

2016 – 2017 CBTF President's Report

I began the year continuing with involvement in the Education Committee meetings, and attended those throughout the year. We are using a project management app called Asana which is making it easier to track our work and get things done.

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, and was co-competition director for the I C Qualifier.

I attended a number of local competitions in Saskatchewan and Alberta. I also attended the I C Qualifier in Saskatoon, and the National Championships in Saint John. 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.

I was the Canadian contingent coordinator for Grand Prix and International Cup. I could not have fulfilled my job without the help of all three team managers, Sue Mephram, and Michelle Bretherick. We had in total 174 people, including 79 athletes, 16 coaches, and 3 judges. It was a monumental task given the number of people, the transportation requirements, language barriers, and specific requests from various travelers

Canada's athletes were spectacular at International Cup and the Grand Prix. We were all very proud to see Canadians on the podium at the Grand Prix again, and at the International Cup, as well as many athletes competing in finals in the elite division.

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.