



**BC Coast  
Region**

# **2023-2024 Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday April 9, 2024**

**North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex  
Surrey, BC**

## **Meeting Package**

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# **BC Coast Region Annual General Meeting Agenda**



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Tuesday April 9, 2024  
North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex  
10950-126a Street, Surrey  
7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – A. Clarke
2. Awards Presentations – A. Clarke
3. Guest Speakers – W. Chiu and K. Murphy
- Break
4. Call to Order – A. Clarke
  - a. Report as to Quorum – K. Adams
  - b. Reading of the Notice of Meeting – K. Adams
  - c. Report on Proper Notice of Meeting – K. Adams
5. Approval of Agenda – A. Clarke
6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting – A. Clarke
7. Financial Report – L. Prendergast
8. Director and Committee Reports
9. BC/YT Section Report – H. Quick/B. Davie
10. Election of Directors and Officers – K. Gordon
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

# BC Coast Region Annual General Meeting Minutes



Tuesday April 11, 2023  
Trout Lake Community Centre, Vancouver  
7:00 PM

**Directors In Attendance:** K. Adams, A. Clarke, K. Gordon, C. Halley, J. Lum, L. Prendergast, E. Swinburnson, M. Towstyka

Regrets: V. Chengtan, H. Quick, D. Williams

**Administrator/Guests in Attendance:** L. Oxland, J. Chapelski

**Clubs in Attendance:** Abbotsford SC, Aldergrove SC, Burnaby SC, Champs Int'l SC of BC, Cloverdale SC, Connaught SC, Coquitlam SC, Delta SC, Grandview SC, Inlet SC, Langley SC, Kerrisdale FSC, Killarney SC, Mission FSC, Newton SC, N. Surrey SC, Skate Sea2Sky SC, Sungod SC, Sunset FSC, Vancouver SC, Whistler SC, White Rock South Surrey SC

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – A. Clarke
  - A. Clarke welcomed all attendees to the BCCR AGM at 7:08 PM
2. Awards Presentations – A. Clarke
  - A. Clarke and L. Prendergast presented awards to all BC Coast Region Winners
  - See attached list.
3. Guest Speaker – J. Chapelski
  - J. Chapelski spoke to 'Inclusivity in Sport' – Special Olympics – SOBC provides low barrier, low cost for people identifying as having an Intellectual Disability. Offer 32 sports, all over the world, from Grassroots to Olympics. The SO program is run by volunteers and volunteer Coaches – most coaches are Skate Canada certified Coaches. Success is greatest when SO skaters are welcomed onto mainstream sessions. Do not need dedicated SO ice time. Can be run on mainstream sessions. Skate Canada promoting Adaptive Skating within the Club – physical disabilities and intellectual disabilities.

*Break – meet and greet.*

4. Call to Order – A. Clarke
  - A. Clarke called the meeting to order at 8:17 PM

- Report as to Quorum – K. Adams
    - K. Adams reported that quorum was met – Required:8 Clubs / 5 Board Members – **13** clubs in attendance – **29** participants
  - Reading of the Notice of Meeting – K. Adams
    - K. Adams read the Notice of Meeting
  - Report on Proper Notice of Meeting – A. Clarke
    - A. Clarke confirmed Notice of Meeting was emailed to all Member Clubs and posted to BCCR website on March 3, 2023
5. Approval of Agenda – A. Clarke
- **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda and Amendments as necessary.
  - **MOVED** by J. Milne; **SECONDED** by C. Webster; **CARRIED**
6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting – A. Clarke
- **MOTION** to accept the minutes as presented
  - **MOVED** by K. Gordon; **SECONDED** by M. Melnychuk; **CARRIED**
7. Correspondence – A. Clarke
- BC/YK Section report submitted by D. Williams
  - **Assessments**
    - All STAR 6 to Gold Assessments are to continue going through the Section Office. Requests must be submitted 4 weeks prior the requested assessment day. We will be reviewing this process in the summer to decide if assessment requests will continue this way.
    - Assessments days do not need to take place on separate ice they can take place on club sessions.
    - Please submit more than one date when submitting your request in case we cannot find an evaluator.
  - **General Club Reminders**
    - To register all members with Skate Canada
    - To register your club/skating school with Skate Canada
    - To register all officials and Board Members with Skate Canada
    - Reminder there is a Skate Canada Concussion App. We encourage all Clubs, Coaches, Skaters and Parents to Download it. It has very valuable education and training for identifying and treating concussions. Search Skate Canada Concussion.
    - Skate Canada Safe Sport Website. [Skate-Safe.ca](https://www.skate-safe.ca)
    - [Skate Canada has lots of great resources on EDI on their website. We encourage everyone to check them out.](#)
    - Section AGM will be held in person May 6, 2023. Registration is open and on the Section website. The keynote speaker during lunch will be Scott Moir.
    - There will be workshops held on Friday May 5:

