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**To:** Wheelchair Basketball Canada Active Members  
**From:** Wendy Gittens, Executive Director  
**CC:** Provincial Representatives  
National Coaches  
Committee Chairpersons  
Jan Meyer, Sport Canada  
Partners  
**Date:** August 14, 2009  
**Subject:** Welcome to the 2009 Annual General Meeting

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Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Please find enclosed the information package pertaining to the AGM. Reports not included in this package should be brought to the meeting three-holed punched and please provide 30 copies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Wendy Gittens  
Executive Director

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# Note de Service

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**À:** Membres actifs de basketball en fauteuil roulant Canada

**De:** Wendy Gittens, Directrice exécutive

**CC:** Représentants provinciaux  
Entraîneurs nationaux  
Membres des comités  
Jan Meyer, Sport Canada  
Partenaires

**Date:** 14 août, 2009

**Sujet:** Bienvenue à l'Assemblée générale annuelle 2009

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Chers membres,

De la part du conseil d'administration, nous profitons de cette opportunité pour vous souhaiter la bienvenue à l'Assemblée générale annuelle 2009.

Vous trouverez ci-joint toutes les informations qui vous seront utiles durant l'assemblée générale annuelle. Les documents qui ne sont pas inclus dans cette trousse devront être remis perforés à l'assemblée. Veuillez, SVP, fournir 30 copies.

Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à contacter le bureau de l'association en tout temps.

Sincèrement,

Wendy Gittens  
Directrice exécutive





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**Date:** August 14, 2009

**Subject:** 2009 AGM Logistics, Schedule of Events and Agenda

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The **legal notice, call for reports, and call for nominations** for Wheelchair Basketball Canada's AGM August 28, 2009 went out June 2, 2009. Please find attached a schedule of events and agenda.

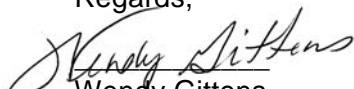
The meeting will be held in Richmond, BC at the **Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel** 7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC, V6X 1A3, tel: (604) 273-7878, facsimile (604) 273-0188.

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is pleased to be hosting the AGM in conjunction with The Americas Cup Qualification tournament for men at the Richmond Olympic Oval. We are also pleased to be hosting a leadership workshop presented by Insights Vancouver on Thursday August 27.

Please be reminded that reports were requested from all members, partners, committee chairpersons and board members. If your report was not received in the office by the deadline, please bring 30 copies to the meeting 3-hole punched.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Regards,

  
Wendy Gittens  
Executive Director

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday August 26</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Time</b>
Arrival of Leadership and AGM participants		
<i>Welcome Reception</i>	<i>Minoru D</i>	<i>8:00pm- 11:00 pm</i>
 <b>Thursday August 27</b>		
<i>Leadership Workshop</i>	<i>Minoru D</i>	<i>8:30am – 4:30 pm</i>
<i>Continental Breakfast</i>	<i>Minoru D</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
<i>Workshop presented by Insights Vancouver</i>	<i>Minoru D</i>	<i>8:30am– 12:00pm</i>
<i>Lunch- provided</i>	<i>Minoru A+B</i>	<i>12:00 – 1:00 pm</i>
<i>Workshop presented by Insights Vancouver</i>	<i>Minoru D</i>	<i>1:00 – 4:30 pm</i>
<i>Team Canada Quarter Final</i>	<i>Richmond Olympic Oval</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
 <b>Friday August 28</b>		
<i>Annual General Meeting</i>	<i>Minoru D</i>	<i>9:00am–11:00 am</i>
<i>2009 America’s Cup Placement Games and Semi Final Games</i>	<i>Richmond Olympic Oval</i>	<i>1:00 pm start</i>
<i>Departures</i>		
 <b>Saturday August 29</b>		
<i>2009 America’s Cup Medal Games</i>	<i>Richmond Olympic Oval</i>	<i>1:00 pm Bronze 3:00 pm Gold</i>
<i>2009 America’s Cup Banquet Cocktails Dinner</i>	<i>Minoru A+B</i>	<i>6:30 pm 7:00 pm</i>
 <b>Sunday August 30</b>		
<i>Departures</i>		





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

August 28, 2009  
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel  
7551 Westminster Hwy  
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3  
Tel: 1-800 663-0299; 604 273-7878  
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- 1. Call To Order and Welcome**
  - 1.1 Roll Call
  - 1.2 Appointment of Scrutineers
- 2. Agenda**
  - 2.1 Additions
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- 3. Minutes**
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  - 4.7 VP Finance and Administration

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- 4.71 Audited Statements
- 4.72 Appointment of Auditors
- 4.73 2009/10 Budget

## **5. Nominations for the Board of Directors**

- 5.1 Nominations Report

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- 6.17 Canada Basketball
- 6.18 Sport Canada
- 6.19 OCWSA

## **7. Notices of Motion**

- 7.1

## **8. Elections**

- 8.1 Election of VP Finance and Administration – Two year term
- 8.2 Election of VP Domestic – Two year term
- 8.3 Election of VP Technical – Two year term

## **9. New Business**

- 9.1

## **10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

AGENDA

**Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Minutes**

October 2008

**1. Call to Order**

Steve Bach CWBA President called the meeting of the CWBA Annual General Meeting to order on October 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select -Ottawa.

**Present:**

**1.1. Roll Call**

Sharron St. Croix -VP HP (1)	Jan Meyer – Sport Canada
Stephen Bach - President	Tim Frick – Women’s HC
Donald Royer – VP Finance (1)	Jerry Tonello – Men’s HC
Trevor Kerr - VP Technical (1)	Jeff Dunbrack – HP Coordinator
Christina Jones -VP Domestic (1)	Anne Lachance – Classification
Kathy Newman–VP Marketing (1)	Jennifer Krempien – Athlete Rep
Chris Jackson – NFLD (2)	Mandy Johnson – Manitoba (2)
Cheryl Corrigan - BC (2)	Michael Suraci – ON (2)
Dominique Tremblay – OCWSA (2)	Joelle Buckle- SK (2)
Adam Loo- PEI (2)	Mike Sandomirsky – AB (2)
Jody Kingsbury – Communications Manager	
Catherine Ireland – Domestic Coordinator	Patrick Anderson – Athlete Rep
Tara Feser – Athlete Rep (0)	
Wendy Gittens – Executive Director **	

\*\* minutes

Number of votes confirmed at

**1.2 Appointment of Scrutineers**

Scrutineers were not needed

**2. Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**2.2 Approval**

**Motion:** To accept the 2008 CWBA AGM Agenda as presented.

Dominique Tremblay

Michael Suraci

*Carried*

### 3. Minutes

The minutes were presented.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the 2006 AGM as presented

Adam Loo

Mandy Johnson

*Carried*

#### 3.1 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### 4. **President and Vice Presidents Report**

Steve Bach noted, the CWBA President's report along with the Vice-President's reports, are included in binder. His report was a summary of the highlights of the year. He indicated the revenue streams have been sustainable which has allowed the organization to invest in a significantly in grassroots development.

**VP High Performance** – Sharron recognized the accomplishments of the national teams at the recent Beijing Paralympic Games. Sharron also thanked those athletes who are retiring for representing Canada so well over the years and hoped that they will stay involved in some capacity. Sharron also noted a special thanks to Jeff Dunbrack for all his hard work with the teams.

**VP Athlete Representative** – Diane Hrychuk was unable to attend the meeting. However, Steve acknowledged Diane's contribution to the organization in her role as VP Athlete Rep over the years. A gift was given to Mandy Johnson to pass on to Diane as a small token of our appreciation for her contribution.

**VP Domestic** - Christina Jones thanks Catherine Ireland and Jeff Dunbrack for their support throughout the year. Highlights of the year can be found in her report.

**VP Technical** – Trevor Kerr noted his report was in the binder. He highlighted that in Beijing there were three Canadians in the gold medal game. He also reminded the membership of the fee increase for officials in 2009.

**VP Marketing** - Kathy Newman welcomed Jody Kingsbury as our Communications Manager. The association has a new logo as part of the brand development that had been taking place over the past several months. Kathy also noted that the America's Zone Qualification Tournament would be held in Richmond, BC at the Oval in August 2009. Kathy also encouraged the members to communicate with RHF acknowledging the donations of the chairs.

### 5. Finance and Administration

### **5.1 Audited Statements**

Donald Royer presented the 2007-08 Audited Statements. The surplus was similar to 2007. Revenue from Xentel and the Donations Canada program in addition to the investment fund continue to perform very well for the organization. Steve noted that the board had made some significant increases to the various restricted investment funds.

**Motion:** To accept the 2007-08 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Mike Sandomirsky

Chris Jackson

*Carried*

### **5.2 Appointment of Auditors**

**Motion:** To appoint the firm of Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP as the auditors for 2008-09.

Dominique Tremblay

Michael Suraci

*Carried*

### **5.3 2008-09 Budget**

Donald presented current financial statements along with expense and revenue projections to the end of the fiscal year indicating the organization will likely end the year with a modest surplus.

**Motion:** To accept the reports of the President and Vice Presidents as presented.

Mandy Johnson

Joelle Buckle

*Carried*

## **6 Nominations for the Board of Directors**

**6.1 Nominations Report** – Wendy reviewed the nomination procedures as outlined in the bylaw document. She reviewed the positions up for election and nominations received to date.

## **7. Member Reports**

**7.1 Newfoundland – Chris** Jackson noted that they had a partnership with Easter Seals. He reported that the 2011 Canada Games funding was limited to most successful sports. This was a provincial/territorial decision that is affecting them.

**7.2 Prince Edward Island** – Adam Loo indicated his report was available in the binder.

**7.3 Nova Scotia** – Report Available in Binder.

**7.4 New Brunswick** – Report Available in Binder

**7.5 Quebec** – Report Available in Binder

**7.6 Ontario** – Report Available in Binder

**7.7 Manitoba** – Mandy noted her report was also available in the binder and highlighted that they had a team that played as an exhibition team in the Alberta CWBL. They have also hired BTG Coordinator.

**7.8 Saskatchewan** – Joelle Buckle noted her report was in the binder and highlighted they had hired Michael Broughton as their Jr Head Coach.

**7.9 Alberta** – Michael S noted his report was in the binder and that Chuck Dalton had stepped down as President. WSA was also hosting a planning session to develop a strategic plan.

**7.10 British Columbia** – Cheryl noted that Carrie was unable to attend the meeting, but the report was in the binder.

#### **7.11 National Coaches Reports –**

**Women** - Tim Frick highlighted the development of the program as a whole with the Sr women and espoir programs. Both programs now receive a significant amount of funding allowing the teams to access the training and competition needed. Tim feels Canada has contributed significantly to the sport and development of the women's game internationally.

**Men** - Jerry Tonello noted the Men's report was in the binder and acknowledged the success of Beijing and the program.

**Junior** – Cheryl Corrigan highlight the selection of the Junior National team that would compete at the 2009 World Championships. The competitive schedule was currently being finalized leading up to Worlds.

**7.12 Athlete Representatives Reports** – Tara Feser thanked CWBA staff for all of their support over the year. She indicated the women's team was looking forward to the future and had a special thank you to Tim.

Patrick Anderson thanked CWBA staff and board for their support to the men's program.

**7.13 Sport Canada** – Jan Meyer reported that post 2010 there would be an amalgamation of Own the Podium (OTP) and Road to Excellence (RTE). There has been some discussion around the development of Canadian Sport Institutes. She also noted that the organization needed to prioritize the development and completion of the LTAD, NCCP as noted in the Strategic Plan. Lastly, the SFAF assessments were being finalized and organizations would be receiving their new core support reference levels for the new quad.

**7.14 OCWSA** – Report Available in Binder

**Motion:** To accept the reports as presented by the membership.

Mandy Johnson

Mike Sandomirsky

*Carried*

## **8. Notices of Motion**

**8.1 Motion:** To elect by acclamation to the CWBA Board of Directors for a two year term

Sharron St Croix – VP High Performance

Kathy Newman – VP Marketing and Communications

Steve Bach – President

Chris Jackson

Donald Royer

*Carried*

Jennifer Krempien will resume duties as VP Athlete Representative as the election process for this position had already occurred as outlined in the By-law document. Steve welcomed Jennifer to the Board of Directors.

## **9 New. Business**

### **9.1 Strategic Plan**

**Motion:** To adopt the working draft of the 2009-2013 Strategic Plan.

Mike Sandomirsky

Michael Suraci

### **9.2 Name Change**

**Motion:** To adopt the new name of the organization as Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

Kathy

Trevor

*Carried*

## **11. Adjournment**

Steve thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the various meetings this weekend and wished everyone a safe trip home.

**Motion:** To adjourn the 2008 CWBA AGM Meeting.

Jennifer Krempien

Kathy Newman

*Carried*

**Association canadienne de basketball en fauteuil roulant**  
**Assemblée générale annuelle**  
**Procès-verbal**  
Octobre 2008

**1. Ouverture de la séance**

Steve Bach, président de l'ACBFR, ouvre l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'ACBFR, tenue en octobre 2008, à l'hôtel Holiday Inn Select, à Ottawa.

**Participants :**

**1.1. Appel**

Sharron St. Croix, V.-P., HP (1)	Jan Meyer, Sport Canada
Stephen Bach, président	Tim Frick, entraîneur en chef, femmes
Donald Royer, V.-P., Finances (1)	Jerry Tonello, entraîneur en chef, hommes
Trevor Kerr, V.-P. technique (1)	Jeff Dunbrack, coordonnateur HP
Christina Jones, V.-P. nationale (1)	Anne Lachance, Classification
Kathy Newman, V.-P., Marketing (1)	Jennifer Krempien, rep. des athlètes
Chris Jackson, T.-N.-L. (2)	Mandy Johnson – Manitoba (2)
Cheryl Corrigan, C.-B. (2)	Michael Suraci – Ontario (2)
Dominique Tremblay, OCWSA (2)	Joelle Buckle – Sask. (2)
Adam Loo, Î.-P.-É. (2)	Mike Sandomirsky – Alb. (2)
Jody Kingsbury, gest. des communications	
Catherine Ireland, coord. nationale	Patrick Anderson – rep. des athlètes
Tara Feser, rep. des athlètes (0)	
Wendy Gittens, directrice administrative **	

\*\* procès-verbal

Nombre de votes confirmés

**1.2 Nomination de représentants de candidats**

Aucun représentant de candidat n'est exigé

**2. Ordre du jour**

Il n'y a aucun ajout à l'ordre du jour.

**2.2 Approbation**

**Motion :** Approuver l'ordre du jour de l'AGA 2008 de l'ACBFR conformément à sa présentation.

Dominique Tremblay

Michael Suraci

*Adoptée*

### **3. Procès-verbal**

Le procès-verbal est présenté.

**Motion :** Approuver le procès-verbal de l'AGA de 2006 conformément à sa présentation.

Adam Loo

Mandy Johnson

*Adoptée*

#### **3.1 Revue de la dernière réunion**

Il n'y a aucune question issue du procès-verbal.

### **4. Rapport du président et des vice-présidents**

Steve Bach signale que le rapport du président de l'ACBFR ainsi que les rapports des vice-présidents, se trouvent dans la reliure à anneaux. Son rapport présente un résumé des faits saillants de l'année. Il fait remarquer que les flux de rentrées ont été durables et ont permis à l'organisation d'investir considérablement dans le développement de la base.

**V.-P., Haute performance** – Sharron reconnaît les accomplissements des équipes nationales aux récents Jeux paralympiques de Pékin. Sharron remercie aussi les athlètes qui prennent leur retraite d'avoir si bien représenté le Canada au fil des ans et espère qu'ils demeureront engagés dans le sport d'une façon quelconque. Sharron remercie aussi tout particulièrement Jeff Dunbrack d'avoir travaillé avec ardeur avec les équipes.

