



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2009 AGM REPORT

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The 2009 race season and past year of activities and planning is almost complete. The season will finish up at the Annual Awards evening taking place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and we hope to see you all there to celebrate with us.

Below is a summary of our program activities in 2008/2009:

### Administration / Finances

- Triathlon Manitoba is very happy to have promoted Anita Miller to the role of Program Coordinator which sees her work in the office 3 days a week and take on more roles and responsibilities.
- 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 Debb Brethauer who is completing her fourth and final year as President of Triathlon Manitoba.
- At the Triathlon Canada level, I had the opportunity to attend the Fall Board Meeting which was my first Tri Can meeting.

### Race Support

- Joshua Drad once again served as our Equipment Manager, coordinating the use of the equipment inventory with the race directors and maintaining the items. Our equipment continues to be stored in a garage in Stonewall.
- Between Anita and me, we ensured staff support at all fully sanctioned events (with the exception of The Pas KOS and the Thompson Triathlon).
- The race calendar remained full with a number of new races and race directors coming on board. Planning for the 2010 calendar will commence shortly.
- I'd like to recognize the efforts of the sanctioning committee, Marc Teillet (Ch) Debb Brethauer, Warren Cook, and Kathy Deley who review all race applications received to ensure safe and quality events in Manitoba.

### Programs

- Overall membership in Triathlon Manitoba increased from 2008. Participation numbers were down from 2008 due to 2009 being a non Manitoba Games year and a number of race weekends having less than desirable weather.
- The Kids of Steel® program continued to run efficiently in 2009, thanks to all the clubs, event organizers and facilities delivering programs.
- 2009 saw the first time that Triathlon was included in the Canada Games. Congratulations to Head Coach Gary Pallet, Manager Kari Schneider,

Sarah-Anne Brault, Stevie Moore, Rachael Edwards, Joshua Drad, Riley MacCharles, Mark Okany and Trevor Penner (alternate) for their great performance in P.E.I. which included 1 individual silver medal (Sarah-Anne), 1 team silver medal (female) and 1 team bronze medal (male).

- The MNTC program / athletes continue to show their presence at the National and International level.
- 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.
- Thanks to the clubs for the efforts to grow our sport within the regions through promotion, training sessions and events.

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