



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2005 AGM REPORT

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The 2005 race season and past year of activities and planning is now completed. Thanks to all the volunteers who assist with our programs / event delivery and to the athletes who support our association through membership and event attendance.

Below is a summary of our program activities in 2004/2005:

Administration / Finances

- Triathlon Manitoba was fortunate to have Mandy Johnson on board as our seasonal staff. She worked part-time in the office from March through early September.
- Anita Miller, our Administrative Assistant, with her various roles continue to play an important part within our organization.
- In July 05, we moved into a larger office space within the building. This additional space will allow us to facilitate seasonal staff more efficiently.
- I'd like to recognize and thank our funding partners, Sport Manitoba, Coaching Manitoba, the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba and Triathlon Canada. Their support remains an essential component to our association's growth.

Race Support

- Mandy Johnson, served as our Equipment Manager, coordinating the use of the equipment inventory with the race directors and maintaining the items.
- Between Anita, Mandy and myself, we ensured staff support at all fully sanctioned events.
- The race calendar remains full and saw the addition of the Kenora Borealis Triathlon / Duathlon and Tri in the Park (Kildonan Park). Managing the growth of the calendar will be a positive challenge going forward.
- I'd like to recognize the efforts of the sanctioning committee, Kelly Mahoney (Ch), Laurent Lacroix and Debb Brethauer who review all race applications received to ensure safe and quality events in Manitoba.

Programs

- Overall membership and participation in Triathlon in the province increased.
- The Kids of Steel® program continued to run efficiently in 2005, thanks to all the clubs, event organizers and facilities delivering programs. We have become more involved with the program nationally, with many projects being administered from Manitoba.
- The MNTC program / athletes continue to increase their presence at the National level. A highlight was Triathlon Canada's increased support of the Centre over the past year.
- The High Performance funding program continues to provide financial support to a number of athletes attending National and International events.

- The officiating program offered 2 level one clinics and saw the roles of Manitoba officials increase at National events. Thanks to all our provincial officials for improving safety and fairness of our events.
- The Program Development portfolio has aimed to increase its contact with clubs and is working hard to increasing programming / clinics to the membership.
- Thanks to the clubs for the efforts to grow our sport within the regions through promotion, training sessions and events.

National level

- At the Triathlon Canada level, I had the opportunity to attend both the Fall and Spring Board Meetings. I am now a full voting member of the National Kids of Steel committee and a participant on the coaching focus groups. David Markham and Marc Fournier have continued to represent Manitoba, serving as Directors on the Board.
- Manitoba hosted a National coaching facilitator training weekend in June for 16 participants.
- I had the opportunity to attend both Junior Nationals (Caledon) and Nationals (Kelowna) as part of the National KOS committee. This allowed me to serve a dual role as a Manager for our provincial teams at these events.

As we look forward to 2005/2006, 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.

Special thanks to Marc Fournier, who is stepping down as President. I've really appreciated and valued the support and leadership he's provided to both the association and myself. Marc has played a significant role in the success of Triathlon Manitoba and his efforts have created a solid basis to continued building a stronger organization.

The coming year will be exciting as we prepare to grow our programs with the new funding opportunities available. Keep in mind that we will be looking for committee members shortly, and I'd encourage everyone to consider getting involved. Our success depends on the support of many volunteers to deliver strong programs to our members.

Should you have any questions, comments or want to get involved please contact me at the office.