**V.-P., Représentation des athlètes** – Diane Hrychuk n'a pas été en mesure d'assister à la réunion. Toutefois, Steve reconnaît la contribution de Diane à l'organisation dans son rôle de vice-présidente, Représentation des athlètes au fil des ans. On remet à Mandy Johnson un cadeau qu'elle présentera à Diane en témoignage de notre appréciation de sa contribution.

**V.-P. nationale** – Christina Jones remercie Catherine Ireland et Jeff Dunbrack de leur soutien tout au long de l'année. Les points saillants de l'année figurent dans son rapport.

**V.-P. technique** – Trevor Kerr fait observer que son rapport se trouve dans la reliure à anneaux. Il souligne qu'à Pékin, trois Canadiens ont participé au match de la médaille d'or. Il rappelle aussi aux membres l'augmentation de la cotisation des officiels en 2009.

**V.-P., Marketing** – Kathy Newman accueille Jody Kingsbury à titre de gestionnaire des communications. L'association compte un nouveau logo dans le cadre de la stratégie de marque qui se déroule depuis les quelques derniers

mois. Kathy fait aussi remarquer que le tournoi de qualification de la zone des Amériques aura lieu en août 2009, à l'Anneau olympique, à Richmond, C.-B. Kathy encourage aussi les membres à communiquer avec la Fondation Rick Hansen pour la remercier du don de fauteuils roulants.

## **5. Finances et administration**

### **5.1 États financiers vérifiés**

Donald Royer présente les états financiers vérifiés de 2007-2008. L'excédent est presque identique à celui de 2007. Les recettes provenant de Xentel et du programme Dons Canada ainsi que le fonds de placement continuent à donner de bons résultats pour l'organisation.

Steve signale que le conseil a considérablement accru les divers fonds de placement affectés.

**Motion :** Approuver les états financiers vérifiés de 2007-2008 conformément à leur présentation.

Mike Sandomirsky

Chris Jackson

*Adoptée*

### **5.2 Nomination de vérificateurs**

**Motion :** Nommer la firme Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP à titre de vérificateurs pour 2008-2009.

Dominique Tremblay

Michael Suraci

*Adoptée*

### **5.3 Budget de 2008-2009**

Donald présente les états financiers de l'exercice financier écoulé conjointement avec les prévisions de dépenses et de revenus jusqu'à la fin de l'exercice financier, indiquant que l'organisation terminera probablement l'année avec un léger excédent.

**Motion :** Approuver les rapports du président et des vice-présidents conformément à leur présentation.

Mandy Johnson

Joelle Buckle

*Adoptée*

## **6 Candidatures pour le conseil d'administration**

**6.1 Rapport de mise en candidature** – Wendy examine la procédure de mise en candidature énoncée dans les règlements généraux. Elle a examiné les postes en vue des élections et les candidatures reçues jusqu'à présent.

## **7. Rapports des membres**

**7.1 Terre-Neuve** – Chris Jackson signale qu'ils ont un partenariat avec Timbres de Pâques. Il fait remarquer que le financement des Jeux du Canada 2011 était limité aux sports qui connaissent le plus de succès. C'est une décision provinciale-territoriale qui a une incidence sur eux.

**7.2 Île-du-Prince-Édouard** – Adam Loo fait remarquer que son rapport figure dans la reliure à anneaux.

**7.3 Nouvelle-Écosse** – Rapport fourni dans la reliure à anneaux.

**7.4 Nouveau-Brunswick** – Rapport fourni dans la reliure à anneaux.

**7.5 Québec** – Rapport fourni dans la reliure à anneaux.

**7.6 Ontario** – Rapport fourni dans la reliure à anneaux.

**7.7 Manitoba** – Mandy fait aussi observer que son rapport figure dans la reliure à anneaux et souligne qu'une équipe du Manitoba a joué à titre d'équipe hors-concours dans la LCBFR en Alberta. On a aussi embauché un coordonnateur du programme BTG.

**7.8 Saskatchewan** – Joelle Buckle signale que son rapport se trouve dans la reliure à anneaux et souligne qu'ils ont embauché Michael Broughton à titre d'entraîneur en chef junior.

**7.9 Alberta** – Michael S. signale que son rapport se trouve dans la reliure à anneaux et que Chuck Dalton a démissionné de son poste de président. WSA organise aussi une séance de planification dans le but d'élaborer un plan stratégique.

**7.10 Colombie-Britannique** – Cheryl déclare que Carrie n'a pas été en mesure d'assister à la réunion, mais son report figure dans la reliure à anneaux.

### **7.11 Rapports des entraîneurs nationaux –**

**Femmes** – Tim Frick met en lumière l'essor du programme dans son ensemble avec les programmes pour les femmes seniors et de niveau espoir. Les deux programmes reçoivent à présent un financement important, permettant aux équipes d'avoir accès à ce qui est exigé comme entraînement et compétition. Tim estime que le Canada a considérablement contribué au sport et au développement du jeu féminin sur la scène internationale.

**Hommes** – Jerry Tonello signale que le rapport sur l'équipe masculine se trouve dans la reliure à anneaux et reconnaît le succès remporté à Péquin et la réussite du programme.

**Junior** – Cheryl Corrigan met l'accent sur la sélection de l'équipe nationale junior qui participera aux Championnats du monde 2009. Le calendrier de compétition menant aux Championnats du monde est actuellement mis au point.

**7.12 Rapports des représentants des athlètes** – Tara Feser remercie le personnel de l'ACBFR de tout leur soutien durant l'année. Elle fait remarquer que l'équipe féminine se tourne vers l'avenir et remercie tout particulièrement Tim.

Patrick Anderson remercie le personnel et le conseil de l'ACBFR de leur appui du programme masculin.

**7.13 Sport Canada** – Jan Meyer signale qu'après 2010, À nous le podium et le programme Vers l'excellence se fusionneront. On a discuté quelque peu de la création d'instituts canadiens de sport. Elle note également que l'organisation doit établir l'ordre de priorité pour l'élaboration et l'achèvement du DLTA, du PNCE comme noté dans le Plan stratégique. Pour terminer, on achève les évaluations du Cadre de financement et de responsabilité en matière de sport (CFRS) et les organisations recevront leurs nouveaux niveaux de référence pour l'aide de base en vue de la nouvelle période quadriennale.

**7.14 OCWSA** – Rapport fourni dans la reliure à anneaux.

**Motion** : Approuver les rapports présentés par les membres.

Mandy Johnson

Mike Sandomirsky

*Adoptée*

## **8. Avis de motion**

**8.1 Motion** : Élire par acclamation au conseil d'administration de l'ACBFR, pour un mandat de deux ans :

Sharron St Croix, V.-P., Haute performance

Kathy Newman, V.-P., Marketing et communications

Steve Bach, président

Chris Jackson

Donald Royer

*Adoptée*

Jennifer Krempien reprendra ses fonctions à titre de V.-P., Représentation des athlètes étant donné que le processus électoral pour ce poste a déjà eu lieu, comme énoncé dans les règlements généraux. Steve accueille Jennifer au sein du conseil d'administration.

## **9     Affaires nouvelles**

### **9.1   Plan stratégique**

**Motion** : Adopter le document de travail du Plan stratégique 2009-2013.

Mike Sandomirsky

Michael Suraci

### **9.2   Changement de nom**

**Motion** : Adopter le nouveau nom de l'organisation, soit Basketball en fauteuil roulant Canada.

Kathy

Trevor

Adoptée

## **11.   Levée de la séance**

Steve remercie tous les participants d'avoir pris le temps, malgré leur horaire chargé, de prendre part aux diverses réunions cette fin de semaine et souhaite à tous un bon retour à la maison.

**Motion** : Lever l'AGA 2008 de l'ACBFR.

Jennifer Krempien

Kathy Newman

Adoptée

## **WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CANADA 2008-2009**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It's an exciting time for wheelchair basketball in Canada as evidenced by the numerous successes we have enjoyed in the delivery and development of our game throughout 2008. Together with our remarkable on court accomplishments, program advancements, and financial growth, Wheelchair Basketball Canada remains ever present as a model organization and as a world leader in the sport of wheelchair basketball.

While we are excited at the progress realized in all aspects of our sport development over this past year, we are ever cognizant of the need to channel even greater human and financial resources to our grassroots level. Our sport development is dependent upon a strong participant base and sustained programming to provide pathways from our community courts to our Paralympic courts. And while we have long remained committed to investing in our capacity to grow and manage this game, we find ourselves in the fortunate position of being able to make a significant investment now.

Look now for Wheelchair Basketball Canada to complete and implement its Long Term Athlete Development Model together with completing its transition to the revised National Coaching Certification Program. Look now for Wheelchair Basketball Canada to commit significant resources towards the recruitment and registration of new participants, and towards the startup and development of new programs and local clubs throughout Canada. And look now for Wheelchair Basketball Canada to implement a communications strategy that will help elevate and bind the development of this great game in all our communities.

It is not without the considerable efforts of our Members, Partners, Sponsors, Supporters, Volunteers and Program Participants that we can applaud this wonderful evolution of organized wheelchair basketball in Canada. Congratulations to you all!

Steve Bach  
President  
Wheelchair Basketball Canada

## **Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 High Performance Report**

A new name - a new look - a new quadrennial - a new sense of excitement.

As with the start of every new quadrennial, the senior programs were quieter than usual on the World stage this past year but behind the scenes, Wheelchair Basketball Canada has been putting into place, the building blocks needed to recapture our spot at the top of the podium.

With Tim Frick and Mike Frogley stepping away from the Head Coach positions of the Sr Women's and Sr Men's team respectfully, Wheelchair Basketball Canada hired Bill Johnson (Sr Women) and Jerry Tonello (Sr Men) to fill these vacancies. As you know, Bill and Jerry have already been involved with our national teams for many years and their extensive experience has shown over the last few months.

Team selections were made in May and both teams have a large core of returning players, but a few new faces will provide some new options. The men's team is hard at work preparing for the America's Qualifier, being held at the same time as this AGM and without a women's qualifier for the 2010 World Championships, our Sr women will host teams from Germany, Australia and the Netherlands in Ottawa.

One area that has seen lots of activity this past year is our Junior Program. Although Canada fell short of its "top 5" goal for the Junior Worlds, Wheelchair Basketball Canada has taken a positive step forward in developing a Junior program for the quadrennial and not just for 1.5 years, as we have done in the past. Cooperation and the exchange of training strategies between the Sr and Jr teams is becoming more evident and the next 4 years will see this program grow. This is not only an important change for our athletes but for our coaches.

One of our strategic plan goals is to complete the Integrated Coaching Pathway, which provides a seamless progression for our coaches from our Domestic Program through to High Performance. Mandy Johnson and Michael Broughton have worked closely with head coach Cheryl Corrigan in preparing our junior team for the Worlds. The experience they have gained will benefit our sport across all levels from their local clubs, through the Centres for Performance and back to the National Team program.

Our Espoir program continues its steady progression. Year after year, more opportunities for this program develop. This is another example of our Integrated Athlete Pathway, including our Espoir athletes in many of the Sr women's program activities. International opportunities are presenting themselves as well with the Under-25 event being held in Germany.

Staying on track with our Strategic goals, the following projects are in the works:

- Development of Regional Training Centres
- Hiring of a High Performance Director
- Hiring of a part-time Espoir coach
- Hiring of a full-time Junior coach/Centre for Performance coordinator

I would again like to thank everyone who has a part in the continued development and accomplishments of Wheelchair Basketball Canada. The next four years will focus on growth of programs, expansion and development of our human resources, and the continuation of being a world leader in this sport.

Sharron St-Croix  
VP High Performance

## **Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 Vice President – Athlete Representative Report**

This past year has been an exciting year of transition for both the men's and women's national team programs. Following the Beijing Paralympics, the head coaches for both programs announced they would be stepping down from the position. Jerry Tonello and Bill Johnson were hired on as the senior team head coaches for the men's and women's programs respectively. 2008-2009 could be described as the start of a new era: different head coaches, new logo, new uniforms and a new NSO identity make for an exciting year and future.

I would like to thank the team reps for their hard work and willingness to take on the added responsibility of being a team rep.

The athlete agreement, which was updated for the 2008-2009 season was adopted by both programs. This revised athlete agreement clarified language around marketing, sponsorship and athlete identity rights.

The 2008 – 2009 domestic season hosted many outstanding tournaments including CWBL Finals, Women's Division Club Championships and Men's National Championships. It was disappointing that a National Championships for women's provincial teams did not happen this year and it is imperative that opportunities continue to exist for women to play this sport at various levels through out Canada.

In my first year as a Board member, and my first year as a recreational athlete, I am proud of the accomplishments of our programs, teams and organization. Our vision is to be a world leader in the sport of wheelchair basketball and I believe that we are very close to reaching this goal. I believe the key is to actively engage all members and athletes at all decision stages and continue to strive to facilitate that process.

Respectively,

Jennifer Krempien

## **Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 Domestic Report**

Wheelchair Basketball Canada's (WBC) domestic year was exciting, challenging and complete with many successful events and activities. Along with the Mini Regionals, Junior Regionals, Women's CWBL, CWBL Open and Nationals highlights include the demographic data base establishment, two new positions added to the domestic committee and the appointment of a new Women's Commissioner. In addition, a record thirty special project grants were funded and full implementation of the Bridging the Gap program occurred across Canada. Bridging the Gap coordinators are now in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Maritimes adding to the coordinators already present in British Columbia and Ontario. Further, with the implementation of Wheelchair Basketball Canada's new Strategic Domestic Plan, confirmation of wheelchair basketball as a sport category for the 2015 Canada Games and the work done by WBC interprovincially, the year has been full of many accomplishments.

The Demographic Data Base was created through the diligent work and leadership of Anne Lachance and the classifiers across the country. The data collected was compiled and analyzed by Catherine Ireland (WBC Program Coordinator) using a demographic computer program designed by Francois Cantin. Wheelchair Basketball Canada is grateful for the exceptional leadership these individuals have demonstrated to initiate and implement this important project. The baseline data system will continue to grow and assist programs across Canada with demographic information critical to long term planning.

The Domestic Committee grew this year, adding Marc Antoine Ducharme (Quebec) and Ben Marston (Nova Scotia). With the newly appointed Women's Commissioner, Lori Radke (Alberta), the committee is well represented demographically and divisionally. The new members joined CWBL Open Commissioner, Darrell Nordell (Alberta), Junior Representative, Cheryl Corrigan (British Columbia), WBC Program Coordinator, Catherine Ireland and myself.

It is important to note that the Domestic Committee is charged with the critical task of implementing the domestic portion of the new Wheelchair Basketball Canada Strategic Plan, while aligning collaboratively with all WBC portfolios. The committee will continue to work within the organization of the plan. It is important to acknowledge that there have been and will continue to be challenges as we move forward with domestic development in Canada. Challenges give us time to critically reflect on development and move forward accordingly with positive outcomes.

The competitive tournaments of Mini Regionals, Junior Regionals, Women's CWBL Finals, CWBL Open Finals and Nationals. Further official's clinics have been hosted in Halifax and Saskatoon. The Mini Regionals were very successful this year, seeing four events hosted for mini age youth across Canada. British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Ontario hosted these important competitions for the young athletes. Junior Regionals were equally successful with two events occurring: Eastern Regionals (hosted by OWSA and Variety Village) and Western Regionals (hosted by WSA in Edmonton). These regional competitions have seen more young junior athletes participate and with the Canada Games being under two years away the cycle will now revert to a National Seeding Tournament for Juniors in 2010 and regional events occurring concurrently for all junior age athletes. Canada Games 2015 has

been confirmed and WBC will be entering the second cycle of the Junior Development model upon the completion of the 2011 Games.

