



2016/2017 BC Chair Report

BTABC continues to be very mindful of our spending and support of activities that are not considered crucial. Low membership numbers ultimately affect government funding. The BC non-profit society rules have changed significantly; therefore BTABC has some significant work to do to ensure that we are in compliance with our constitution and bylaws. At this point, BTABC is in a very vulnerable position as the Provincial organization is running for a handful of athletes, four active coaches and 3 three active judges. Discussions have taken place in regards to our membership becoming direct members of CBTF. For the time being, a core group of BC members will continue to keep BTABC active as a non-profit organization. The potential for direct membership is still an option, however is on hold for the time being.

In March 2017, a group of 9 twirlers from Batons West travelled to Olympia Washington for a competition. This has become an annual trip and BTABC is supportive of this activity as it provides our twirlers with the exposure and experience they need. Based on our close proximity to the US border, we have continued to strengthen our relationship with USTA coaches in Washington State.

In mid April 2017 we hosted our annual Jump into Spring Competition combined with our BC Provincial Winner Championships. In the past, these competitions have been held separately, however with our decline in numbers two competitions is not financially feasible. BC relies on the participation of a group from Olympia Washington in order have a successful competition. This is the 5th year that BC has offered "non-sanctioned" USTA events. Offering these events allows for our US friends to fully participate as well as provide our BC athletes with much needed role models.

Unfortunately, BC did not send a contingent to the Canadian Championship or Maple Leaf Open in New Brunswick. BC is very hopeful that that we will have a group of athletes travelling to Winnipeg in July 2018 2016!

The development and retention of coaches that are willing to start clubs is an area of most significant need for our province. Demonstrations at summer camps and community event are wonderful general exposure, however interested twirlers need clubs to go to.

A need for a Level 1 & 2 Coaches Courses has been identified. BTABC plans to work on hosting a course during the 2017-2018 season.

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