacant.

**Skating Schedule****Ste. Rose Arena**

- There were no skating programs in Ste. Rose du Lac.

**Fundraising Activities**

- Ste. Rose Skating Club successfully raised \$1,414.44 from the STAR 5+ Parkland Regional Skating Competition held in Dauphin, Manitoba on January 13, 2018.

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**Russell Skating Club**

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|-------------------|----------------|--|
| • Tammy Edwards   | President      | <a href="mailto:tedwards@mts.net">tedwards@mts.net</a>                   |
| • Trish Chipelski | Vice-President |  |
| • Robyn Nerbas    | Test Chair     | <a href="mailto:rinerbas@mts.net">rinerbas@mts.net</a>                   |
| • Lori Forsyth    | Treasurer      |  |
| • Jennifer Rice   | Secretary      | <a href="mailto:Jennifer_Rice@hotmail.com">Jennifer_Rice@hotmail.com</a> |

**Coaching**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| • Coaches Representative | Shelley Bonchuk      |
| • Shelley Bonchuk        | CanSkate & STARSkate |
| • Nikki Van Den Heuvel   | Young STARSkaters    |
| • Eleanor Muir           | CanPower & Beginners |

**Skating Schedule****Russell Regional Multiplex**

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| • 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. |
| • CanPower        | Tuesday & Thursday | 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. |
| • STARSkate       | Tuesday & Thursday | 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

**Number of Skaters in Each Skating Program**

- Beginners - 18
- Older Beginners - 22
- CanPower – 20
- Younger STARSkaters - 8
- Older STARSkaters 6
- CanSkate - 27

**Fundraising Activities**

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

## Test Day

- Russell held two test days for Skate Parkland on February 20, 2018 and March 16, 2018.

## Ice Show

- Russell Figure Skating Ice Show is on March 4, 2018 and the theme is **“Calling All Superheroes”**.

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## Roblin Skating Club

- Whitney Mitchell      STARSkate Chairperson      [whitneymiche30@hotmail.com](mailto:whitneymiche30@hotmail.com)
- Melanie Keown      CanSkate Chairperson      [melaniekeown@gmail.com](mailto:melaniekeown@gmail.com)
- Pam Graham      Secretary      [pgraham@mvsd.ca](mailto:pgraham@mvsd.ca)
- Kristen Mcginnis      Test Chair      [kjmcginnis@hotmail.com](mailto:kjmcginnis@hotmail.com)
- Jana Cross-Knight      Communications

## 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.

## Number of Participants

- CanSkate      33 skaters
- STARSkate      13 skaters
- Bridging      4 skaters
- Synchro      8 skaters

## Other Information

- Kaitlyn Kochanowski passed her Argentine Tango on January 18/2018.
- The Ice Show is on March 11, 2018 called **“Winter Wonderland”**.
- 8 STARSkaters attended the STAR 5+Parkland Regional Competition in Dauphin on January 13, 2018 with 1 coach.
- 5 STARSkaters attended the Virden funskate with no coach.
- 1 STARSkater attended the Manitoba Open with no coach.
- 2 STARSkaters attended the Provincial STARSkate with no coach.
- The Synchro team will be attending the Crocus Invitational in Souris, Manitoba.
- There were no seminars or clinics organized by the Roblin Figure Skating Club.
- 1 Coach has completed her assessor training.
- The Roblin Figure Skating Club had 2 coach assessment sessions so far this year, with more likely to occur.
- The top Success is having a busy club with large number of skaters.
- The most significant challenges have been the cost of Ice and coaching, fundraising is always difficult and frustrations with putting on the ALLSTAR Seminar

## Fundraising

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

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## Skate Dauphin

- Becky Lowe-Smith                      President
- Linnea Marohn                            Test Chair
- Duane McMaster                        Treasurer
- Danielle Schwitzer                      Secretary
- Elise Karpiak                             Board member

## Coaching

- Coaches Representative                Donna Kemp-Drysdale
- Donna Kemp-Drysdale                 Introduction to CanSkate, CanSkate, Rising Star, STARSkate & CanPower
- Erin Sigvaldason                         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.
- CanSkate Next Level                      Sunday                      5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- STARSkate                                    Sunday                      7:00 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                      6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Total Number of Participants

- Next level – 17
- Intro to CanSkate October to December – 23
- Intro to CanSkate January to March – 22
- STARSkate – 16
- Synchro – 11
- CanSkate Dauphin – 94
- Gilbert Plains CanSkate – 13
- CanPower session – 14

## Fundraising

- Colourblast

## Test Day

- Skate Dauphin held a test day on December 9, 2017. There were 10 skaters who performed 14 tests and there were 8 passes.
- Skate Dauphin held a second test day on January 13, 2018 and there was 1 skater with 1 test and she passed.

**Other Information**

- Skate Dauphin Synchro skating team will be participating in the Crocus Invitational on Saturday, March 17, 2018.
- Kylie Talbot has completed her training to be a CanSkate Coach.

**Ice Show**

- Skate Dauphin will be holding their Ice Show on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The theme of the Ice Show is **“Olympics”**.