CWBL Women's Finals were hosted for the second year in Montreal by Defi Sportif, working with AQSFR. The Championship was claimed by Edmonton Inferno, with BC Breakers placing second and the Calgary Rollers taking home third. CWBL Open Finals were held in the 2011 Canada Games host port city of Halifax. The Douglas College Royals won the Championship with second place going to Fredricton A.L. Gullison AllCourts and third place being captured by Gladiateurs de Laval.

The 2009 Nationals will go into the history books as being a significant challenge for Wheelchair Basketball Canada and the host AQSFR. Despite the issues of the cancellation of the women's division and the reduced number of men's division teams, AQSFR hosted a marvelous event. Thank you AQSFR for maintaining a professional stance and promoted the event as the premier wheelchair basketball event in Canada. British Columbia captured gold with the host province Quebec winning silver and Ontario taking home bronze. There is no doubt that the disappointments of Nationals have given considerable pause to next steps for Nationals. WBC and the Domestic Committee are quickly gathered information and feedback and will be reviewing for future Nationals.

Thank you to all the hosts, from coast to coast who committed the time, leadership and resources to ensure Regional and National competitions occurred. WBC acknowledges such community based commitment and is extremely appreciative. WBC looks forward to working with the many community hosts for 2010, including Saskatoon, the host of the 2010 Nationals and Vancouver, the host of CWBL Open Finals.

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is committed to providing leadership and resources for programs across Canada. The new Strategic Plan is a roadmap for the ongoing development and participation in wheelchair basketball at all levels. You, the members across the country are the backbone of the sport. Input and feedback is always welcome. The Strategic Plan was developed by you for WBC. Remember your role and pursue it with passion. Thank you for your continued support, hard work and confidence in our leadership. All the best in the upcoming season.

- Christina Jones  
VP Domestic

## Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 VP Technical Report

*The Classifier and Official Committee statistical reports are included and follow my report.*

**Note: Any references to one gender apply equally to the other except where specifically indicated.**

The closing of the Paralympics in Beijing also brought closure to the careers of several key individuals on the National teams. To those individuals who have given so much to our game over so many years I say "Thank you!" and I hope you won't disappear because we need the experience which you have amassed to lead the next group of champion hoopsters. As well, I hope the new blood which has surfaced will carry us forward in a way that will allow WBC to remain near the top of the podium the way CWBA did.

This year has not only been one of change but of renewal and hope. I have seen a few people step away from the game but I hope it is only as far or as long as is needed to revitalize. When approached some time in the future I am sure they will return to the sport we all enjoy.

When I look at the faces of the new participants regardless of whether they are players, coaches, classifiers or referees, I see excitement, wonder and in some, fear. I share the joy of the player who scores her first field goal or foul shot in a competitive game. The rim which in practice seemed so big suddenly appears smaller and farther away in a "real" game. When the opponents relax their defense or even give the rebound to the shooter again and again so he can make a basket, you know these participants are playing the sport for the right reason - at this stage of their development.

I have watched Head Classifier, Anne Lachance, patiently explain to a protege why a player has the Classification he has and what to observe that would prevent him from being a half point higher or lower. The initial puzzled expression gradually disappears as the protege slowly comprehends the basis for the assessment.

I had the pleasure on a few occasions this year to be a mentor to some new arbiters. The fear or timidity which was very evident when they first went on the court changed to awe as they watched the participants and soon after they were just refereeing basketball players. How gratifying it was to see the excitement on their faces after the game or to hear their comments at the end of the session and know they were "hooked" on WC ball.

On several occasions I have felt vindicated that we are on the right track by demanding a high pass mark (88%) on our exam or by having the most experienced officials take a step back to allow and even lead the development of new arbiters. Annually there has been an increase in the number of people submitting answers to the exam, but more people this year than ever before (51) completed the exam and the number of correct answers has risen considerably to the point that this year almost 90% of the nearly 1300 answers were correct. Canadian officials know, although some found out the hard way, that they must pass in order to be considered for post season tournament assignments and, at the same time, coaches and players realize that the referees, not only know, but understand the rules. Once again, there were several out-of-country respondents. I believe there are four reasons for this - the quality of our questions (thank you Vlad and Committee), the ease with which the respondents can submit their responses (thank you Jody and Wendy), the way in which their results are returned to them and the fact that the exam becomes an early season test. Also this year, several of our more experienced officials made a decision to take a step back from the front lines and thus

give an opportunity for valuable high level experience to a few developing referees. It was a difficult decision but this renewal is necessary to keep the game growing and I thank them for making that choice.

My sincere thanks go to Anne Lachance, Jerry Tonello and Daryll Nordell for the video clips they sent me. By using these clips in clinics and bear pit sessions, I have enabled some people to consider what they really see when they are running up and down the floor. With some of the clips the action on first observation seems straight forward and it is easy to understand why the officials' made the calls they did. By slowing the play down and, in some cases, using stop action or a different angle, calls with which they agreed previously are doubted. It becomes a debatable situation and it is quite easy to show that things are not always what they seem. The clips support the argument that wheelchair basketball is a quick game and not getting any easier to officiate so it is my hope that with these clips we can better train our officials and provide the service the players deserve so they can go on to be champions wherever they play.

Finally, I would like to thank Jody Kingsbury for his diligence in getting the new and revised web site operational. It is much cleaner and easier to navigate than the former one and should provide faster access to the information we need.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

As a convenience to those reading my report and the associated reports from the Head Classifier and the Chair of the Officials Committee, I have summarized the recommendations into the following seven:

1. When officials come into Canada to officiate, we should find out what their qualifications are so that we know how to match them to their partners and the games they will be working.
2. When a National team travels outside Canada to play, we should do everything in our power to ensure an official travels with it.
3. Player classification point allowances should be recorded on each scoresheet in the manner suggested by the Classification Chair.
4. The new classification procedures should be adopted for the coming season.
5. "Dartfish" software should be purchased by WBC for the use of the Classification, Officiating and Coaching Committees.
6. Another refresher clinic for classifiers should be held.
7. Contact the Newfoundland and Territorial PSOs to ascertain the need for a referee clinic.

Respectfully submitted



Trevor Kerr

# **Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 Officials Committee Report**

## ***WCB NATIONAL EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS FOR 2009***

### **Junior West Regional – Edmonton, AB - March 27-29**

Clinician and Assignor/Evaluator - Vlad Eshenko (AB)

Officials - Johanne Markussen (MB), Rino Filippelli (AB), Kristen Kwiatek (AB), Angie Celino (AB), Orville Chubb (AB), Kerron Williams (AB).

### **Junior East Regional - Variety Village, Toronto, ON - April 17-19**

Assignor/Evaluator - Frances Kremarik (ON)

Officials - Philippe Grenier (QC), Nathalie Asselin (QC), Alexandre Lapointe (QC), Jeff VanEenoo (ON), Steve Ungarian (ON).

### **CWBL Men's Final – Halifax, NS - April 10-13**

Assignor/Evaluator - Trevor Kerr

Officials - Kristen Kwiatek (AB), Keith Uthe (AB), Rick MacKinnon (PEI), Lee Forbes (PEI), Tom McGrattan (NB), Mark Halpren (ON), Frances Kremarik (ON), Jean Choiniere (QC) and Mario Boutin (QC).

### **CWBL Women's Final - Defi Sportif, Montreal, QC - April 30-May 2**

Assignor/Evaluator - Sergio Giordano

Officials - Angie Celino (AB), Jeff Hurtig (MB), Eric Chiasson (QC), Keith Fink (NS), Jeff VanEenoo (ON) and Philippe Grenier (QC).

### **CWBA Nationals - Men's and Women's - Longueuil, QC - May 14-18**

Assignor/Evaluator - Trevor Kerr

Officials - Fred Gunn (BC), Sergio Giordano (AB), Kyle Kushnier (MN), Frances Kremarik (ON), Sebastien Gauthier (QC), Guylain Lapointe (QC), Jean Choiniere (QC), John Neeson (QC) and Donald Berube (QC).

## ***CLINICS***

Three clinics were conducted last season. The first was in Windsor in October with Trevor Kerr as the Clinician, the second was in Halifax on March 14<sup>th</sup> with Jean Choiniere as the Clinician and the second was in Edmonton on March 27<sup>th</sup> with Vlad Eshenko as the Clinician.

## ***INTERNATIONAL EVENTS***

### **U23 Junior World Championships - Paris, France - July 6-14**

IWBF appointed Butch Steponchev as a Senior Official, Guylain Lapointe as an Official and Vlad Eshenko as a Commissioner.

There were no tournaments held in Warm Springs, GA or Lakeshore, AL this year but Canada did host exhibition events in St. Catharines, ON with the National Men's Team and in Ottawa, ON with the National Women's Team. The teams present at Brock University on June 17-20 were the Dutch National Men's Team, the Canadian Junior Team and an All-Star Team lead by Pat Anderson. The teams present at Algonquin College on July 27-Aug 1 were the National Teams of Germany, Australia

and the Netherlands. Our committee expressed concerns with regard to the assignment of officials and changing schedules with no advance notice to our traveling officials for these events. We will address these concerns for future considerations.

### **Americas Zone Qualification Tournament**

IWBF has appointed the following Canadian officials for the Americas Zone Qualification Tournament to be held in Richmond, BC on August 23-30; Butch Steponchev as Senior Official, Clinician and Assignor/Evaluator and Trevor Kerr as Commissioner. Guylain Lapointe and Sergio Giordano will be going to recertify their IWBF licenses and Guylain will be staying to officiate. Our committee also invited two candidates - Nathalie Asselin and Kristen Kwiatek - to apply for their Zone Certification.

### **International Exchange**

Sebastien Gauthier and Sergio Giordano have been selected by IWBF to officiate at the European Zone Qualification Tournament which will be held in Turkey on October 4-17, 2009 as part of an International exchange of officials.

### **OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Officials Committee also discussed plans for the development of officials who are new to the game of wheelchair basketball especially in Newfoundland and the Territories. The PSO and Officiating Boards in these areas will be contacted to encourage new officials to participate in the national exam and for developing clinics.

### **NATIONAL EXAMINATION**

After being translated, the National Rules Exam will be posted October 30, 2009 on WBC's website. New rules, following the completion of the U23 World Junior Championships, will be incorporated in this exam. The committee continually stresses the importance of achieving 88% or better on the open book exam so that officials can be available for appointment to future national tournaments. The deadline for submitting exam answers will be January 16, 2010.

### **WBC LOGO**

The Officials Committee is quite excited with the new national logo and our new officials' shirts that will be used at all nationals.

### **OFFICIAL FEES**

A review of 2009 national game fees was also discussed. The 2009-10 national game fees will be \$50 per game per official. The per diems will be \$50 per day and mileage will be the federal government standard. For the 2010-11 wheelchair basketball season the national game fees will be \$55 per game per official, the per diems will be \$55 per day and mileage will continue at the federal government standard.

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the Officials Committee - Don Steponchev, Trevor Kerr and Sebastien Gauthier for their diligent support and commitment to wheelchair basketball in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Vlad Eshenko  
Chair

# Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 Classifiers Report

## 2009 STATISTICS

### **JUNIOR WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS, Edmonton, AB, March 27-29 2009**

Classifiers: Lara Bloxham (Edmonton, Alberta)  
Colleen Johnson (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)  
Karen More (Brandon, Manitoba)  
Anne Lachance (Head Classifier)

Number of players in tournament: 28  
Number of players reviewed: 12

- New players: 6 (3 able-bodied; 3 classifiable)
- Former Mini players: 3 (all stayed the same)
- Formal Appeals: 0
- Classification adjustments at the end: 3 (2 went up; 1 went down)

### **CWBL OPEN FINALS, Halifax, NS, April 10-12 2009**

Classifiers: Cher Smith (Halifax, Nova Scotia)  
Hugh Witty (Halifax, Nova Scotia)  
Lara Bloxham (Head Classifier)

Number of players in tournament: 69  
Number of players reviewed: 15

- New players: 14 (4 able-bodied; 10 classifiable)
- Formal Appeals: 0
- Former Mini Player: 1 (stayed the same)
- Classification adjustments at the end: 0

### **JUNIOR EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS, Toronto, ON, April 17-19 2009**

Classifiers: Karen Ferguson (Saint-John, New-Brunswick)  
Emilie Newell (London, Ontario)  
Anne Lachance (Head Classifier)

Number of players in tournament: 37  
Number of players reviewed: 22

- New players: 15 (3 able-bodied; 12 classifiable)
- Former Mini players: 4 (2 stayed the same; 1 went up; 1 went down)
- Formal Appeals: 1 (granted)
- Classification adjustments at the end: 2 (1 went up; 1 went down)

## **CWBL WOMEN'S FINALS, Montreal, QC, May 1-3 2009**

Classifiers: Sandy Loewen (Winnipeg, MB)  
Tami Turner (Saskatoon, SK)  
Francois Mondou (Carignan, QC)  
Anne Lachance (Head Classifier)

Number of players in tournament: 35  
Number of players reviewed: 4

- New players: 3 (1 able-bodied; 2 classifiable)
- Former Mini players: 0
- Formal Appeals: 1 (granted)
- Classification adjustments at the end: 0

## **NATIONALS, Longueuil, QC, May 22-24 2009**

Classifiers: Tim Frick (Vancouver, BC)  
Emilie Newell (London, ON)  
Anne Lachance (Head Classifier)

Number of players in tournament: 44  
Number of players reviewed: 2

- New players: 1 (classifiable)
- Former Mini players: 0
- Formal Appeals: 0
- Classification adjustments at the end: 1 (went down)

## **NEW PLAYERS**

39 new players were issued WBC classification cards in 2009. Of those:

<b>Males</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>A-B</b>
Mini Division		1		1	1	1	2			1
Junior Division		2			2	1	1	1		1
Open Division	2	4	1			1		1	1	3

<b>Females</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>A-B</b>
Mini Division		1				1				2
Junior Division			1							2
Open Division				1				1		2

Ontario was the most active in recruiting new players with 16 (14 classifiable; 2 able bodied). Quebec comes in second with 5 new players, BC, SK, and NS third with 4 new players each.

