



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif



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Alberta started off the past twirling season with our Annual Awards Banquet in which we recognized the accomplishments of our athletes for the past year at Provincials, Nationals and International Cup. Our Kick-Off-Kamp in October was well attended even though we had to choose Halloween weekend. We held the Kamp at the South Fish Creek Leisure Centre and ran a Beginner Clinic on the Sunday. There were lots of families present on the Saturday for various Halloween activities at the Centre which allowed them to see our sport and sign up their children for the Sunday Beginner Kamp.

As you can see at the top of this report, Alberta Baton Twirling Association has a new logo. We felt that it was time to become more modern looking and this is the end product. At our planning meeting, ABTA put in place a new program offering subsidies for athletes to become registered CBTF members. The purpose of this program was mainly for the school programs that are run during lunch time or after school. Many of these school programs are offered at high needs schools in Calgary where many families are not able to pay for memberships. This has now allowed these athletes to compete at the Regional competitions if they choose to. This has increased our membership numbers which in turn will help increase numbers for CBTF.

Our technical members held a meeting recently and have selected Loranne Meek and Loren Dermody as Co-Technical Chairs for ABTA. This will help immensely in the organization of all the technical issues that seem to arise during the year. Together, they bring much expertise and knowledge in our sport and we are grateful to have them on board.

Alberta is hosting the At The Top Technical Conference the weekend of October 15 to 17, 2010. The venue will be at West Edmonton Mall. The confirmed presenters are Dale White, Ginette Groome; Steven Kopas, Loranne Meek, Tina Larson; Wendy Cruickshank, Karen Gratton and Jill Ford. There is a great variety of sessions that everyone will benefit from. The cost of running this event will be totally funded by ABTA, so we hope that Province Chairs will support this event and encourage their Technical members to attend. Hope to see many of your members in attendance.

Respectively submitted by:

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