

Equipment Report

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This was the first year in four or five years that Triathlon Manitoba had a chairperson(s) to look after the Equipment. This was definitely a learning curve for both of us as we really did not really know what our position entailed. Now that the year is complete and we have that experience under our belts next year we are proposing some changes (which will need to be passed by the Triathlon MB Board).

The equipment is stored in a large garage in Stonewall, located on the property of Big Block Auto and Farm Supply which just happens to be owned by Brian Drad (Nancy's husband). This was the underlying reason why Nancy accepted the co-chair position of Equipment along with Quentin MacCharles (a first time member on the Triathlon MB Board).

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Joshua Drad was hired on contract to look after the distribution of the equipment to the various events. This season there were 13 events that he was involved with equipment rentals and returns.

Over the past number of years Tri MB has purchased a large amount of equipment for Race Directors to use at the various Triathlon Events that are sanctioned by Triathlon MB. The equipment has in fact outgrown Tri MB's trailer that was purchased several years ago to transport the equipment to the various event venues. Tri MB can not stress enough the importance of not overloading the trailer. A major upgrade has been done to the trailer fixing it with a 6 000 lb axle as well as new brakes, and bearings. The Bike racks are extremely heavy and upgrading the trailer was the only way to go. Due to the upgrade no one should be pulling the Tri MB trailer without the Murray's truck or a similar sized vehicle due to the weight of the load. We need to emphasize that for the past couple of years the trailer has been over loaded and we are extremely fortunate that an accident has not occurred. There is limited space in the trailer and Race Directors have been cautioned to not overload the trailer and large races are encouraged to rent an additional vehicle to transport equipment to and from the Race Venue.

For the most part the equipment pick-up and return was successful. Next season it has been suggested that a CASH deposit be collected by the Equipment Manager upon pick-up of the equipment and that it will be refunded in full after the equipment has been returned if there is no sorting or cleaning that needs to be done by the Equipment Manager.

Event signs other than the generic Race in Progress Signs will no longer be purchased by Triathlon MB as each Race requires individualized signs.

An inventory of the equipment was completed by Joshua Drad and Quentin MacCharles at the end of September. At this time they also discarded many of the obsolete signs and broken equipment.

Electrical Equipment (radios, race clock, and sound system) will be stored at the residence of Nancy Drad over the winter months as the storage facility has no heat. This will prevent moisture damage.