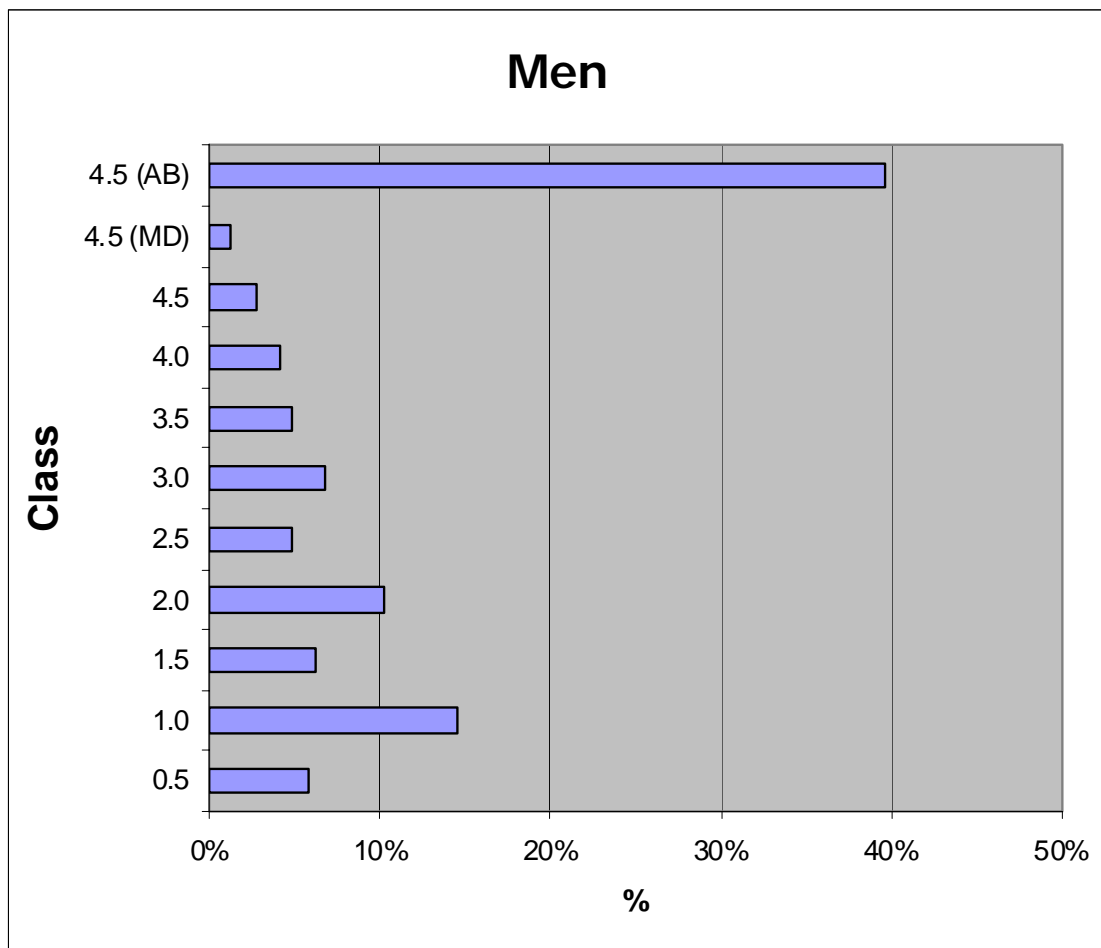
Next come Alberta (3) and New Brunswick (1). Newfoundland, PEI and Manitoba have not presented new players this year.

**CLASSIFIER DUTY:**

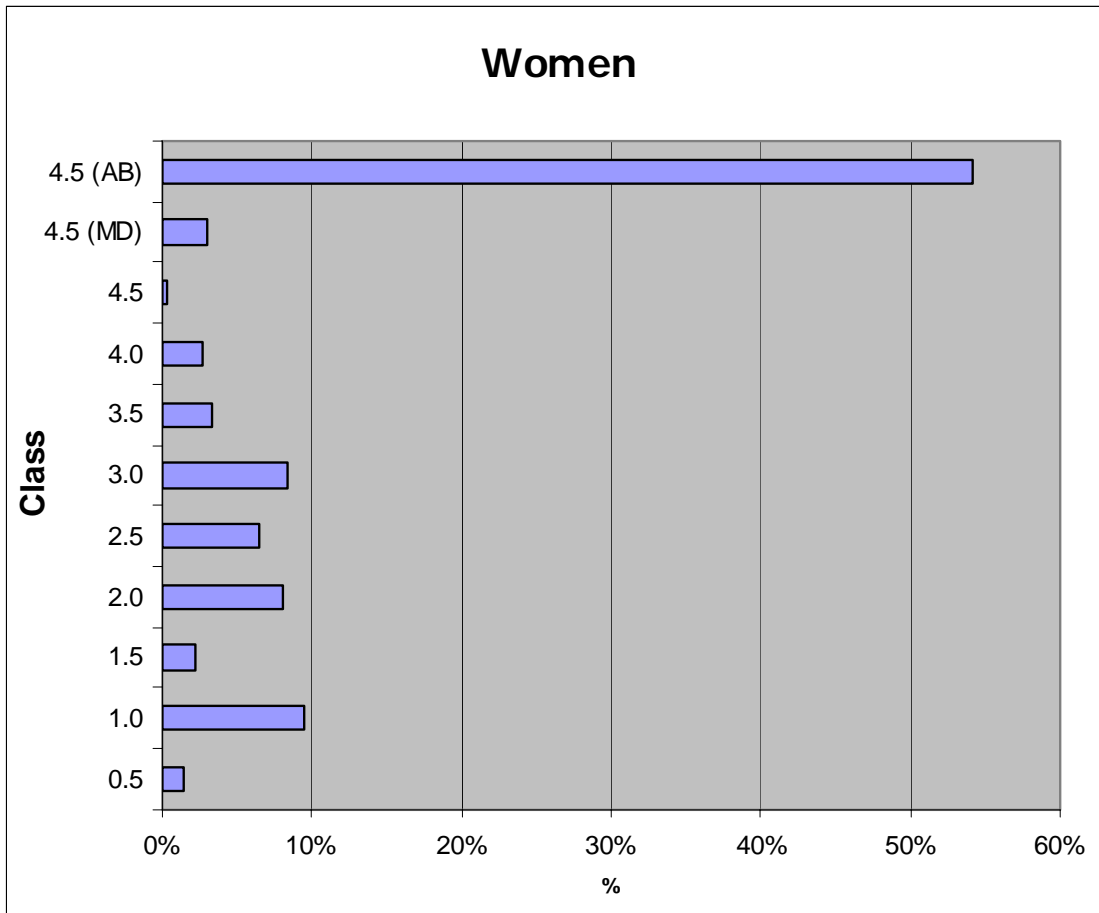
12 classifiers were officially involved in classification this season;

- Karen Ferguson (NB)
- Cher Smith and Hugh Witty (NS)
- Anne Lachance and François Mondou (QC)
- Dr. Emilie Newell (London, ON)
- Karen More and Sandy Loewen (MB)
- Colleen Johnson and Tami Turner (SK)
- Lara Bloxham Nordell (AB)
- Tim Frick (BC)

There are now 626 male players in possession of a WBC classification card. The distribution is as follow:



There are 263 female players in possession of a WBC classification card. The distribution is as follow:



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### NATIONAL LEVEL:

#### Sanctioned events:

5 panels of classifiers were assembled this year to cover 5 WBC-sanctioned events; Junior East and West Championships, CWBL Women and Men Finals, Nationals. The busiest event was East Regional Championships. There were no particular issues during any of these tournaments.

#### Data Base:

Several classifiers were also involved this year classifying locally and simultaneously helping the office gather information on who plays wheelchair basketball across the country.

#### Refresher Clinic:

Our system of classification is evolving and improving steadily - as it should to keep up with the steady advances of our sport. To ensure as many classifiers in Canada keep up with the

most recent trends in classification, West Regional Championships in Edmonton in March was host to our first classification refresher clinic. Starting the first day of the tournament the panel met for several hours to discuss and review classification. Several video clips of key players from the Beijing Paralympics were used to achieve this purpose. Three power point presentations were also reviewed during the course of the tournament; classification of amputees, classification of players with upper extremity involvement and classification of regular athletes.

### **New Classification Manual**

This year, all the classifiers who participated in a sanctioned event received a binder with the theory, procedures and guidelines as well as a DVD of several videos from the athletes in Beijing to assist them in their decisions.

### **ZONE LEVEL:**

Anne Lachance was selected as a classifier for the Central American and Caribbean Men Qualifiers in El Salvador in November 2008 as well as the Central and South American Women Qualifiers in Guatemala in June 2009 and the Men Qualifiers in BC in August.

### **INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:**

Classification videos on each of the athletes who participated in the Beijing Paralympics were produced using the broadcasting games from the Beijing organization. These videos are now available free of charge for anyone wishing to learn more about classification.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON**

### **PROVINCIAL CLASSIFICATIONS:**

This past season marked a sizeable increase in our involvement classifying at the provincial level. Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes were most active in getting their classifiers to classify their local athletes. Other provinces are welcome to join the trend and following is a list of the certified classifiers in each province.

Tim Frick (BC)	<a href="mailto:Tim_Frick@Douglas.BC.CA">Tim_Frick@Douglas.BC.CA</a>
Jennifer Krempien (BC)	<a href="mailto:goosedawg@hotmail.com">goosedawg@hotmail.com</a>
Joe Higgins (BC)	<a href="mailto:5higgins@telus.net">5higgins@telus.net</a>
Lara Bloxham Nordell (AB)	<a href="mailto:lbloxham@telus.net">lbloxham@telus.net</a>
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### **TEAM ROSTERS:**

As a reminder; it is most useful and least confusing to identify athletes with point allowances in the following manner:

- **+1.0** should be written next to a player's class when his team is permitted one additional point on the floor.
- **+0.5** should be written next to a player's class when the team is permitted an additional half point on the floor.

### **CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

New classification procedures have been drafted and it is the recommendation of this committee that they be adopted by WBC for next season. Only a small section has been modified and it clarifies the situation of athletes in possession of an IWBF classification.

**The text was:** \* *Players not previously classified within CWBA and in possession of a valid IWBF classification card will play under their IWBF classification unless they appeal their class.*

**The text now reads:** \* *Players classified by IWBF will play with their IWBF classification unless they appeal their class with WBC.*

### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT:**

Video analysis using Dartfish software would be appreciated by our team to help clarify function in difficult cases. It is hoped this method will eventually be available to classifiers.

## **GOALS FOR NEXT SEASON:**

### **Classification Training**

We would like to hold another refresher clinic for our existing classifiers next season, to improve uniformity and proficiency across the country. Possibilities for training coaching staff will also be investigated, in accordance to our strategic planning strategies.

### **Classification Manual**

We will arrange for the classifiers who have not yet received their classification binder to receive theirs next season.

### **Rating and monitoring system for classifiers**

In accordance with our strategic planning goals for the upcoming year we plan to send out a test to all of our certified classifiers at the beginning of the season.

The test will take the form of a DVD sent to all by mail. On the DVD there will be several videos of players competing in the Beijing Paralympics. Each classifier will be asked to view the clips, propose a classification for the athlete and describe his/her rationale. The results of this "survey" will be computed and used as a rating system to assist in making assignments for the annual sanctioned events. Hopefully, it also will clarify which aspect of classification remains unclear for classifiers in Canada.

It has been a pleasure leading classification for WBC once again this year,

Respectfully submitted,

**Anne Lachance**

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Anne Lachance  
Classification Chairperson  
Wheelchair Basketball Canada

# WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CANADA 2008 - 2009

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Kathy Newman & Jody Kingsbury

Building on our marketing and communications plans, Wheelchair Basketball Canada has begun successfully implementing a new communications strategy – a major component of which was the launch of our new corporate branding at the 2009 Nationals Championships in Longueuil, QC. The long awaited “new brand” is the centerpiece of Wheelchair Basketball Canada’s new strategic direction intended to enhance the visibility and profile of the sport in Canada and abroad.

Over the past 24 months the organization has undertaken both external consultation and extensive internal discussions regarding our positioning in the marketplace, awareness and “brand perception.” The Communications strategy aims to facilitate certain marketing, communications, and sponsorship objectives in part through the introduction of a new visual identity consisting of a new name, logo, and tagline.

The new visual identity has been designed to support the positioning of the organization as innovative, edgy, and a world leader. The Board of Directors and Membership approved the New Logo & Slogan at our last Annual General Meeting in the fall of 2008 and both are now registered trademarks that are consistent with the overall strategic direction of Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

This new look and feel is evidenced in everything that the organization uses to communicate with the world, such as our new website, the “Tip Off” newsletter, event programs, banners, clothing, and other collateral. The complete transition will see the new logo replace all existing instances of the current logo, both in print and graphics. Updated versions of several publications such as a general information pamphlet, donations pamphlet, as well as some other new initiatives will also be introduced in a timely manner.

To help gauge the success of the new branding strategy several benchmark surveys as well as structured telephone interviews were conducted over the months leading up to the launch to gather opinions and general perceptions. The results suggested that despite our remarkable success in the sport, most respondents are unaware about wheelchair basketball in Canada.

The introduction of the new branding initiative coincides with the soft launch of a redesigned and retooled modern website [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca). The new website project is an ambitious one that is not entirely complete, but you will continue to see it evolve in the coming months to better serve our own members and provide the organization with a strong marketing tool geared toward garnering interest amongst the general public.

The English portion of the new website was launched first, but getting everything translated into French is a priority that is currently being carried out with plans to see parts of the French site go live in the Fall of 2009. At the same time, there is a certain amount of content that is still being generated and populated in both official languages.

In July, the 2009 Women's Invitational Tournament marked the first of many Wheelchair Basketball Tournaments to feature live web streaming of games. This is a powerful medium that offers plenty of potential to share our sport with many new audiences and countless individuals around the world.

We will continue to work with website developers to improve the functionality of the website, while also implementing a host of new initiatives that allow us to better leverage the technologies available to us. Look for improved photo galleries and an online store to become available shortly.

From a marketing standpoint, Wheelchair Basketball Canada is thrilled that our new branding initiative coincides with a number of new and exciting partnerships. We welcome adidas Canada as the official supplier of our National teams – ensuring our athletes receive the top-notch apparel necessary for them to perform their best. Meanwhile, the 2009 Americas Cup not only represents the first major component of Wheelchair Basketball Canada's recently developed international hosting strategy, it also allowed the organization to affiliate itself with a number of key corporate partners including RGK, Sheraton, Molson, and others.

In addition, Wheelchair Basketball Canada has worked closely with the Canadian Paralympic Committee and many contributing individuals from the BC sports community to develop and implement a strategic media and public relations plan around the 2009 Americas Cup.

Finally, Wheelchair Basketball Canada is pleased to report that we have successfully negotiated a renewed contract with Xentel DM Inc. that ensures ongoing efforts with our telemarketing campaign. The agreement secures a major source of revenue for the organization and works toward increasing awareness about the organization and the sport.

It is indeed a very exciting time for everyone involved in wheelchair basketball in Canada right now, and both Kathy and I are certainly proud to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jody Kingsbury". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jody Kingsbury  
Communications Manager

**CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2009

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,  
**Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association:**

We have audited the balance sheet of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association as at March 31, 2009 and the statements of changes in net assets and revenue and expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Association derives revenue from donations and telemarketing the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, net revenue for the year, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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**OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP**  
Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario  
May 12, 2009

# CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT MARCH 31, 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 622,821	\$ 507,403
Investments	1,603,461	937,578
Accounts receivable	81,959	594,323
Prepaid expenses	-	10,187
	<u>\$ 2,308,241</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,491</u>
 <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ <u>201,739</u>	\$ <u>240,963</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Internally restricted for reserve purposes	200,000	150,000
Internally restricted for programs and services purposes	250,000	250,000
Internally restricted for international hosting purposes	250,000	50,000
Unrestricted	<u>1,406,502</u>	<u>1,358,528</u>
	<u>2,106,502</u>	<u>1,808,528</u>
	<u>\$ 2,308,241</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,491</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Director

Director

## CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
REVENUE		
Coaching Association of Canada	\$ 700	\$ 8,528
Contributed goods	70,000	70,000
CPC Excellence fund	-	10,000
Donations	6,250	6,561
Investment income	4,910	32,088
Memberships, fees and fines	34,025	32,248
Other	22,282	990
Product sales	285	2,124
Sport Canada	1,311,000	1,099,800
Telemarketing	1,415,587	1,103,280
Trafalgar donations program	119,341	115,652
	<u>2,984,380</u>	<u>2,481,271</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Domestic	108,129	100,649
Finance and administration	390,029	386,316
High performance	1,135,854	1,018,216
Investment loss	34,117	-
Marketing and special projects	51,538	20,306
Technical	16,966	11,913
Telemarketing	949,773	738,645
	<u>2,686,406</u>	<u>2,276,045</u>
NET REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 297,974</u>	<u>\$ 205,226</u>

## CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FOR RESERVE PURPOSES</b>		
Balance - beginning and end of year	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Transfer from unrestricted	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
<b>INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PURPOSES</b>		
Balance - beginning and end of year	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
<b>INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FOR INTERNATIONAL HOSTING PURPOSES</b>		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Transfer from unrestricted	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 1,358,528	\$ 1,153,302
Net revenue for the year	297,974	205,226
Transferred to internally restricted for reserve purposes	(50,000)	-
Transferred to internally restricted for international hosting purposes	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 1,406,502</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,528</u>

# CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MARCH 31, 2009

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The mission of the organization is the advancement of wheelchair basketball both within Canada and internationally.