- 9am-10am-All Things SafeSport for Coaches Workshop-Delta Burnaby Hotel
  - 10:30am-11:30am- All Things SafeSport for Clubs Workshop-Delta Burnaby Hotel
  - 11:00am-12:00pm- Skating Skills Exercises for Coaches-Scotia Barn-On Ice-with Tracy Wilson and Scott Moir
  - 2pm-3:30pm-Club Operations 101 Workshop-Delta Burnaby Hotel
  - The Annual Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame Induction will be held Saturday May 6 at 5:30pm
  - **As the Skate Canada Ice Summit is being held online this year, we encourage all coaches and clubs to attend in person BC/YT Section AGM.**
  - Ice Summit/Skate Canada AGM-will be held online this year May 25 to 28.
  - There will be online workshops for everyone to attend.
  - There will be an election this year so please ensure all clubs and coaches register to vote. **Coaches have a vote a Skate Canada AGM**
  - Reminder to follow the Dispute Resolution process. Try and work it out at the club level. If that doesn't work go to your Region Chairman, then if that is not successful contact the Section Office.
  - Reminder to submit Thin Ice Articles to Haley. Next Deadline is June 15.
  - Routinely check to make sure your coaches are in good standing with Skate Canada. This can be done at any time throughout the year and a coach's status can change at any time. Coaches whose Good Standing status expires are not covered by insurance.
  - Always Check [www.skatinginbc.com](http://www.skatinginbc.com) website for the most up to date information.
  - BCCR has been asked to be LOC for VDI – we will be asking for a club to get involved/volunteer at this.
  - Email sent out to clubs to register Thursday for Webinar hosted by VIASport on Sport Hosting Grants
8. Financial Report – L. Prendergast
- See attached.
  - L. Prendergast went through the statements with an overall profit \$30,049.31.
  - **MOTION** to accept the Financials as presented
  - **MOVED** by L. Prendergast: **SECONDED** by S. Downing; **CARRIED**
9. Director and Committee Reports
- As presented.
  - **MOTION** to accept the Director and Committee reports as presented
  - **MOVED** by J. Lum: **SECONDED** by C. Webster; **CARRIED**

#### 10. Election of Directors and Officers – K. Gordon

- K. Gordon declared the following positions have all been filled by acclamation:
  - Treasurer – Lyse Prendergast – 2yr
  - Secretary – Kari-Jane Adams – 2yr
  - Director B – Shannon Downing – 2yr
  - Director E – Carissa Halley -2yr
- K. Gordon introduced the new BCCR Board
  - Chair -Alex Clarke
  - Vice Chair – Ethan Swinburnson
  - Director A – Jenny Lum
  - Director C – Victor Chengtan
  - Director D - Michelle Towstyka
  - Past Chair – K. Gordon
  - Pre-Event Registrar – Lori Oxland
- **MOTION** to approve the new slate of Board of Directors for the BCCR
- **MOVED** by K. Gordon; **SECONDED** by M. Melnychuk; **CARRIED**

#### 11. New Business

- Please register for the upcoming BC/YK Section AGM (in-person), and the National Ice Summit (online)
- How do clubs want to receive information
- Please ensure your Club contact information is up to date.
- Question was raised regarding specifying gender when announcing events that are open to all and not segregated.

