

2003 Sport Manitoba Award Nomination -- Sport Administrator of the Year Jaclyn Vallis, Triathlon Manitoba Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Triathlon Manitoba, I nominate Jaclyn Vallis as 2003 *Sport Administrator of the Year*.

Jaclyn has been Triathlon Manitoba's Executive Director since December 2000. During her three years in the position, her first ED position since graduating from the UofManitoba with a degree in Recreation Studies, Jaclyn has worked tirelessly and effectively on behalf of the sport of triathlon and Triathlon Manitoba members. Everyone who has met or communicated with her – the Board, our members, coaches, volunteers, officials, and event participants has been impressed with her work and her work ethic. She is also extremely well-liked.

Triathlon Manitoba is a very successful PSO. Sport Manitoba has given our Game Plan one of its highest evaluations. Our membership and participation numbers are growing. Our finances are strong, our events are very well-run, and morale among Board, staff, and volunteers is high. We have 19 active committees, and Jaclyn serves on all of them and attends all meetings. Almost every facet of our organization is performing well, and everybody in the organization is contributing to that, but the most important component is the leadership, efforts, and abilities of Jaclyn – our only full-time administrative staff member.

A year ago, our longest running race, the Morden International Triathlon, was in danger of folding after the long time organizers stepped down. Jaclyn was instrumental in finding a new organizing committee from Morden and making sure that they were successful at putting on the event by meeting with them over the winter and guiding them through their first event. Thanks to Jaclyn's support, the organizers are already planning next year's event.

Another big task that Jaclyn has focused on in 2003 is the development of new policies. Some of these policies have been used by Sport Manitoba as examples for other sports to follow.

Jaclyn has developed a very good relationship with Triathlon Canada and has been nominated, by their Director of Coaching and Kids of Steel™, as Triathlon Canada's 2003 Significant Contributor of the Year for her contributions to these programs. Jaclyn is the volunteer committee chairperson for KidsSport and is a primary volunteer at most events – performing many tasks that are above and beyond the job description for a PSO ED.

Triathlon Manitoba is very fortunate to employ one of the best Executive Directors at Sport Manitoba, and we believe that Jaclyn deserves to be named *Sport Administrator of the Year* for her work during 2003.



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