The organization is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and is a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association under the Income tax Act and as such is entitled to issue tax deductible receipts for donations.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and include the following significant accounting policies:

### a) Estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### b) Internally restricted reserve

This reserve was created to provide financial stability for the organization and is not available for other purposes without approval of the Board of Directors.

### c) Internally restricted for programs and services

This fund accumulates transfers from unrestricted net assets. It is intended that its principal will not be used, however, interest on the fund's investments will be available for programs and services.

### d) Internally restricted for international hosting purposes

This fund accumulates transfers from unrestricted net assets as directed by the Board of Directors. It is intended to be available for hosting international events that are approved by the Board and meet the goals and objectives outlined in the 2005-2009 Strategic Plan.

### e) Financial instruments

The organization has federal, provincial and corporate bonds and mutual funds that are accounted for as held-for-trading investments and are valued at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses being recorded in the statement of revenue and expenditure.

Other financial instruments are measured at the initially recognized amount less appropriate allowances.

### f) Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue. Restricted revenue is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditure is incurred. Unrestricted revenue is recognized as revenue when it is received or becomes receivable.

### g) Contributed goods

The organization records the value of donated materials and services when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services would normally be purchased by the organization. Contributed goods are recorded at their fair value of \$70,000 (2008 - \$70,000).

# CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2009

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### h) Sport Canada contributions

The contributions received from Sport Canada are subject to specific terms and conditions regarding the expenditure of the funds. The organization's accounting records are subject to audit by Sport Canada to identify instances, if any, in which amounts charged against the contributions have not complied with the agreed terms and conditions and which, therefore, would be refundable to Sport Canada. In the event that adjustments to prior years' contributions are requested, they would be recorded in the year in which Sport Canada requests the adjustments.

### 3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments of the organization consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments and the carrying amount of the financial instruments approximate their fair value.

### 4. COMMITMENT

The organization has leased premises to May 31, 2010 at approximately \$20,000 per annum.

### 5. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows has not been provided as information on cash flows is readily apparent from the other financial statements.



# Memorandum

**To:** Wheelchair Basketball Canada Active Members  
**From:** Wendy Gittens, Executive Director  
**Date:** August 12, 2009  
**Subject:** Nominations Committee Report

Please accept this as the 2009 Nominations Committee Report for Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

A call for nominations went out in June 2, 2009. The following provisions are outlined in article III of the current By-Law Document:

## **Election and Appointment of Directors**

3.7 Eligibility -- Any individual who is 18 years of age or older and who has the power under law to contract may be nominated for election as a Director.

3.8 Nomination -- Any nomination of an individual for election as a Director shall:

- a) be signed by an Active Member Association or any two Active Members;
- b) include the written consent of the nominee;
- c) be submitted to the Corporation at least 30 days (**July 29**) prior to the Annual General Meeting; and
- d) where a current Director wishes to run for re-election, the Director shall indicate this intention in writing not less than twenty-one (21) days (**August 7**) prior to the Annual General Meeting.

3.9 Circulation of Nominations - Valid nominations shall be circulated to Members at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

3.10 Election - The election of Directors shall take place at the Annual General Meeting by those Members present and eligible to vote.

3.11 Decision – Elections shall be decided by majority vote of the Members in accordance with the following:

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- a) One Valid Nomination – Winner declared by acclamation.
- b) Two Valid Nominations – Winner is the nominee receiving the greater number of votes.
- c) Three or More Valid Nominations – Winner is the nominee receiving more than 50 percent of the votes cast. Should no nominee receive more than 50 percent of the votes cast, then the two nominees receiving the most votes shall stand in a second ballot as follows:
  1. if there is a tie among nominees receiving the most votes, further elections will occur until a nominee receives more than 50 percent of the votes cast;
  2. if there is a tie among nominees receiving the second highest number of votes, an election will occur to determine who will stand in the second ballot against the nominee who received the highest number of votes, but less than 50 percent.

3.12 Terms - Elected Directors shall serve terms of two years and shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these Bylaws, unless they resign, are removed from or vacate their office. Elected Directors shall be eligible for re-election as Directors.

3.13 Staggered Terms - The terms of elected Directors shall be staggered by electing half of the Directors at each Annual General Meeting. The following Directors shall be elected in the following years:

Even Years

- a) President
- b) Vice-President High Performance
- c) Vice-President Marketing and Communications
- d) Vice-President Athlete Representative

Odd Years

- a) Vice-President Finance
- b) Vice-President Domestic
- c) Vice-President Technical

The following names have been submitted for election:

- |    |   |                      |
|----|---|----------------------|
| 1. | <b>VP Finance and Administration</b><br><b>Donald Royer</b> | <b>(2 year term)</b> |
| 2. | <b>VP Domestic</b><br><b>Christina Jones</b>                | <b>(2 year term)</b> |
| 3. | <b>VP Technical</b><br><b>Trevor Kerr</b>                   | <b>(2 year term)</b> |



# **NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR**

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# Nova Scotia Wheelchair Basketball Association 2009 Annual Report



## ***Nova Scotia Wheelchair Basketball Association***

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### **Nova Scotia Wheelchair Basketball Association Annual Report 2008-09**

#### **1) Formation of Nova Scotia Wheelchair Basketball Association**

This year marked the inception of the Nova Scotia Wheelchair Basketball Association (NSWBA), a representative body created to give support to teams in the province. Board members are Clary Stubbert, Steven Dunn, Steve Sampson, Ben Marston, Cher Smith and Christina Swett. The NSWBA hosted the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Open Finals in April of 2009 as their first event, and the organization will continue to contribute to hosting of events and development of wheelchair basketball in NS.

#### **2) Canada Games 2011 Test Event (CWBL Open Finals)**

As part of the early stages of planning for the 2011 Canada Games (being hosted by Halifax/various parts of Nova Scotia), the NSWBA hosted the CWBL Open Finals April 10 – 12, 2009. The event saw 8 teams play a round robin style tournament, with the BC Royals taking the title. Over 40 volunteers ensured the event ran smoothly by time keeping, hosting teams, and by working at the first aid stations and canteen. A few important changes were identified to be made before 2011, but overall the event was very successful. After the tournament ended, a two day training camp was held to allow younger players an opportunity to develop their skills with instruction from Senior Men's Head Coach Jerry Tonello. The training camp was also very successful for all players in attendance as well as for NS coaches who attended as players and were able to add a number of new drills to their repertoires.

#### **3) Highland Hawks**

Starting in the 2009/2010 season the Highland Hawks will join the Maritime Wheelchair Basketball Association as a 3<sup>rd</sup> team from Nova Scotia. The Hawks will enter only an "A" team and will be coached by Clary Stubbert. This brings the total number of teams in the province to 5 (3 "A" and 2 "B" level teams).

#### **4) Provincial Junior Team**

An organizing committee was formed to aide in the creation of a development program for youth in the province. The current ultimate goal of the committee is to send a competitive team to Canada Games when the province hosts the event in 2011. Leading up to the Canada Games competition, a provincial junior development program will host monthly training camps, selecting teams for tournaments such as Spitfire, Defi, and Junior Nationals.

To date, 2 camps have been held, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> scheduled for the last weekend in August. So far 8 players have shown their commitment, and the coaching staff hope to double this number in the coming months.

#### **5) Coaching Development**

As part of the development of a provincial junior team, several coaches have stepped forward and agreed to coach the team. As part of their skill development, Steve Sampson and Ben Marston attended the 2009 Senior National Men's Team try outs as guest coaches. They gained significant experience and skills that they have brought back to Nova Scotia and are sharing with the province's young players.

#### **6) Future Plans**

As the NSWBA continues to develop its role in wheelchair basketball in the province of Nova Scotia, a few ideas have been identified for further consideration or implementation.

- a) Sending a junior team to Junior Nationals/Defi/Spitfire tournaments
- b) Sending a Maritime Women's team to Nationals in 2010
- c) Creating a youth development program/league to introduce the sport to interested youth at an earlier age (currently reaching potential athletes in their late teens/early 20's, would like to bring this down to 14 – 16 year olds)
- d) Senior Provincial Team development – an idea introduced at the Maritime Wheelchair Basketball Association Annual General Meeting will see gym time booked for provincial team practices run by Dave Durepos at each regular season tournament. Hopefully this will develop teams sufficiently to send more than one team from Nova Scotia to Nationals in 2010.

# **New Brunswick Wheelchair Basketball Association 2009 Annual Report**

Thank you for your interest and for the opportunity to update you on the highlights for the New Brunswick Wheelchair Sports Association (NBWSA).

## **Board Members**

Board members for the current year include:

- President—Karen Ferguson
- Vice President—Chris Aalders
- Secretary/Treasurer—Brian Lawrence
- Member at Large—Shane Dunnett
- Member at Large—Vacant

## **2011 Canada Games**

NBWSA is currently in the process of choosing the coaches and manager for the 2011 Canada Games and should be announcing this shortly. Funding is in place for this fiscal year and practices will begin once the staff members are announced. New Brunswick has confirmed its participation at the 2011 Canada Games.

## **Officials Development**

NBWSA was able to provide funding to assist with the Maritime's officials development clinic which was held in Halifax earlier this year. NBWSA is currently working in conjunction with PEI, NS, the Maritime Wheelchair Basketball Association (MWBA) and CWBA to hold another Officials Development Camp early next season in anticipation of the 2011 Canada Games. The Camp will be held in conjunction with an MWBA League Tournament.

## **League Competition**

Eight NB teams are playing in the MWBA League this year. The NB teams comprise 8 of the 13 teams in the League and are represented in both divisions. "A" division teams play 20 games over 6 tournaments plus Finals and also represent NB in the CWBL. "B" division teams play 15 games over 6 tournaments plus Finals.

## **Classification**

NBWSA provided some funding for this classifier to attend a MWBL tournament in order help classify athletes in the League for the CWBA Classification project. Approximately 90% of our athletes are officially or unofficially classified and the Maritime classifiers will continue this initiative during the upcoming season.

## **Sports**

Wheelchair basketball still dominates as the sport of choice in the Maritimes but we still have a couple of athletes involved in wheelchair rugby. As well, we have recently had several athletes become involved in wheelchair athletics and we have a highly motivated coach who has taken this on through Athletics NB. New Brunswick will again be represented at the 2009 Summer Canada Games in PEI in Athletics.

## **CWBL Finals, Nationals and Defi Sportif**

NBWSA was pleased to provide funding to assist the Fredericton All-Courts attend the CWBL Finals as well as for 3 teams to attend Defi Sportif. While a significant amount of funds were available to help send a team to Nationals, we did not have sufficient numbers of athletes interested in attending or a qualified coach to lead the group. Dave Durepos has approached NBWSA and the MWBA with regards to holding regular practices for our provincial team at each of our tournaments. These practices will be open to all athletes and in particular, athletes from the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia provincial teams and the New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I. Canada Games squads and NBWSA will assist with the costs of these practices. It is our hope that this will allow us to send a team to Nationals in Saskatchewan next year.

## **Bridging the Gap**

NBWSA is pleased to have obtained a grant, in conjunction with the other Maritime provinces, for a staff person to implement the Bridging the Gap program. Cathleen MacKinnon is centered out of PEI and is currently planning an event for Moncton on September 12<sup>th</sup>. NBWSA is pleased to have Cathleen aboard and hope that this will provide us with exposure and more athletes for our programs.

## **Conclusion**

NBWSA and its members are looking forward to the 2009-2010 Season. We hope to continue to develop both on and off of the court.

**Respectfully Submitted By,**

**Karen Ferguson, President  
NBWSA**

## Rapport annuel 2008-2009 de la Commission basketball de l'AQSFR

Présenté dans le cadre de l'assemblée générale annuel de Basketball en fauteuil roulant  
Canada

La saison 2008-2009 de basketball en fauteuil roulant à été un succès sur toute la ligne Voici donc le portrait du basketball au Québec

### Commission basketball de l'AQSFR

**Président** : Dominique Tremblay,

**Représentant des clubs** : Luc Brault, Paul Desjardins, Claude Gingras, François Lavoie. Kevin Poulin, Michel Racine

### La saison régulière

Les ligues provinciales AA, AAA et mini sont plus solides que jamais :

- 7 équipes dans le AA (87 joueurs)
- 3 équipes dans le AAA (28 joueurs)
- 5 équipes dans le mini depuis la création d'un tout nouveau club Dans les Laurentides (55 joueurs)

La saison en bref:

#### Ligue

- 5 tournois de saison AA (ligue de Développement)
- 5 tournois de saison AAA (ligue CWBL)
- 4 tournois Mini; (16 ans et moins)
- Finale Provinciale pour les trois niveaux à un seul endroit la même fin de semaine

#### Compétition

- Jeux du Québec (16 ans et moins)
- Défi sportif (24 équipes)
- Finale féminine CWBL à Montréal
- Championnat canadien senior à Longueuil
- Steet basket 3 contre 3

#### Camp d'entraînement et pratique de clubs

- 19 pratiques / semaine dans les clubs au Québec de septembre à avril
- 9 camps d'équipe du Québec masculine
- 9 camps d'équipe du Québec féminine
- 9 camps d'équipe du Québec junior
- 1 camp de perfectionnement pour les 16 ans et moins

## Les Clubs au Québec

Club	Contact	Équipe AA	Équipe AAA	Équipe mini	Pratique/ semaine
Bulldogs de Québec	<a href="#">Pierre Poulin</a>		1	1	3
Citadelle de Québec	<a href="#">Alain Roy</a>	1			1
CIVA de Montréal	<a href="#">Sébastien Larivée</a>	2	1	1	3
Gladiateurs de Laval	<a href="#">Marc Antoine Ducharme</a>	(1)	1		2
Kamikazes de St-Hyacinthe	<a href="#">Luc Brault</a>	1		1	3
Kodiaks des Laurentides	<a href="#">Paul Desjardins</a>			1	1
Lynx de Chaudières-A	<a href="#">Pierre Poulin</a>	1			2
Patriotes de Sherbrooke	<a href="#">Jacques Vermette</a>	1		1	2
Royals d'Ottawa	<a href="#">Dominique tremblay</a>	1	(1)		2
<b>Club en développement 2009-2010</b>					
Drummondville	<a href="#">William Noseworthy</a>			(1)	(1)
Saint-Jean sur Richelieu	<a href="#">Marc Antoine Ducharme</a>	(1)			(1)
Sept-Îles	<a href="#">Christian Ratté</a>	(1)			(1)
<b>Total</b>		<b>7 (10)</b>	<b>3 (4)</b>	<b>5 (6)</b>	<b>19 (22)</b>

( ) 2009-2010

## Les équipes du Québec

Les équipes du Québec ont droit à des saisons d'entraînement de mieux en mieux structuré et des camps d'entraînement son à l'horaire de septembre à mai et ce 1 fois par mois.