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**Winnipegosis Skating Club**

- Winnipegosis Skating Club has ceased operations.

South Westman Regional Director Report  
Submitted by Carla Lee

September 2017 Report

**Region Clubs**

- Boissevain
- Deloraine
- Hartney
- Souris
- Killarney
- Reston
- Melita
- Waskada

**Regional Committee Members**

Regional Director, Carla Lee, Waskada  
Alt. Regional Director, Leisa Holloran, Boissevain  
Secretary, Lindsay Boulanger, Hartney  
Treasurer, Sarah Lehman, Deloraine  
JBR, Marie Tilbury, Melita  
Coaches Rep, Laurie Bertholet

**Region Updates**

- Regional meeting is scheduled for Oct 27 in Melita
- Regional Seminar is supposed to be held on Oct 27 in Melita
- CanSkate Element Event is in Souris on Jan 13/18
- Test days are booked for 3 high/ 3 low if needed

**Coaches**

- BOISSEVAIN- coaches are (going from last year's info) Megan Foster, Paula Mason and Carol Light
- DELORAINE – Coaches are Sharlene McGregor- CanSkate, CanSTAR and STARSkate.
- HARTNEY – Coaches are Deb Turner and Laurie Bertholet - CanSkate and STARSkate
- MELITA – Coaches Sharlene McGregor and Logan Tilbury - CanSkate, CanSTAR, and STARSkate
- RESTON – Coach is Ashley Mitchell- CanSkate and CanPower. They are also seeing if there is any interest in junior synchro.
- SOURIS – Coaches are Jessica Brown and Tyler Luptak - PreCanSkate, CanSkate, and Rising STAR
- WASKADA – Coaches are Sharlene McGregor and Logan Tilbury - CanSkate, Rising STAR, and STARSkate
- KILLARNEY – Coaches are Kelly Bernard, Sydney Bernard, Paula Mason, Kayla Taylor - Synchro, Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate, STARSkate.

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**March 2018 Report**

***Events That Have Happened***

2. Regional FunSkate – was held in Waskada on Feb 10. There were approx. 48 skaters, successful day. Skaters from Reston, Pierson, Waskada, Deloraine, and Boissevain attended.
2. Test days – Deloraine on Dec 10, 21 tests, 18 passed, 3 retry  
Melita on Feb 25, 47 tests, 20 passed, 27 retry  
Two more test days, one in Killarney and one in Hartney
3. Regional Seminar – was held in Melita on Oct 29. there were 16 skaters

4. Regional Meeting – was held in conjunction with the Regional Seminar in October

***Gold Tests Completed***

1. Logan Tilbury, Gold Interpretive Singles, Melita Skating Club
2. Morgan Haerer, Gold FreeSkate, Hartney Skating Club
3. Emily Morrison, Gold Dances, Hartney Skating Club

Top concerns for Region this year was probably the Regional Seminar in Melita. They had a low attendance and took a loss on income, even with receiving the Sport MB grant of \$575.

I did not receive a report from 3 of my clubs, communication is sluggish. I do know that this is happening everywhere. In general, I feel everything went well so far this season. We didn't host anything major, so all in all, quiet. All the clubs are prepping for the final ice reviews.

Winnipeg Region Report  
Submitted by Jacqueline Enns

September 2017 Report

**List of Clubs in Region**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Website</b>
1. Skate Winnipeg	<a href="http://www.skatewinnipeg.ca">www.skatewinnipeg.ca</a>
2. Century Figure Skating Club	

**List of Regional Committee Members**

- Regional Director: Jacquie Enns, Skate Winnipeg
- Alternate Regional Director: Lena Rempel Century Figure Skating
- Judges Bureau Representative: Allison Ward, Century Figure Skating Club
- President of Skate Winnipeg, Brian Russell
- President of Century Figure Skating Club: Pam Zaman

**Regional plans/directions/actions for the year**

Ensuring clubs have updated constitutions, policies, contracts, holding meetings, sharing information with club members, newsletters

**Top 3 successes in your Region**

- 1. MB Open—the enrolment #s increased over the previous year—make skaters aware in the USA of this competition.
- 2. Super Skate

**Top 3 issues in your Region**

Creating a Seminar that fits the needs of our skaters later in the season

**Fundraising:**

Skate Winnipeg had Super Skate as a fundraiser as well as Sobey's GC.

**List the upcoming events in your region**

Super Skate Nov 2017  
MB Open Feb 2019

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**March 2018 Report**

**October**

- Booked 7 Oaks Arena and Victoria Inn for MB Open 2019
- there was a fire at Terry Sawchuk Arena destroyed Skate Wpg and Century Skating Club Competition items.
- Talked about the Options for ESP/situation- Policy changes/change to Wpg Region

**November**

- closed out Wpg Region bank account had not been used in years and we did not have a treasurer. We split the money equally in the account.

**February**

- Feb--Sept/Nov 2019—Sectionals—Victoria Inn booked and waiting for Dakota or 7 Oaks Arena
- Starting to set up Committee for MB Open