

Baton New Brunswick

Report to CBTF

2010-2011

President and CBTF board members,

I would like to start this report by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to take part in this group of very knowledgeable people in the sport of baton.

Baton New Brunswick did have some difficulty in fulfilling all of its position on its Board of Directors at our annual BOD and AGM. We are trying to recruit ahead of the meetings to be able to fulfill all positions and therefore divide the tasks to make our already productive team able to undertake new projects. One of them being a better engineered website and its regular mise à jour...

Our memberships continue to increase with approx. 200 members and we are hopeful it will grow. There is a new club from Fredericton that registered this year but did not attend any competition. It was decided that we would get in contact with the chairperson to see if BNB could be of any help to them to guide their integration.

Increasing our visibility is a very successful mean of recruiting and we were offered a great opportunity last summer when Brenda LeBlanc-Arsenault was approached to form a group to participate in the World Junior Track and Field opening ceremonies. She was able to put together a group of 35 athletes that did a baton routine during this high visibility event.

Baton New Brunswick, with the generous contribution in time and effort by Club Baton Atlantik with Brenda at its lead, has organized a week summer workshop in August 2010. We had around 50 athletes participate and this endeavor was successful and greatly appreciated and therefore will take place again this summer. Brenda LeBlanc-Arsenault also organized a clinic the day after our December Open Competition which was also well-attended and greatly appreciated.

Besides the December open, we had Solange St-Coeur and her club chair our St-Patrick's open and Debbie Middleton organized our April open competition. These were greatly appreciated. As mentioned above, Brenda LeBlanc-Arsenault and her club accepted to host the December open competition but also offered to be competition director for our Provincial Championships. Furthermore, she undertook to organize a pre-event competition last fall and 2 SDP badge testing clinic.

During this last year, BNB also held several courses. The Levels 1 and 2 coaches courses have been successfully organized and completed. This is a great accomplishment for BNB.

We also promoted continuing training as we sent 4 coaches to Edmonton's Technical Conference.

It is also with great pride that we have athletes who attended the qualifier and were able to secure a spot for themselves on the International Cup team. It is the first time that we have as many of our athletes in one year qualify.

With all of these successful endeavors in the past year, BNB has decided to submit a bid to host the 2012 Canadian Championships.

Until next year with an as exciting annual report,
Nadine LeBelle-Déjario
BNB president

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