

Meet Coordinator's Report 2007-2008 Season

The Ottawa Pacers were awarded four (4) meets plus one long track camp this season. Due to the warm winter weather the Masters meet was cancelled

October 13-14 2007: 1st Eastern Regional Ability Meet at The Bell Sensplex

(OSSA and SSC sanctioned)

2005: 153 athletes participated Profit of \$1,953.31
2006: 201 athletes participated, from 14 clubs Profit of \$3,813.14
2007: 184 athletes participated from 12 clubs Profit \$3213.89

Long Track Camp January 5-6 008

Held at Brewer Oval 105 athletes registered 101 participated
Organized by Gerry Harrington with input and expertise from an additional 9 coaches.
Warm weather on Sunday brought an early close to the camp at 1100 .
Hot lunch and snacks were provided and organized by Leslie Derro
Insurance was obtained thru OSSA
Profit \$4707.25

Masters Meet January 12 2008 cancelled/no ice

Following a complete melt down of the Brewer Oval the second week of January , a lot of effort and volunteer hours made it possible to host a successful Provincial meet with near perfect ice and weather conditions

January 19-20 2008: Provincial Mass Start and Olympic Style Championships

(OSSA and SSC Sanctioned)

The long track meet held at Brewer Park is a traditional event for the Ottawa Pacers. We alternate between hosting a regular long track meet the second week in January and the Provincial Long Track Meet, with the Sault Saint Marie club.

2004: 145 athletes attended
2005: 87 athletes attended
2006: 89 athletes attended
2007: 148 athletes from 14 clubs registered
2008: 107 athletes attended from 12 clubs Profit \$2871.29

16 unofficial records were set
concerns raised with OSSA re the \$770.00 cost of provincial medals purchased thru OSSA

March 22-23 2008 Regional and Masters Short Track Championships

(OSSA and SSC sanctioned)

2008: 157 athletes attended Profit of \$2080.22
Masters set 3 unofficial records.
Food donations were solicited and received from neighbouring establishments

- During both short track meets held at the Bell Sensplex, the weekend rink staff and Stanley's restaurant staff were very accommodating.
- The Ottawa Pacers appreciate the ongoing support of The Gloucester Concorde through the loan of equipment and volunteers during the Pacers hosted competitions and throughout the season.
- The mentoring in various positions was ongoing during the season. The Ottawa Pacers engaged in mentoring the following positions: meet coordinator, clerk of course, recorder, announcer, and lap counter.
- Mentoring with outside club members continued for, referee and lap counter. It is important to maintain this mentoring program to have qualified officials to continue to run successful meets and for succession planning purposes. .

Recommendations for next season.

- Ensure that every contact with The Bell Sensplex staff and management is done in writing and well in advance of the actual event being planned.
- Obtain a contract from the Bell SensPlex prior to scheduled events.-
- Purchase of 8 new mats, to enable that all of the mats are doubled during the competitions as recommended by the referee.
- Continue mentoring program.
 Discuss with Rick Hunt the changes required to make the long track registration form user friendly.
 Research options to eliminate some trailer usage at the Brewer Oval
 Participation from all members for food donations

Thank you

Thank you to the great team of volunteers and officials that worked hard every step of the way to ensure that the competitions were pleasant and safe for all of the athletes. I look forward to working with you again next year and to another successful speed skating season.

Kathie Gauthier