**L'équipe du Québec junior** se prépare pour les Jeux du Canada 2011 à Halifax, L'équipe est en train de prendre une vitesse de croisière exceptionnelle. La Chimie de l'équipe est excellente et notre ligue mini avec plus de 60 joueurs est un bassin très intéressant pour notre relève

**L'Équipe féminine** à connue une saison qui s'est terminé en queue de poisson. Malgré cela, le tournoi en Alabama en janvier à solidifier le groupe et l'avenir est très prometteur

**Chez les hommes**, les joueurs continus de s'améliorer. Avec une deuxième finale consécutive au Championnat Canadien, l'expérience commence à s'accumuler chez nos jeunes joueurs. La participation au championnat canadien de nos trois équipes du Québec et leur performance ne peuvent être qu'encourageantes.

Ajoutons à ce constat positif la sélection de 3 athlètes québécois au sein des équipes Canadiennes masculine, 3 athlètes sur l'équipe féminine et 3 athlètes sur l'équipe junior

## Les compétitions en sol québécois

### Finales Provinciales : classement des et honneurs individuelles

#### Mini

1 <sup>er</sup>	Mini-Tornades de Montréal
2 <sup>e</sup>	Minikami de St-Hyacinthe
3 <sup>e</sup>	Mini-Bulldogs de Québec
4 <sup>e</sup>	Mini-Kodiaks des Laurentides
5 <sup>e</sup>	Mini-Pat's de Sherbrooke

#### AA

1 <sup>er</sup>	Royals d'Ottawa
2 <sup>e</sup>	CIVA sr de Montréal
3 <sup>e</sup>	CIVA jr de Montréal
4 <sup>e</sup>	Patriotes de Sherbrooke
5 <sup>e</sup>	Citadelles de Québec
6 <sup>e</sup>	Kamikazes de St-Hyacinthe
7 <sup>e</sup>	Lynx Chaudières Appalaches

#### AAA

1 <sup>er</sup>	Gladiateurs de Laval
2 <sup>e</sup>	Bulldogs de Québec
3 <sup>e</sup>	CIVA de Montréal

### Honneurs individuelles:

	Mini	AA
Recrue de l'année:	Alexandre Courcelles, Mini-Kodiaks	Pascal Côté, Kamikazes
Meilleur (Sealeur/picqueur):	Félix Dion, Mini-Pat's	Maude Jacques, CIVA Jr
Meilleur joueur défensif:	Damon Shea, Mini-Tornades	Jonathan Vermette, Patriotes
Meilleur joueur offensif:	Benjamin Palmer, Mini-Tornades	James Marshall, Royals
Joueurs s'étant le plus amélioré:	Vincent Dallaire, Bulldogs	Patricia Dominique, Citadelles
Meilleur esprit sportif:	Magalie Brunet, Minikami	François Lavoie, Patriotes

### Équipe étoile AAA

Maxime Poulin, Bulldogs, Gérald Brulé, Gladiateurs, Jonathan Gariépy, CIVA, Marc Antoine Ducharme, Gladiateurs, Mickael Poulin, Bulldogs

**Joueur le plus utile:** David Eng, Gladiateurs

## Les Jeux du Québec

Le programme des Jeux du Québec constitue un volet important de notre plan de développement de l'excellence 2005-2009 étant à la base du cheminement de l'athlète vers l'excellence sportive. Après une participation comme sport en démonstration aux Jeux du Québec de St-Hyacinthe en 2005, le basketball a consolidé ses bases et a connu une saison 2005-2006 hors du commun avec une ligue structurée de 4 tournois en plus du championnat provincial et du championnat canadien. Les Jeux du Québec 2009 sont donc un objectif de grande importance pour le basketball en fauteuil roulant au Québec et pour les jeunes qui le pratiquent.

Les Jeux du Québec joueront pour ces jeunes et pour le développement du sport un rôle capital, leur donnant l'opportunité de compétitionner dans un environnement sain et motivateur. Les jeunes de catégorie junior (16-23 ans) ont déjà cette chance car ils sont depuis 1995 intégrés à part entière aux Jeux du Canada. L'expérience des grands Jeux multisports ne nous a apporté que du positif jusqu'à présent autant pour nos athlètes que pour les athlètes des autres sports qui découvrent une discipline hors du commun. Les Jeux du Québec nous permettent également d'élargir l'accès aux sports en fauteuil roulant dans les régions et de développer des liens avec les URLS, ce qui se ferait très difficilement sans les Jeux.

Voici ce qui à été mentionné sur les Jeux du Québec dans notre plan 2005-2009 :

«L'AQSFR reconnaît l'apport extraordinaire de cet événement pour les jeunes québécois incluant les jeunes vivant avec un handicap. En ce sens nous collaborons à la table de travail mise sur pied par Sports-Québec afin d'établir des règles d'intégration équitables respectant les réalités de nos disciplines et les gens que nous représentons et les règles déjà établies pour l'ensemble des sports québécois. Grâce à ce travail de concertation, nous pouvons envisager réalistement que le mini basketball en fauteuil roulant soit des Jeux dans le plan 2005-2009. Et comme vous avez pu le lire dans notre schéma du développement de l'athlète, les Jeux y sont identifiés. »

Aujourd'hui, au lendemain des Jeux, je peux vous confirmer que ces déclarations n'étaient pas de la poudre aux yeux. Les objectifs sont atteints. C'est une première qui fera des petits.

### Street basketball 3 contre 3

L'événement AQSFR 2009 a attiré plus de 24 joueurs au tournoi de Street basket qui se déroule au début de juin depuis maintenant 5 ans. La compétition commence de plus en plus à entrer dans le calendrier des joueurs au Québec et qui sait, il pourrait peut-être grandir à l'extérieur de la province

### Classification et officiel

L'AQSFR tient encore une fois à remercier le travail exceptionnel d'Anne Lachance pour sa disponibilité et son travail en tant que classificatrice. Son expertise est d'une grande aide pour le développement du basketball en fauteuil roulant au Québec. Du côté des officiels, Sébastien Gauthier fait un très bon travail et la réputation de nos officiels est excellente. Pas moins de 20 arbitres officient au Québec dont 4 de niveaux international et 10 de niveau canadien.

## Brevet, Crédit d'impôts et bourses

L'AQSFR doit valider régulièrement l'identification des talents et mettre à jour des listes selon les règles de chaque organisme donateur. Un travail dans l'ombre, au service des membres.

### **Brevet Sport Canada Programme Équipe Québec**

#### **Excellence**

Chantal Benoit  
Cindy Ouellet  
David Eng  
Yvon Rouillard  
Développement  
Élaine Allard  
Diana Lim  
Jonathan Vermette  
Philippe Vermette  
Maude Jacques

### **Programme Équipe Québec Crédit d'impôt**

#### **Élite**

Maxime Poulin  
Mickael Poulin  
Gabrielle Côté  
Manuel Cloutier  
Christian La Serra  
Karine Chicoine  
Karine Vermette  
Gérald Brûlé  
Garry Gates  
Valérie Guimond  
Steve Lavoie

### **Programme Équipe Québec Crédit d'impôt**

#### **Relève**

Carl Pelletier  
Nicolas palmer  
Francis Vallée  
Olivier Lamalice Acquin  
Mathieu Lamalice Acquin  
Joss Hawey  
Jimmy Lacasse  
Sonia Brault  
Éric Legendre  
Christian Ratté

### **Bourse Saputo Mickael Poulin**

### **Bourse Hydro-Québec Maude Jacques**

### **Bourse Loto-Québec Cindy Ouellet Jonathan Vermette Philippe Vermett**

### **Club de la médaille d'Or Jimmy Lacasse**

En terminant, merci à tous les gens qui s'implique pour que le basketball en fauteuil roulant au Québec évolue dans la bonne direction.



Marc Antoine Ducharme  
Coordonnateur sportif  
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## Development

### **OWSA Basketball League**

This year, the D-League has continued to grow despite losing its coordinator – Michael Broughton. Many thanks go to Steve Bialowas for stepping in. The League consists of Toronto, London, Burlington, Kitchener and new this year, Brampton. The team from Peterborough graduated to the Ontario Southern Division and LaSalle is in the process of rebuilding.

Camps were held in London, Oakville, Kitchener and Toronto. Variety Village hosted the Canadian Eastern Juniors Championships in April which consisted of 2 teams from Quebec and two teams from Ontario made up of all-stars who are in the development cycle for Canada Games 2011. The D-League Championships in May saw 5 teams compete with Variety Village emerging as champions.

The plan is to re-engage LaSalle and Peterborough and recruit teams in Ottawa and St. Catharines.

### **Junior Camp at Variety Village**

OWSA assisted in funding a very successful Junior Wheelchair Basketball Camp (July 2-5) at Variety Village. The Camp was attended by 13 players aged 13-19 years of age. Of those 7 players between 13-15 years are being evaluated for carding and the 2011 Canada Games Team.

With Shayne Smith and Josh Giles at Jr Worlds, we have a great crop of new juniors taking us towards the next Canada Games.

### **Ontario Southern Division**

This year, we lost the team from Burlington but gained Peterborough. The Division currently consists of: Variety Village, London, Kitchener and Peterborough. The season consisted of 10 games each with play offs. Placing first and second respectively, Variety Village and Kitchener advanced to the CWBL in Halifax, placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively.

## New Clubs and Programs

OWSA donated sport wheelchairs to both Sudbury and Peterborough to assist with the development of their programs/Clubs.

OWSA's Bridging the Gap Program is currently working on the following initiatives to assist in the development of wheelchair basketball in Ontario:

- Hosting monthly “Have a Go” sessions at London’s Boyle Community Centre – involves 20 individuals (14 youths and their supports)
- Bloorview Kids Rehab (Toronto) Friday Night Drop-in Wheelchair Basketball Program – involves 14 youths on a regular basis
- Partnership with the Toronto Accessible Sports Council – currently loaning equipment to support programs across the City of Toronto
- Partnership with McMaster University to develop and pilot and evaluation process for all Bridging the Gap Programs
- Facilitating Skill Development Program in North Bay
- Working with current coaches in Sudbury to develop a wheelchair basketball program for youths at the local children’s treatment centre.

### **Provincial Teams**

#### **Canada Games**

OWSA is in the process of completing a Quest for Gold Team Ontario Development Grant Application to assist with athlete evaluation and training as well as coach training for the 2011 Canada Games.

Variety Village hosted the first competitive/training opportunity April 17-19, 2009 and a very successful Junior Camp which gave our coaches a chance to assess the players and identify a core group (7 players) that show potential for 2011.

#### **Men’s Provincial Team**

The Team is in a rebuilding phase due to losing Chris Stoutenburg to injury and maybe retirement, Bradley Bowden to retirement from wheelchair basketball, Michael Broughton to out of province ineligibility and Dayton Sopha to retirement. With all the players scattered between Europe, College and University and spread out across the province, the team has become a 'one off' and they meet for the nationals. Most players cannot attend 2 - 1 day tryout camps so practices are a challenge to schedule.

### **Coaches and Officials**

Through a Sport for More Grant, OWSA will be focusing on recruitment and training of coaches and officials for the next three years. It is imperative that the old Coaching Prerequisites be converted to the new Coaching Accreditation system leading up to Canada Games.

Currently, two of the D-League coaches are working toward Canada Games with mentorship from Steve Bialowas. 12 -15 other individuals have been identified as priorities for training/certification across the province.

### **Tentative Wheelchair Basketball Schedule**

- **September 2009** (TBD)– Canada Games Tryouts
- **December 2009** (TBD) – Canada Games Tryouts
- **January 22-24, 2010** – Ontario ParaSport Winter Games in Kingston.
- **February 2010** (TBD) – Canada Games Tryouts

**MANITOBA**

# **SASKATCHEWAN**



The province of Alberta has completed another successful year in all areas related to wheelchair sports. Our club base continues to thrive and we are very fortunate to have a wide variety of membership representation from across the province with an astounding array of talent on every level. All regions within the province are represented including: Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie and Red Deer.

Some challenges presented themselves to our Basketball community during the later part of the 2008 – 09 season. Our Men's, Women's and Junior Provincial Programs all suffered program regression due to the lack of players and grass root support to help foster proper regenerating growth. Strong steps were implemented throughout 2008 – 09 to address this issue and reinvigorate our programs. Alberta undertook a Basketball strategic planning session during the later part of October bringing together representation from within our entire basketball community. The session was facilitated by a strategic planning specialist from the Community Development branch of the Alberta Government. Identified within the planning session was the need to develop a standalone Wheelchair Basketball Alberta Leadership Team. The leadership team is comprised of club reps, coaches and key individuals. **(see attached Briefing document for a complete overview of Alberta's planned course of action for 2010)**

Alberta continues to be very fortunate in the areas of fundraising and sponsorship. WSA received an unprecedented level of support both in resource and financial from the Alberta Sport Recreation Parks & Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF), Alberta Gaming, Alberta Community Spirit Foundation and others.

WSA continued with coordination of the new Bridging the Gap program that was launched in 2008. Efforts towards initiating ongoing programming associated with the Bridging the Gap program was undertaken throughout 2009. Regional have-a-go days along with supporting weekly sessions have been setup in all regions of the province. WSA has been working closely with rehabilitation centers throughout Alberta to help bring the BTG program to fruition.

WSA continues to maintain strong support and partnership with several organizations and facilities located throughout the province. These include the Steadward Centre (Calgary & Edmonton), Canadian Paraplegic Association, Paralympic Sport Association, MS Society, U of A, U of C, Sait, MRC and Grande Prairie Regional College. Strong efforts have been made to re-ignite relationships with all special needs organizations throughout the province by initiating a strong presence at interagency meetings and special interest events.

In roads towards a strong awareness / promotional presence have been established with committee representation at the board level with the following organizations: Edmonton Sport Council, City of Edmonton, Community Services Advisory Board, SCI Alliance and Active Living – Physical Activity For All.

## 2008 - 2009 CWBL Alberta Division

This past season our conference/division included six teams comprised of: Lethbridge Steamers, Calgary Grizzlies, Calgary Rocky Mountain Rollers, Club 99 Saskatchewan, Regina, and the Grande Prairie Wolverines. Teams participated in 6 tournaments hosted throughout Alberta between December 2009 and April 2009. The Edmonton Inferno and Calgary Rollers were successful in gaining a spot to play at the CWBL women's final held in Montreal with the Calgary Rollers winning the Bronze Medal and the Edmonton Inferno taking the top spot on the podium winning gold.

On the men's side of things Club 99 from Saskatchewan proved to be a dominant force winning the league and going on to compete at the CWBL Open finals in Halifax. The Douglas College Royals successfully defended their CWBL Open Title by defeating the A.L. Gullison All Courts 55-49 in the championships game.

Congratulations to all teams on a fairly successful season.

### Jr West Regional Championships 2009

2009 Junior West Regional Championships held March 27-29, 2009 in Edmonton at Amiskwacyi Academy. The tournament was a great success with some strong competition throughout the weekend. BC, Manitoba and Saskatchewan (2 Teams) all registered teams. Congratulations to Manitoba on their tournament win.

CWBA congratulated WSA on raising the bar so high with the organization and running of the Jr West Tournament this year. Because of the very positive feedback they had from all provinces attending they have encouraged us to consider hosting the event in future years.

