

2014 – 2015 CBTF President's Report

I began the year continuing with involvement in the Education Committee meetings, and attended many of those throughout the year, some in person, some by web meetings.

I am an ex officio member of the judges selection committee, and attended their web meetings.

I kept in contact with the organizers for I C Qualifier and Canadians throughout the year.

I attended a number of local competitions in Saskatchewan and Alberta. I also attended the I C Qualifier in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the National Championships in Oshawa, Ontario. Both events were fantastic. The membership owes thanks to the volunteers who put so many hours into making these national competitions so successful for our athletes, parents, coaches, judges, and spectators. I wish to thank our attendees for supporting the host hotels for these events. Hotel sponsorship is critical to our financial success, and when we do not fulfill our room commitment to the host hotel, the financial losses are very significant to CBTF and the host province. When booking accommodation for national competitions, we must balance cost of staying elsewhere, with loss of revenue to CBTF that can be spent on each athlete, coach, and judge, that could have funded something for everyone's benefit. I urge you to keep this thought with you as you book hotels in the upcoming years.

I attended both the winter and summer WBTF meetings, and Pan-Pacific Commission Meetings. It is important that Canada maintains its presence in these meetings so that our opinions can be heard, and we preserve our reputation as strong and respected leaders in the sport. As well, we need to keep up to date with the important changes that come from these meetings.

The vast majority of every single, spare minute I had this year was spent on I Cup 2015. I was part of the organizing committee. I took on the role of national marketing and sponsorship, as well as hospitality (all parties, receptions, meals). I also was the Canadian contingent coordinator. I also did the press release, and was the host country representative in all events and ceremonies. I cannot thank our volunteers enough for the most successful event we put on! Way to go Canada! Every parent, coach, athlete, judge, and volunteer - all of you were spectacular. Special thank you to Jeff Johnson, I Cup 2015 CEO. Without his knowledge and vision, we could never have pulled this off!

Canada's athletes were spectacular at International Cup and the Grand Prix. We were all very proud to hear the Canadian anthem played at the Grand Prix!

I have developed a working relationship with Special T Group, who would like to continue as a CBTF sponsor as a result of working with us at I Cup.

I have attended numerous other meetings, webinars, conference calls, and organized the fall conference, with the assistance of the executive.

Thank you to all of the executive, technical and board members who have helped me in this position.