Hello Members,

Here are the latest OSSA news updates. If you have difficulty reading this message it can be viewed at speedskatingontario.org under the email news archive. Meet information and entry forms can be found at the end of this message.

- Don't forget: OSSA members are invited to an open house! On November 13th members of the Board of Directors as well as OSSA Staff will be hosting an Open House in conjunction with the Brampton Club at Western Regional #2 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Members are encouraged to come meet the Board and Staff members present and ask any questions they may have about OSSA and skating in general. We hope to see you there!
- Special Olympics Skaters invited to OSSA Regional Meets! Any Special Olympic Skaters looking for some meets
 to attend in preparation for the Provincial Championships being held in Thunder Bay in January are invited to
 skate at Eastern Regional #2 in Kingston and Eastern Regional #3 in Markham. We will let you know if more
 opportunities become available.
- There are tentative plans for a level 1 officials clinic at the <u>Bob MacQuarrie Complex</u> (1490 Youville Dr, Orleans) on November 20th. More details will be available soon, but if you are interested in participating in the clinic please <u>email the Officials Development Committee</u> to let them know.
- Interested in skating at Canada Cup #1? You can find the <u>entry form</u> on <u>Speed Skating Canada's website</u> and then send it to OSSA by November 17th for branch entry.
- There is a long track pre-CanAm camp being held in Calgary. Those interested in attending can view the <u>information and the entry form</u>.
- <u>The Toronto Cyclones</u> have been awarded a <u>Fesitvals on Ice Grant</u> from <u>Speed Skating Canada</u>. Toronto has done a great job promoting their club and speed skating and continually look for more ways to grow their club. Toronto also received a \$1000 donation from Intact Insurance. Well done Cyclones!
- Earlier in October the new <u>Speed Skating Canada</u> CEO John-Paul Cody-Cox spoke with OSSA President Graham Wilkins and he indicated that he is hoping to get out to an event in Ontario in the near future to meet some of our skaters and volunteers. Be sure to say hello if you see him!
- Minutes from the most recent Technical Committee meeting are now available.
- Speed Skating Canada has released the <u>2010-11 Masters Competition Bulletin</u>.

Calling All Volunteers!

The time has come to start to transition the duties of electronic timekeeping to a new generation of skater parents. Hugh Morrison has had this duty for a long time and this is the season where we need to see Hugh training a new team and ensuring that OSSA has the right resources in place for future seasons. His countless hours of volunteer time and effort will be missed, but as Keri continues to rise to new heights, Hugh logically wants to be there to support her.

We would like to build electronic timing teams in the East and West of the Province. Ideally the

volunteers will be parents of skaters who regularly skate at the Gold - Ontario Cup level as it is OSSA's goal that all Gold and Platinum meets will have electronic timing in place in order that these times can be used for ranking purposes to more senior level meets.

The equipment requires careful set-up and take-down and its operation requires an attention to detail and a willingness to be completely impartial. The time dedication at a meet would see the team being at the arena early on the Saturday setting up and a bit later on Sunday tearing down.

This is an excellent way for parents to get involved in the sport who enjoy the technical side of life and who have been looking for something to volunteer for that won't see them pushing mats or filling buckets of water!

If you are interested, please send an <u>email to OSSA</u> letting us know that you would like to be considered and what club you represent. We will then work to put some teams together and organize training sessions at the earlier Gold level meets this season with Hugh.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our sport!

Our skaters in the news: "Miller peaks at right time":

Dustin Miller knew the time was now. In a post-Olympic year, Speed Skating Canada decided it was time to expose some younger skaters, targeted for 2014, to international competition at this season's World Cup events.

Be sure to <u>send us a note</u> if you spot an Ontario skater in the news!



The following meet information and registration forms are now available on our website:

- Eastern Regional #2, Kingston 11-13-10
- Western Regional #2 Brampton 11-13-10
- Western Regional #3 Milton 12-4-10 Ontario Cup
 #2 Clarington 12-11-10
- Ontario Cup #2 Belleville 01-22-11

Please check our online events calendar often for more forms as they are posted.

Results:

- Western Regional #1 London 10-16-10
- Eastern Regional #1 Ottawa 10-23-10
- Ontario Cup #1 Cambridge 11-6-10

If you use Google calendars you can also access various OSSA generated calendars at the following addresses:

- <u>In province racing</u> Regional meets, Ontario Cups, etc.
- Out of province racing Canada Cups, FPVQ races, etc.
- <u>Administration Calendar</u> Committee meeting schedules, office closures, etc.

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