



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2006 AGM REPORT

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The 2006 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 2005/2006:

Administration / Finances

- Triathlon Manitoba was fortunate to have Aman Hussain on board as our seasonal staff. He worked full-time in the office from May thru late August.
- Anita Miller, our Administrative Assistant, with her various roles continue to play an important part within our organization.
- A new funding system with Sport Manitoba took effect April 2006, this change sees many grants being allocated directly to identified programs now. Overall we benefited from an increase to our grants.
- 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

- Aman Hussain, served as our Equipment Manager, coordinating the use of the equipment inventory with the race directors and maintaining the items.
- Between Anita, Aman and myself, we ensured staffs support at all fully sanctioned events (with the exception of the Northern events).
- The race calendar remains full with a very busy July full of events. Planning for the 2007 calendar will begin in a few weeks.
- I'd like to recognize the efforts of the sanctioning committee, Kelly Mahoney (Ch), Laurent Lacroix, Marc Teillet and Debb Brethauer who review all race applications received to ensure safe and quality events in Manitoba. Many thanks to Kelly, who is stepping down after 2 years as the Chair.

Programs

- Overall membership and participation in Triathlon in the province increased.
- The Kids of Steel® program continued to run efficiently in 2006, thanks to all the clubs, event organizers and facilities delivering programs. New promotional material was designed featuring a few of our youth members. Thanks to Leslie Fleming for all her contributions to the program over her term.
- The new Provincial Youth Team program went for a full year and was very successful under the direction of coach Dave Lipchen. Over twenty athletes were involved by the end of the season. We are planning to expand this program in 06-07.

- The MNTC program / athletes continue to increase their presence at the National and International level. A few highlights were the successes of Sarah-Anne Brault, Blair Peters and Willie Bell at both Triathlon & Duathlon Nationals and Worlds. Congratulations to all the MNTC athletes and their coach Gary Pallett on a very successful season.
- The Age Group Performance funding program continues to provide financial support to a number of athletes attending National and International events.
- The officiating program continues to ensure the events are covered with officials and we saw the roles of Manitoba officials increase at National and International events. Thanks to all our provincial officials for improving safety and fairness of our events.
- The Program Development portfolio has working hard to increasing programming / clinics to the membership with a number of well attended workshops offered this past season. PD also underwent a review of the swim program, thanks to all for their assistance and support of this program.
- 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 continue to be a voting member of the National Kids of Steel committee . We administer a number of the National KOS projects from our office. David Markham, Marc Fournier, and Debb Brethauer have continued to represent Manitoba, serving as Directors on the Board.
- Manitoba hosted a CBET focus group weekend of meetings in the spring, of which Gary Pallett is a member.

As we look forward to 2006/2007, 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.

The coming year will be exciting as we continue to grow our programs with the new funding opportunities available and undergo a strategic planning initiative. 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.