



2017/2018 BC Chair Report

Please excuse my absence at the CBTF meetings this year. BC loves to participate, however a conflict has resulted in my absence.

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. Last year, BC was considering direct CBTF membership, however our board decided to continue on as an active non-profit organization.

This year we have seen two clubs develop, one in Abbotsford and one in the Coquitlam area. This is exciting for us and we continue to support their development.

In March 2018, twirlers attended 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 2018 we hosted our annual Jump into Spring Competition combined with our BC Provincial Winner Championships. BC relies on the participation of a group from Olympia Washington in order to have a successful competition. This is the 6th 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. Some adjustments are necessary for the judges.

BC had 4 athletes attend the Canadian Championships in Winnipeg MB. We were very excited to be there and were pleased with our performances.

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 events are wonderful general exposure, however interested twirlers need clubs to go to.

There is a need for Level 1 & 2 Coaches Courses. BTABC would love to host a course once the new certification process is in place. This would be an area that BC needs the most support from CBTF in.

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BTABC Chair