



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2007 AGM REPORT

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The 2007 race season and past year of activities and planning is almost complete. The season will finish up at the Annual Awards evening this coming weekend. We hope to see you all there to celebrate with us.

Below is a summary of our program activities in 2006/2007:

### Administration / Finances

- Triathlon Manitoba was fortunate to have Ray Strachan 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.
- The full impact of the new funding system with Sport Manitoba took effect April 2007, this resulted in an increase in funding and a continued focus on identified directed funding areas.
- 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.
- Thanks to Darlene Cole, who is stepping down after three years as our Treasurer.
- At the Triathlon Canada level, I had the opportunity to attend the Fall Board Meeting and a youth committee meeting and I chaired the National Kids of Steel committee. We administered 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. Gary Pallett has participated in committees related to youth, coaching and high performance.

### Race Support

- Ray Strachan, served as our Equipment Manager, coordinating the use of the equipment inventory with the race directors and maintaining the items. Our storage was moved mid-season to a garage in Stonewall. The benefit is that all inventories are now indoors.
- Between Anita, Ray and myself, we ensured staff supports at all fully sanctioned events (with the exception of The Pas KOS).
- The race calendar remained full with a number of new race directors. Planning for the 2008 calendar which includes the 2008 Power Smart Manitoba Games has begun.
- I'd like to recognize the efforts of the sanctioning committee, Marc Teillet (Ch) Kelly Mahoney, and Laurent Lacroix, 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 2007, thanks to all the clubs, event organizers and facilities delivering programs.
- The MNTC program / athletes continue to show their presence at the National and International level. A highlight was the Junior National win by Sarah-Anne Brault. 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 presence of Manitoba officials at National and International events remain high. Thanks to all our provincial officials for improving safety and fairness of our events.
- The Program Development portfolio has continued working hard to increasing programming / clinics to the membership with a number of well attended workshops offered this past season.
- Thanks to the clubs for the efforts to grow our sport within the regions through promotion, training sessions and events.
- The coaching portfolio needs some renewed focus in 2008 and we welcome committee members with an interest in coaching development to get involved.

As the association looks forward to 2007/2008, I'd like to thank to all the volunteers who assist with our programs and event delivery and to the athletes who support our association through membership and program/event attendance.

As I complete my final year in this position, I'd like to express my appreciation to 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 and are a pleasure to work with. I will very much miss the involvement with such a dedicated and wonderful group of people.

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