## 2009 - 2010 CWBL Alberta Division (Tentative)

Declared Teams:	Tournament Dates:
1. Lethbridge Steamers	Calgary Rollers - October 24 & 25, 2009
2. Calgary Rollers	Grande Prairie - November 21 & 22, 2009
3. Calgary Grizzlies	Lethbridge - December 5 & 6, 2009
4. Inferno/Lights	Edmonton - December 12 & 13, 2009
5. Grande Prairie Wolverines	Calgary Grizzlies - January 30 & 31, 2010

## Provincial Programs

New developments from within the wheelchair basketball community across the country have come to fruition throughout the year bringing with them several challenges. Most notable has been the developments within WBC, Alberta's provincial team programs and the national championships. The Wheelchair Basketball National Championships saw a restructuring take place late into the season with the cancellation of the Women's Tournament. Alberta has had some struggles finding low point female players to round out our team and program which has made for uncertain times when trying to structure a proper team. On the Men's side we had four key players drop out of the Provincial team/program late in the season causing us to not be able to field a suitable team to represent at National Championships. A new structure with proper program support needs to be established in order to foster new growth and developmental needs required to build a more sustainable grass root program that will feed our provincial and national

teams. Alberta has set a path under the guidance of the Alberta Basketball Leadership Team which came about from the Basketball strategic planning session that was held in October of 2008. Jamie Peers in consultation with the Alberta Basketball Leadership Team has graciously offered to develop a year round program that will run October through May and be tied into the existing CWBL structure. Provision will also be made to include summer leagues in both Edmonton and Calgary. The concept is to have regional camps approximately every 4 weeks. There is a strong need to combine efforts with all provincial and club programming emphasizing the priority to combine leagues, camps, developmental training opportunities into one aligned effort and schedule. These efforts will hopefully help bring Alberta back to the power it once was within the sport of wheelchair basketball.

## **Future Initiatives**

WSA will continue to coordinate and organize wheelchair basketball programs for the provincial men's, women's and junior teams under the guidance of the Wheelchair Basketball Alberta Leadership Team. WSA's focus for the up coming years will be on initiating a more integrated approach to provincial programs aligning the men, women and junior teams.

WSA will work closely with the revised Wheelchair Basketball Canada strategic plan incorporating many of it's initiatives by integrating those ideas into our own overall big picture direction(s).

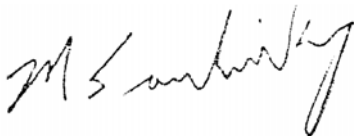
Coach and official development have been identified as a much neglected area of training in Alberta. It is WSA's hopes to initiate more opportunity to host developmental clinics for both coaches and officials.

Additional strategies will include developing partnerships in fund raising and sponsorship, the development and recruitment from grassroots to high performance athletes. BTG will remain an integral part of our overall recruitment strategy allowing for a more widespread approach to grass root development.

## **Conclusion**

I have know been with WSA for 2 years and have been enjoying the experience greatly. I have had the opportunity to meet several hard working, dedicated individuals from within the WBC family throughout Canada and Alberta. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those involved in the wheelchair basketball community at large and all those who have provided me with guidance and/or assistance in solidifying my transition into my current position as Executive Director with WSA. The future looks bright for wheelchair basketball in Alberta and I look forward to becoming an integral part of its ongoing development and vision.

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Sandomirsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Sandomirsky  
Executive Director



This briefing will provide you with a short summation of WSA's new tactical direction for wheelchair basketball and outline the process and sequences that went into the development of our new strategic plan, CWBL-AB Division structure and Provincial Team(s) developmental structure.

### Executive Summary:

Over the last couple of years wheelchair basketball in Alberta has started to experience a decline in participation. It has become evident that this is not unique to just Alberta but rather a universal decline within each province across the country. In order to address this decline and facilitate a long term plan to reinvigorate participation in Alberta and help grow the sport WSA has undertaken and implemented the following steps:

1. Provincial Wheelchair Basketball - Strategic Plan (Copy of Plan Attached)

Held in October 2008 / Facilitated by Alberta Community Culture & Community Spirit

Intent of the session was bring together representation from all WSA clubs to explore issues related to the operation of the basketball program in Alberta, review the past year's activities and develop a vision, mission and areas to focus on over the next 2 years.

Participants reflected on the past and current work of the organization and established a vision, mission, identified obstacles, developed areas of focus (goals) and suggested prioritized actions for the next year.

Plan is aligned with Wheelchair Basketball Canada's Strategic Plan

2. Formation of Wheelchair Basketball Alberta & Leadership Team

Joe Sask	Chairman	Grande Prairie
Lorna Shannon	Secretary	Calgary Grizzlies
Daryl Paustian	Treasurer	Edmonton Northern Lights
Lori Radke	Club Rep	Calgary Rollers
Carla Tritton	Club Rep	Edmonton Inferno
Kelly Sauerberg	Club Rep	Lethbridge
Christina Jones	WBC Rep	Wheelchair Basketball Cnd
Vlad Eshenko	Officials Rep	Wheelchair Basketball Cnd
Jamie Peers	Provincial Coordinator	WSA
Mike Sandomirsky	WSA Rep	WSA

As identified from the Strategic Planning Session – Wheelchair Basketball Alberta Society was put into place. A leadership team consisting of representatives from WSA, All Clubs, CWBA, Officials and Coaches was established. Budget formulated and integrated with WSA budget.

Monthly meetings held via conference call.

3. Provincial Team(s) Coordinator

Strategic Plan Identified need to have a provincial level coordinator to align all aspects of the basketball program(s) in Alberta into one streamlined initiative

Jamie Peers was approached and has agreed to facilitate this role

Jamie was tasked by the Leadership Team with developing a proposal that would align all aspects of wheelchair basketball development in Alberta

4. CWBL-AB integration with Provincial Programs – Proposal for New Direction

New proposal was developed that unifies CWBL-AB Division, All Provincial Team Programs, All Club Programs and provides a direction for future development from the grass root level through to High Performance.

Additional future phases of this plan are to include developmental opportunities for officials and coaches.

Proposal presents a bit of a departure from traditional CWBL structure to allow for more participation and development opportunities for any and all who are interested in wheelchair basketball.

5. BTG program integration – feeder system to clubs

BTG Have-A-Go days offered that include wheelchair basketball. Future HAG days are planned that focus entirely on wheelchair basketball.

Utilize prominent peer athletes from within the wheelchair basketball community for the delivery of HAG days (Ross Norton, Joanne Kelly, Chad Jassman, and Daniele Peers)

System of weekly programs is being developed that will include regular exposure to wheelchair basketball in both Edmonton & Calgary. Future locations to include Grande Prairie, Red Deer & Lethbridge.

6. Summer League(s) – Edmonton & Calgary

Edmonton Northern Lights weekly drop in program runs July – August

Calgary Weekly League runs June – August

**Conclusion:**

WSA has identified the need to be proactive with its leadership role in the overall development and revitalization of wheelchair basketball within the province. A concise vision that aligns all aspects of the various basketball programs in Alberta is needed if the sport is to see any kind of future growth. Our efforts, although not completed implemented at this stage, are a starting point towards a redesigned and realigned vision that has support from all levels of the sport within Alberta. WSA through the Wheelchair Basketball Alberta Leadership Team will be looking to Wheelchair Basketball Canada for future support both financially and in principle for this new initiative. A proposal for financial support is being developed and will be submitted to WBC in the near future.

Any questions regarding this summary should be directed to Mike Sandomirsky – Executive Director, Wheelchair Sports Alberta.

Year 2008-09 was well under way by the time I arrived (February 11) to substitute for Managing Director Carrie Linegar who was taking a maternity leave until March 2010. Shortly thereafter, Evan James was born on March 25, 2009 and continues to astound all and sundry with his gorgeous mop of long dark hair.



The BCWBS staff (Joe, Cheryl, Makiko, Debbie) was a tremendous help to me as well as Kathy Newman and the entire group of dedicated and friendly people in the BCWSA office. Carrie did leave me a long list of to-dos and I thank the BCWBS Board for their patience with me moving along seemingly always in catch up mode. Therefore, this document will be a short synopsis of the year as acknowledged in the BCWBS Newsletters.

### **PROGRAMMING**

**City League** - BCWBS was pleased to continue the City League, now named the Tim Frick League, in honour of retiring Douglas College instructor and National Women's Team coach, Tim Frick, with fall and winter sessions in 2008-09 in the lower mainland. The city league is an 8-10 week recreational league, where new players, juniors, and some seasoned retirees can develop their game skills and have some competitive fun. Participants were divided into 3 teams who participated in a series of games and skill development sessions each night with the league ending in a championship game. Thank-you to the BCWSA Bridging the Gap Program, People in Motion, and Rick Hansen Quality of Life Grant for supporting these great initiatives.

### **BC-CWBL**

Nine (9) teams competed in the 2008-2009 BC-CWBL season in 2 divisions which included a total of 7 tournaments:

Division 1: Douglas College Lions & Royals

Division 2: Oceanside Tsunami, Victoria, Kamloops & Prince George, BC Breakers, Okanagan Thunder, Vintage Cable Cars & Vancouver Hooligans.

Once again, teams paid a registration fee and BCWBS offered a travel subsidy and covered the major costs associated with hosting these tournaments and the provincial finals banquet and awards.

BC CWBL Finals were hosted at Douglas College. At the finals it was the Douglas College Royals with an 8-1 round robin record that took the Division 1 title 73-49 while the Kamloops Bull-Dawgs beat the Cable Cars 60-36 in the Division 2 Finals.



**08-09 Div 2 BC-CWBL Champs - Hooligans**

### **BC-CWBL Finals Tournament Awards**

#### **Division 1:**

**MVP** – Misty Thomas, Lions

#### **All-Stars:**

Erik Hagreeen, Royals  
 Roberto Molina, Royals  
 Jamie Borisoff, Lions  
 Bo Hedges, Royals  
 Sunera Samarakoon, Lions

#### **Division 2:**

**MVP** – Elisha Williams, Breakers

#### **All-Stars:**

Al Chartrand, Okanagan  
 Anthony Purcell, Hooligans  
 Scott Allen, Hooligans  
 Tony Golston, Victoria  
 Brian Dyck, Cable Cars

### **BC-CWBL League Awards**

#### **Fairplay Award:**

Div 1 – Anthony Purcell, Royals  
 Div 2 – Anthony Townsend, Nanaimo

#### **Most Improved Player:**

Div 1 – Avril Harris, Lions  
 Div 2 – Bryan Shore, Okanagan

#### **Leadership Award:**

Div 1 – Bo Hedges, Royals

#### **Rookie of the Year**

Div 2 – Makiko Harada, Breakers

**2009 CWBL Finals** – Halifax, (NS) The Douglas College Royals successfully defended their CWBL Open Title by defeating the A.L. Gullison All Courts 55-49 in the championships game Sunday. The Royals finish the tournament with a flawless 5-0 record and become the only team in league history to win back-to-back championships twice, having also won consecutive championships in 1996 and 1997. Bo Hedges was selected to the All-Star Team.

**Men' Provincial Team** –(Montreal, QC) – BC won their third straight wheelchair basketball National Championships Sunday in Montréal, defeating Québec 74-68 Sunday the Collège Édouard-Montpetit sport centre. Along with their gold medals BC captures the Robert W. Jackson Trophy as top team in the country while Team Ontario took third place. In preparation for the Nationals, the BC men participated in Defi Sportif losing 7-60 to Team Quebec in the final.

**Women's Provincial Team** – The BCWBS Women visited Montreal to compete in 'The Best Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in North America', the revered Defi Sportif. For the women, it represented CWBL Women's Nationals, and the four best teams from around the country were in attendance: the Breakers, Calgary Rollers, Edmonton Inferno and the Quebec provincial team. In the Gold Medal highlight match, the Breakers were matched up with Coach Corrigan's old club team, and BC rival, the Edmonton Inferno eventually losing 58 – 44.

**Junior Wheelchair Basketball Challenge** - The BC Thunder claimed the victory in the 10 ft divisions two years in a row while Jr. Sonics from Seattle became the overall winner in 8 ½ ft divisions of the 2008 Junior Wheelchair Basketball Challenge. The tournament took place November 15 & 16th at McRoberts Secondary School with over 75 players and coaches around BC and Seattle, over 20 volunteer McRoberts Leadership students and a gym full of enthusiastic parents and supporters watching the games. Special thanks to the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion, the Province of BC, KidSport Canada, WestJet, Save On Foods, Holiday Inn Express, Panago Pizza, and the McRoberts Leadership Class for making the 9th Annual Junior tournament possible. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the community to continue to host this fantastic event!

**Mini-Basket Festival** - Junior players from across the province gathered at Sullivan Heights Secondary School in Surrey for Minifest, a fun-filled two days of wheelchair basketball that saw juniors play in two divisions: one division for the standard 10 foot hoop, and the second division for budding 8.5 foot hoop enthusiasts. For many, this is the conclusion of their wheelchair basketball season and gives them the opportunity to measure their improvement, and share games and skill sessions with their friends from other junior programs. It is great to see so many new faces at this event. I am sure this is a reflection of our growing junior program opportunities and our enthusiastic group of junior coaches.

For some, this camp provided exposure to the classification process and furthered their understanding of how it impacts the individual and the team. Star power was evident throughout the weekend, but especially at lunch time where guest-speakers Patrick Anderson and Bo Hedges from the Men's National Team were on hand to inspire the future.

**National Team Programs** - Congratulations to the following BCWBS athletes for their selection to the National Team; Women – Janet McLachlan, Nancy Lafleche, Jessica DesMazes  
Men – Bo Hedges, Richard Peter, Ross MacDonald.

## **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Growth and development of wheelchair basketball programs continues around BC. BCWBS assists in the development of BCWBS clubs through our regional grant program, through administration support for projects and initiatives, as well as coaching support with our provincial and regional representatives through the IPS Coaching System.

**Kelowna Wheelchair Basketball Jamboree** – Joe Higgins was the impetus for the first annual Kelowna Jamboree which saw players arrive from all over Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest on April 18. There were over 60 players who participated in a variety of themed games where the players were divided into two levels, each group having the opportunity to have new team mates, opponents, and coaches. By all accounts this jamboree concept was a resounding success.

**School Programs** – Staffers (Joe, Cheryl, Makiko) conducted several school programs around the Province this past year using chairs donated by the Rick Hansen Foundation. This level of support is vital for the amplification of the sport in that able bodied students can now join their disabled friends on the basketball court. Requests continue to come in from schools and the problem may be one of success...where to get the time and the staff to conduct these school demos.

**Give It A Go Program** – The Give It A Go program has been extremely successful in allowing new participants to try the game. The inclusive nature of wheelchair basketball players of all calibres ensures that the neophyte has a first successful experience with the sport which is so important to a beginners. Good job coaches and athletes.

## **COACHING DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Provincial and Regional Coach Positions - Integrated Performance System***

The Integrated Performance System which is a vertically integrated system of paid coaches and program support at the regional, provincial and national team level continued in BC this past season. Through this program BCWBS employed Cheryl Corrigan as a full-time Provincial Coach and also supported regional coaches Pat Harris, Mark Cormack, and Joe Higgins as part time regional coaches in Northern BC, Okanagan and Greater Vancouver. These coaches benefited from a series of professional development opportunities and engaged in program development initiatives in each of their respective regions as described above.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

BCWBS continues to produce the 'Net'Work Newsletter in print and on-line 3x per year for our membership and community supporters as well as support our website at [www.bcwbs.ca](http://www.bcwbs.ca).

