



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2004 AGM REPORT

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The main focus of our association is to develop strategies that will enhance the development of programs for athlete, coaches, officials and volunteers. Below is a summary of our program activities in 2004:

### Administration / Finances

- Triathlon Manitoba was again fortunate to receive a Human Resource Development Canada grant to assist with the hiring of Patricia Tomzyck, as a summer student who worked in the office from May through August.
- Anita Miller continued acting, as our Administrative Assistant, her assistance and efforts are extensive in completing many projects. Thanks Anita.
- Communication continues to be strong, with our extremely well maintained website thanks to the Millers.
- The area of policy development was a key focus in 2004 with work on many policies and an extensive rewrite of our Bylaws.
- I'd like to recognize and thank our funding partners, Sport Manitoba, Coaching Manitoba, the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba and Triathlon Canada. Also our long time sponsor Murray Chevrolet Oldsmobile Hummer for their continued support of the association.
- Funding and support from Sport Manitoba remains an essential component to our programs.
- Thanks to Scott Webber (stepping down as Treasurer after 3 years) for all his work to keep our finances in a positive position.

### Race Support

- Brent Miller remained on as our Equipment Manager, coordinating the use of the equipment inventory with the race directors and maintaining the items. Equipment purchases were limited to a GPS system and spare tire for the trailer.
- The race calendar was full and saw the addition of a number of events due to the Manitoba Games year.
- Thanks to all the race organizers and volunteers who put on these events and to all the athletes who support our association through your membership and event attendance.

### Programs

- Overall the Kids of Steel program continued to run smoothly. 2004 saw the addition of the 6-7 category and required the submission of sanctioning package by race directors.
- With the MNTC program, we had athletes traveling to more out-of-province races to participate in more drafting events.
- The High Performance program continues to provide financial support to a number of athletes attending National and International events.

- The officiating program continues to function favorably thanks to the leadership of Debb Brethauer. Highlights were the addition of 2 new level 3 officials and the selection of David Markham as an official at the Olympics in Athens. Thanks to all of them for improving safety and fairness at the events.
- The Program Development portfolio maintains programs and funds to support growth within the clubs, regions and membership.
- The 2004 MTS Manitoba Games was one of the key areas of the past year. All the work of the regions and the volunteers resulted in a very successful Games program and Final event.

#### Coaching

- Hosted 2 Technical Level 1 Triathlon Courses (1 in Winnipeg and the other in Dauphin).
- Triathlon Canada is working on the coaching programs development in the new Competency Based Education program. The initial focus is on the Intro to Competition Stream, next push will be at the Competition Development level.
- Patrick Peacock, Gary Pallett and myself attended Triathlon Canada's Facilitator course on the new Intro to Competition course that is expected to be in place for Summer/Fall 2005.
- Both Winnipeg Club hired coaches to lead club programs.
- Have a number of active youth coaches in schools and recreation programs.
- Need to focus on coaches getting full certification (practical and theory) and more continued development opportunities (Fall seminar series is in the works).

#### National level

- At the Triathlon Canada level, I had the opportunity to attend the Spring Board Meetings (March 2004) in Toronto. I participate on both the National Kids of Steel and coaching focus groups. Gary Pallett is a focus group member of their high performance and coaching committees. David Markham and Marc Fournier continue to represent Manitoba serving as Directors on the Board.
- Lead the application process for the Triathlon submission to be included in the 2009 Canada Games.
- Involved in the creation and planning of the 2004 National Series of Junior and Youth athletes.

As we complete another race season and begin looking forward to 2005, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors and staff for their commitment to the growth of our sport in Manitoba. These individuals continue to expend great amounts of time to build our sport for good of the members and triathlon community.

Thanks to retiring directors and committee chairs: Michelle Barnet, Ellis Crowston, Kris Hildebrand, Laurent Lacroix, and Scott Webber for all your valuable contributions to our association.

As we begin planning and welcoming new Directors, remember that we will be looking for committee members shortly, and I'd encourage everyone to consider getting involved. While your membership is valuable in supporting the association, our success also depends on the support and creativity of many volunteers to deliver well-run programs.