



MEET COORDINATOR'S REPORT

2009 - 2010 Annual General Meeting
Pacers Speed Skating Club of Ottawa

7:00 - 9:00 PM
Ottawa Citizen Conference Room, 1101 Baxter Road
Ottawa, Ontario

This season, the Ottawa Pacers were awarded two (2) meets and hosted one long track camp.

October 24-25, 2009

"2nd Eastern Regional Ability Meet" (Bell Sensplex)

- Sanctioned by OSSA; track surveyed and marked on October 8th
- 2005: 153 athletes participated
- 2006: 201 athletes participated (14 clubs)
- 2007: 184 athletes participated (12 clubs)
- 2008: 158 athletes participated (10 clubs)
- 2009: 129 athletes participated (7 clubs)

Roger Neilson room was double booked by the Sensplex management which caused great difficulties for our kitchen coordinators Maureen Young and Olga Gervais. Sensplex staff was very accommodating and set us up in the soccer dome on Saturday and in the restaurant on Sunday.

The Starter's clinic was held in Ottawa with some practical experience being done at the meet on Sunday.

January 02-03 2010

“Long Track Training Camp” (Brewer Oval)

OSSA scheduled only 3 ST ability meets in January to encourage LT participation. The camp was organized by Gerry Harrington and was well attended with 91 skaters and 12 coaches participating. Weather was good with ice conditions improving over the weekend. Hot food and snacks were provided to the athletes and coaching staff. Hot meals were donated by the membership and snacks and sandwich fixings were purchased and assembled on site.

Registration fee was increased to \$65.00

2008: 101 athletes

2009: 63 athletes

2010: 91 athletes

January 23-24 2010

“Ontario Provincial Long Track Mass Start and Olympic Style Meet”

The long track competition held at the Brewer Skate Park is a long established event for the Ottawa Pacers Speed Skating Club. The Pacers alternate annually between hosting a regular long track meet and the Provincial Long Track meet with the Sault Saint Marie Club.

Track surveyed and marked on January 18

- 2004: 145 athletes attended
- 2005: 87 athletes attended
- 2006: 89 athletes attended
- 2007: 148 athletes from 14 clubs registered (no ice)
- 2008: 107 athletes from 12 clubs attended
- 2009: 101 athletes from 12 clubs attended
- 2010: 83 athletes from 13 clubs attended

- Weather Saturday -5 and -1 on Sunday
- Ice conditions and weather were near perfect!!!!
- The event was sanctioned by OSSA and SSC

Season Highlights

- The Ottawa Pacers appreciate the ongoing support of The Gloucester Concordes through the loan of equipment and the many parents who volunteer during the competitions hosted by the Pacers.
- The mentoring in various positions was ongoing during the season. The Ottawa Pacers engaged in mentoring the following positions:
 - referee
 - meet recorder
 - chief judge
 - lap counter
 - long track starter

It is important to maintain this mentoring program to have qualified officials to continue to run successful meets and for succession planning purposes. .

Recommendation from 2008-2009 seasons

- Purchase of 8 new mats so that all of the mats are doubled during the competitions as recommended by the referee. **(outstanding) from 2007-2008**
- October 04-05 is too early in the season to host a meet. **Completed booked Oct 24-25**
- Will bid for a two-day meet later in October. **Completed**
- Would like to host coaches Long Track meeting at the Brewer Oval in 2010. **completed; successful**
- Will need to reassess trailer assignment for Long Track. Food trailer for officials was too crowded and electrical breaker kept jumping. **Electrical issue resolved.**
- Food for the Officials at the Long Track Meet was taken away too early. Officials are cold and tired during the long days and need food and beverages available until the end of the day. **Food access remained until end of competition**
- Tweaking of the long track registration form is ongoing. **Ongoing**

Recommendation from 2009-2010 season

- Confirm with the Sensplex 6 weeks and again two weeks prior to meet to ensure no issues with booking, including Roger Neilson room
- Have two pathways plowed across the interior of the oval to provide easier access for officials and coaches
- Create a new club registration list for the long track competition. This will hopefully make things easier for the recorders.
- Need to job shadow clerk of course and meet coordinators positions this season.

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
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