

2017 – 2018 CBTF President's Report

I began the year continuing with involvement in the Education Committee meetings, and attended those throughout the year.

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

I kept in contact with the organizers for Team Trials and Canadians throughout the year, and was competition director for the Team Trials.

I judged at provincials in Saskatchewan. I also attended the Team Trials in Hamilton, where I volunteered as the announcer, and the National Championship in Winnipeg, where I filled in as a judge due to last minute changes to judge's schedules. 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, where the host province invokes the stay to play policy.

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 continue to be the Secretary of the Pan Pacific Commission. We are busy planning the 2020 Pan Pacific Cup.

I was the Canadian contingent coordinator for the World Championship in Kissimmee, Florida. I could not have fulfilled my job without the help of the team manager, Nancy Lightheart, and help from Sue Mephram, and Michelle Bretherick. Canada's athletes were spectacular. We were all very proud to see Canadians make the final rounds. While in Florida, I attended the Master Judge workshop and am pleased to advise that I am now a WBTF Master Judge.

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.

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