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Wheels In Motion** – On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the BCWBS staff joined the WIM group to demonstrate wheelchair basketball to the crowd. As well, people got to try out the chairs, shoot a few hoops and generally have fun. Rick Hansen's "Wheels in Motion" is an event that goes a long way to supporting the work of groups such as Tetra, BC Wheelchair Sports, the BC Paraplegic Association, Neil Squire Society and other organizations providing community-level programs for people with spinal cord injury and other forms of physical disabilities.

**BCWBS To Host 2010 CWBL Championships** – The BCWBS is proud to announce that we were awarded the hosting of the 2010 CWBL Championships. The event will take place as follows:

DATE: April 2-3-4, 2010

VENUES: April 2-3 at Pinetree CC in Coquitlam

April 4 at Douglas College in New Westminster

HOTEL: Inn at the Quay in New Westminster

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- The BCWBS Annual Awards were presented at the BC-CWBL Finals in March 2009. The awards, in recognition of contributions made to wheelchair basketball in BC, were as follows: Junior Athlete of the Year – Matthew Ficocelli, Kelowna; Female Athlete of the Year – Shira Golden, Vancouver; Male Athlete of the Year – Patrick Anderson, Vancouver; Coach of the Year – Marni Abbott-Peter, Vancouver; Volunteer of the Year – Dean Brokop; Official of the Year – Fred Gunn, Vancouver; and Outstanding Community Support Award – The Tong Louie Surrey Family YMCA.
- The Dueck Powerglides Wheelchair Basketball Team was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame and the Basketball BC Hall of Fame.
- BCWBS Athlete Patrick Anderson was named CWBA Male Athlete of the Year while Coach Marni Abbott-Peter was named CWBA Coach of the Year.

### **FUNDRAISING**

**Hoopfest 2008** - Hoopfest 2009 was held on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at Cambie Secondary School in Richmond and was a great success, raising over \$10,000 to support wheelchair basketball programs across BC.

Firefighters from municipalities across the Lower Mainland once again were the primary participants in Hoopfest. Teams representing Burnaby Firefighters, Surrey Firefighters, Delta Firefighters, Vancouver Firefighters, Coquitlam Firefighters, Richmond Firefighters and Team Ate (local team of community players) battled throughout the day.

**Grants** – BCWBS has been successful in accessing a variety of grants as highlighted in the programming and equipment sections as well as from the Province of BC in support of our BC-CWBL, CWBL Finals, Junior, Women's, Communication, and High Performance programs through the Direct Access Program; the Rick Hansen Foundation BC Community Neurotrauma Grant, Key Initiatives Grant, as well as many Quality of Life Grants; PacificSport Integrated Performance System funding; and many special project grants. Thank you all for your outstanding support of wheelchair basketball in BC!

**Xentel DM** – BCWBS engages in a telemarketing donations program to support its programs and activities. We are very thankful for the continued support of our many individual and organizational donors.

### **EQUIPMENT**

BCWBS continues to manage a wheelchair loan program for BCWBS members and continues to access funds for the purchase of additional sport wheelchairs.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

**BC Wheelchair Sports Association** – BCWBS is a member of BCWSA and receives many services including financial grant support, access to the provincial Athlete Assistance Program, the Bridging the Gap Program, and more.

**Douglas College** – continues to provide incredible support to wheelchair basketball in their athletic program with access to practice facilities, hosting of tournaments and camps and so much more.

**Canadian Sport Centre Pacific** – wheelchair basketball continued as a sport partner of PacificSport through the Integrated Performance System and sport services for our provincial and nationally targeted athletes.

**Basketball BC** – BCWBS is a liaison member of the Basketball BC (BBC) Board of Directors. Basketball BC is a great supporter of wheelchair basketball in our province.

**Panago Pizza** – is the official pizza of BCWBS providing pizza and prizing to many of our programs and special events.

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# **Wheelchair Basketball Canada**

## **2009 Women's Program Head Coach's Report**

### Women's Program Head Coach's Report

It is an exciting time for the Women's program as we have experienced much turnover recently. Not only do we have a new coach in place, but we also have 6 of our Senior-carded athletes who have yet to attend a World Championship. In light of the Program's disappointing Paralympics, we have revisited and redefined our training habits, reporting mechanisms and fitness program, as well as significantly changing our style of play. Much of the infrastructure to facilitate this change has already been implemented, with the rest to follow in the coming weeks.

With the arrival of a new Head Coach there has also been some turnover in terms of IST and Support Coaching personnel. I believe we have some very good people in place already, and I am hoping to finalize our streamlined, efficient support team in the near future.

We have put together a schedule that includes many games with top 4 competition as well as games with other young, up and coming teams. In addition to these games we have many training opportunities scheduled for our group as well as opportunities for our coaches to observe other teams in action at events such as the European Championships for Women. In short, it will be a very busy time for our program as there really is no such thing as an "off-year" in sport at this level.

We have strong podium potential for 2010 and 2012 and it would be shocking if we are not able to achieve that target.

### Senior and Espoir Camps, Competitions and Events

U of Alabama Invitational and Training Camp (Dec 2008) (Esp)

Osaka Cup Friendship Games (Feb 2009)

Selection Camp (Montreal) (May 2009)

Training camp (Winnipeg) (June 2009)

Four Nations Challenge and training camp (Ottawa) (July 2009)

3 Nation Test Series and training camp (Germany) (August 2009)

Sport Science Camp (Vancouver) (October 2009)

Regional Training Camps (Fall and Winter 2009)

## Summary

We continue to be able to provide AAP carding for Senior and development (Espoir) athletes. We were able to provide the Espoir players with a number of international competitive opportunities.

The Road to Excellence program has provided additional funds for Senior and Espoir athletes

Our program has an excellent integrated support team which is undergoing a continuing evaluation and streamlining process.

The Regional Training Centres should be up and running this fall. These will be coordinated with our Men's Program to facilitate quality daily training opportunities for our Program athletes.

A tournament for Young Women (Under 25) is scheduled for this summer in Germany and we will be attending. This could be a crucial step in the development of a World Championship for Junior Women, a concept this Program has endorsed for a long time.

With the help of funding from Road to Excellence we now have the capacity to formalize a Head-Coaching position for the Espoir Program. This is exciting as it will allow for further attention to the training and development of our newer athletes

# **Wheelchair Basketball Canada**

## **2009 Men's Program Head Coach's Report**

### **1. Training and Competition Overview**

- a. Toronto IST testing camp in November 2008. RTE funding for IST testing enabled us to have a camp solely dedicated to sport testing. It was held at the Canadian Sport Centre – Ontario (CSC-ON). 8 of our senior team members were present along with a handful of juniors. Our senior members playing overseas were not required to attend this 3 day session. Benchmark testing was performed in a variety of skills along with some physiological data such as V02 Max and body composition. In initiating our “culture of fitness” the data will form a basis for comparison and evaluation for the future. From this testing 4 benchmark tests were adopted with 4 more in development. The tests can then be rolled out nationally at identification camps. CSC-ON had purchased a treadmill specific to our needs (wheelchair capable) and testing continues on how to best utilize this technology. A report of the findings was produced by CSC-ON and forms a comparison baseline for future results.
- b. University of Illinois training/competition in January 2009. Playing the University of Illinois gave us an opportunity to play against one of the top college teams in the United States and familiarize ourselves with the US style of play. With the folding of Division I in the NWBA, the College Division of the NWBA may offer the next best competitive opportunity for our athletes. We will have to determine whether it is competitively appropriate and cost effective to schedule competitions against these teams in the future. At this tournament we lost all our games by close scores. The fitness advantage that the U of I players enjoyed was too much to overcome. This advantage manifested itself in their players almost always having better chair skills than us thereby allowing them to control us positionally. It became evident that a more patient, controlled style of play needed to be adopted. Changes were made to establish this style of play. Our last game was very competitive even though we had lost our best player (Joe Johnson returned home a day early). This helped form a basis for changes to come. The experience did serve as a great learning opportunity.
- c. Montreal Selection Camp in May 2009. As has been the case in the recent years, this was an invitation only camp. The camp was conducted in this manner for two reasons primarily. First, in order to make the best use of a limited budget, only those athletes with a legitimate chance of making the team or those athletes with potential for the junior team (while still being competitive with senior level athletes) were invited. Second, in order to focus our instruction and ensure a quality selection camp, we limited the number of athletes. In preparation for this camp I travelled to a number of tournaments around Canada to make sure all of the best candidates available. For anyone I may have missed I invited athletes to send me video of themselves in action along with a recommendation from their club coach.
- d. St. Catherines Brock University training/competition camp in June 2009. This camp was the first camp after selection with all of the senior team members in

attendance so it could give the coaching staff and team a chance to do focused instruction on the different systems we would be using. Also, the camp provided us with an opportunity to continue to collect baseline information on the athletes' physiology. Present at this camp for the competition portion was the Netherlands national team and a team of Ontario all-stars led by Patrick Anderson. We asked Pat to participate as a way of "giving back" to the program after his many years of participation. We plan on making this a program fixture (with other athletes) in the future. The lessons learned from the U of I competition in January were put into place. We worked on chair skills to improve our defense positioning and offensive picking. Emphasis was placed on patience and ball movement. Mainly we were successful winning 4 of the 5 games played. The one game we lost was by 1 point. On the whole the players came to realize the style of play we will need to adopt to be successful in the future. For the physical testing portion the IST team took half a day for more physiological testing based on the prior established protocols. The athletes also attended a treadmill session in nearby Burlington with Kelly Lockwood, sport bio-mechanist. A Brock University professor, she works extensively with pro athletes. She initiated a study of our pushing mechanics via video and Dartfish.

- e. Sydney, Australia competition in July 2009. As I write this we are in preparation to leave for Australia. We will play two tournaments. The first one in Sydney will be against the national teams of Australia, Great Britain and Japan. We then move on to Canberra to play just against Australia and Great Britain. These competitions include the wheelchair basketball medalists at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics and are big news in Australia. The games will be on national television. Given the caliber of the teams involved I expect our team to come under great competitive stress. This is inevitable as we have lost to retirement two players who were the best in the world in their class, Pat Anderson and Jaimie Borisoff. The advantage is that these tournaments will expose our areas for future improvement. This will allow us to better prepare and adjust some of our training over the coming month (in preparation for the Americas Qualifier in late August) and year (in preparation for the 2010 World Championships).
- f. Vancouver Americas Qualifier in August 2009. This competition is to determine which teams go on to the 2010 World Championships in Birmingham, England. The top 3 finishers qualify and our goal is to be in the championship game against the U.S.A. This will provide the first test of how well the players have learned and adapted from any lessons learned in Australia a short time before. We will have time to review and work on our areas of emphasis as we will be staging 3 days prior to this competition in the Vancouver area.
- g. IST Seasonal Testing in November 2009. As we close out this year and if RTE funding is still available we will endeavor to have another testing camp in November as we did the prior November. This will help to reinforce with our athletes our "culture of fitness" commitment. Moving forward this will be of great interest to the program coaches and the people at RTE. This will also give us a chance to complete a comparison of how far we have come, physiologically, in a year as we would have the prior year's comparison data.

## **2. Program Overview**

Our silver medal finish at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics has maintained our position as having one of the top programs in the world. To maintain this standing a few areas of emphasis need to be further developed.

The program lacks athlete depth overall. Key retirements are expected in the next few years. The core group of athletes that have brought us our success over the last three Paralympics are slowly leaving. A priority in the senior men's program will be the recruitment, identification and development of the large pool of athletes needed to maintain the senior men's national program as a power in the world.

A key component of the above point is also the recruitment, identification and development of coaches and integrated support team (IST) personnel. To this end, regional training opportunities need to be developed to provide aspiring athletes with quality daily training opportunities irrespective of their location in Canada. The establishment of these Regional Training Centres (RTC) with local personnel to run them will be paramount.

To remain a leader in wheelchair basketball worldwide, a greater emphasis needs to be placed on sport research via our IST personnel. We started this past year but the program need to be further developed with "experts in their field" found, consulted and contracted to help us.

Finally, our athletes are aging and beginning to retire, this particular generation of athletes has a unique body of knowledge that will help other developing athletes. In order to take advantage of this knowledge, we should develop transition strategies that keep these athletes involved with the national or RTC programs in order to maximize our resources.

Jerry Tonello

# **JUNIOR MEN ANNUAL REPORT**

**Women's National Team Program**  
**2009 Annual Report**  
Submitted by Tara Feser and Janet McLachlan

The Women's National Team Program would first like to thank the Board of Directors and the WBC staff for their continued support of the Women's National Program. After our disappointing 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics, the women's program has committed to making some changes in order to increase our standings in the future. We are thankful for all the support we have had thus far and continue to receive.

The new team selected in May 2009 has committed to be a team that is fitter, faster, and more agile. This commitment will be reflected in open court systems presented by the new coaching staff and we all look forward to learning something fresh and innovative about the game we already love. As 2009 is considered an "off year", due to the absence of a World Cup or a Paralympic Games, the Women's Program has a more "training focused" scheduled planned.

Following Beijing, the women's program sent a development squad down South to visit some of their teammates for a training camp in Alabama, as a close to the 2008 calendar year. They were welcomed with open arms and were able to have a good camp that finished off with a tournament against US women's teams.

To start off 2009, Bill Johnson launched his head-coaching career by holding a training camp in Vancouver before taking a team to the Osaka women's tournament in Japan. The Osaka team was a blend of current senior carded athletes and developing athletes. The team came together nicely, and while the ladies lost two games they were the only team to beat the eventual tournament winners, Australia, during the round robin. Canada ended up winning the bronze medal in a match versus the United States, with Japan taking the silver medal after losing to the Australians.

The Women's National Program selection camp was held in May this year, in Montreal, after the Men's National Championships. Twenty-five athletes competed for twelve senior spots and the Espoir positions. The high intensity selection camp again highlighted the wide range of talented and competitive athletes that we have in Canada.

The first scheduled event for the newly selected team was a training camp in June, in Winnipeg. This was a high intensity four day camp that involved the senior team as well as members of the Espoir team. The team worked on their new systems and got to practice the new style of play that was unveiled at the 2009 selection camp. It was a very positive camp and will guide the team perfectly into the upcoming 2009 summer competitions.

The summer and fall of 2009 hold a series of competitions and training camps for the Women's Program to help us prepare for the World Championships in 2010. In July, the team will have a two week international competition and training camp in Ottawa. Following this, in August, the National Program will be sending the senior team, as well as an under twenty-five team, to Germany, to compete in a series of international competitions. In the fall the Women's Program will meet again at a sports science camp in Vancouver, in addition to

several regional camps through out the country. With all the training and competition opportunities planned for 2009 the team is looking forward to practicing the new high intensity, fast pace, full court systems.

In closing, we would just like to take this opportunity to acknowledge two very important athletes who have retired after long careers with the Women's Program; Jennifer Krempien and Lori Radke. Jennifer has been with the Women's National Team since 1992, and Lori since 1994. Both continue to play basketball on their local teams, and both have decided to contribute back to the sport by sitting on the Board of Directors for WBC and being the Women's Commissioner, respectively. The team wishes them both all the success in their future endeavors, and would like to thank them for their contributions to the program over the many years that they have been involved.

## **Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 Men's Athlete Report**

The Canadian Men's team is doing well so far this year. We have had good camps and will have some good competitions through the summer to prepare us for the Zone qualifier. It will allow our new members to gain needed experience and get up to speed for the event.

Coach Jerry Tonello has made it clear what he expects from us and guys are working hard to meet these expectations. He instituted some new ideas and systems at our Illinois training camp in January and after our St. Catherine's camp you could see that all the guys are learning what they need to do. The guys are buying into the system and coming together as a team.

We have also been doing more physical testing over the past year. It does take some time, but we can see the value in it for the future of our program.

Sincerely,

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