

Saskatchewan Speed Skating Board of Directors Meeting Summary March 13th, 2010

Saskatchewan Speed Skating will now be issuing summaries after each Board of Directors Meeting for the membership. This step is being taken to further enhance communication between the Board and the membership. Please contact the Saskatchewan Speed Skating office if you have any questions or concerns.

Speed Skating Protective Equipment

- Saskatchewan Speed Skating has been investigating the need for more safety equipment standards.
- Speed Skating Canada has replied to Saskatchewan Speed Skating on safety equipment standards on such things as Safety Glasses and cut-resistant skin suits. The Speed Skating Canada will have recommendations being brought to the table at the Speed Skating Canada AGM in June.

Masters Skater Records

- Speed Skating Canada changed the Masters age classes from 10 year to five year age classes.
- Saskatchewan Speed Skating has not updated the changed via provincial records and will do so for next season.

Competition Scheduling

- A teleconference is scheduled next week with western regional reps to plan next season's schedule. This will help eliminate scheduling conflicts and will help in the coordination of the new national competition structure.
- The split meet format will be left up to the meet coordinator's discretion. This format is beneficial when there are a high number of competitors. Having a straight format meet could be beneficial for one-day meets, small competitors numbers or when weather conditions affect long track competitions.

Board Governance

- Saskatchewan Speed Skating has created a governance committee to review the Saskatchewan Speed Skating Blue Book.
- Saskatchewan Speed Skating will explore options of hosting a Board Governance workshop after the Saskatchewan Speed Skating AGM in conjunction with a board orientation and strategic planning meeting.

- The Saskatchewan Speed Skating AGM will be moved from the beginning of May to the middle of June. Saskatchewan Speed Skating will investigate how this affects the process of the membership presenting recommendations for the Speed Skating Canada AGM.

Coaching- Learning Facilitator Training and Clinics

- Part A of the Intro to Competition Coaching clinic was held in Regina with seven participants at the beginning of December; Part B was just completed.
- There are recommendations that Saskatchewan Speed Skating should try and implement coaching training and clinics at Saskatchewan Speed Skating in-province camps. This would be beneficial to getting some of the older skaters interested in the coaching program. This would also free up weekends during the season.
- Saskatchewan Speed Skating now has four fully certified Learning Facilitators for implementing coaching clinics in the province.

Fast is Fun

- Regina has the Jack Hamilton ice rink booked for August 16-23.
- The purpose of having a full week camp is that it could offer coaching and officiating clinics opportunities. It would be longer but condense activities to free up weekends in the winter during the season.
- There is a possibility of Manitoba coming.

Sponsorship

- A sponsorship matrix has been developed to generate revenue to support athlete development.
- Three levels of corporate sponsorship will be offered:
Gold Sponsorship, a four-year commitment of \$10,000 per year;
Silver Sponsorship, a two-year commitment of \$5,000 per year; or
Bronze sponsorship, a one-year commitment of \$5,000.

AAA/AA Team Skin suits

- Saskatchewan Speed Skating will ask the team members to come up with designs for the skin suits
- The executive director will be in charge of the skin suit program and be researching companies.