#### 12. Adjournment

- J. Lum adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM

BC Coast Region Skate Canada  
**Year End Balance Sheet**

As of March 31, 2024

|                                       | <b>Total</b>         |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                      |
| Current Assets                        |                      |
| Cash and Cash Equivalent              |                      |
| BMO - Chequing                        | 101,342.55           |
| BMO - Term Deposit                    | 31,995.10            |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalent        | \$ 133,337.65        |
| Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)       |                      |
| Prepaid Expenses                      | 3,276.92             |
| Total Current Assets                  | \$ 136,614.57        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                   | <b>\$ 136,614.57</b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>   |                      |
| Liabilities                           |                      |
| Total Current Liabilities             |                      |
| Equity                                |                      |
| Retained Earnings                     | 95,633.27            |
| Profit for the year                   | 40,981.30            |
| Total Equity                          | \$ 136,614.57        |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b> | <b>\$ 136,614.57</b> |

**BC Coast Region Skate Canada**  
**Profit and Loss Statement**

April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

|                              | Previous Year        | Current Year         |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                |                      |                      |
| Accreditation                | \$ 225.00            | \$ 172.92            |
| Grants                       |                      | \$ 3,000.00          |
| Interest                     | \$ 537.78            | \$ 1,256.78          |
| LOC Share of Profits         | \$ 4,692.09          | \$ 4,748.52          |
| Medals and Ribbon Sales      | \$ 477.90            | \$ 145.70            |
| Membership Paybacks          | \$ 12,534.00         | \$ 13,881.00         |
| Merchandise Sales            | \$ 45.00             |                      |
| Planned Program Fees         | \$ 1,039.98          | \$ 845.17            |
| Registration Fees            | \$ 164,563.13        | \$ 180,554.28        |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>\$ 184,114.88</b> | <b>\$ 204,604.37</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>              |                      |                      |
| Accommodation                | \$ 18,790.22         | \$ 22,008.87         |
| Athlete Assistance           | \$ 400.00            | \$ 1,300.00          |
| Bank & Interest Charges      | \$ 635.42            | \$ 724.35            |
| Clinic and Moderator Fees    | \$ 2,915.00          | \$ 6,620.00          |
| Computer Supplies            | \$ 482.64            | \$ 228.98            |
| Decorations                  | \$ 620.05            | \$ 123.40            |
| Equipment                    | \$ 2,949.73          | \$ 5,901.35          |
| Equipment Rental             | \$ 8,039.58          | \$ 9,063.10          |
| Facility Rental              | \$ 27,908.77         | \$ 33,980.66         |
| Food & Hospitality           | \$ 7,839.98          | \$ 7,521.08          |
| Gifts & Honourariums         | \$ 17,272.77         | \$ 17,054.25         |
| Legal and Accounting Fees    | \$ 90.00             | \$ 2,539.41          |
| LOC Proceeds                 | \$ 24,416.38         | \$ 22,358.32         |
| Medals & Trophies            | \$ 5,406.47          | \$ 5,032.34          |
| Postage & Courier            | \$ 23.09             |                      |
| Printing & Photocopying      | \$ 197.85            | \$ 40.10             |
| Registration and Entry Fees  | \$ 7,197.52          | \$ 8,094.00          |
| Salary                       | \$ 8,631.09          |                      |
| Shipping                     |                      | \$ 529.46            |
| Stationary & Office Supplies | \$ 640.85            | \$ 1,452.40          |
| Storage                      | \$ 4,557.85          | \$ 4,567.85          |
| Subscriptions                | \$ 3,049.05          | \$ 2,626.71          |
| Travel                       | \$ 12,001.26         | \$ 11,856.44         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>        | <b>\$ 154,065.57</b> | <b>\$ 163,623.07</b> |
| <b>PROFIT</b>                | <b>\$ 30,049.31</b>  | <b>\$ 40,981.30</b>  |



**BC Coast Region Skate Canada**

**Profit and Loss by Class**

April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

|                                    | <b>Budget</b>        | <b>Actual</b>        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Administration</b>              |                      |                      |
| Bank & Service Fees                | \$ (200.00)          | \$ 532.43            |
| Computer, Accounting & Legal       | \$ (7,500.00)        | \$ (5,166.12)        |
| Marketing                          | \$ (2,500.00)        | \$ (2,231.53)        |
| Membership Paybacks                | \$ 13,000.00         | \$ 13,881.00         |
| <b>Total Administration</b>        | <b>\$ 2,800.00</b>   | <b>\$ 7,015.78</b>   |
| <b>Athlete Support Fund</b>        | <b>\$ (1,200.00)</b> | <b>\$ (1,300.00)</b> |
| <b>Competitions</b>                |                      |                      |
| Pre-Event Registrar                | \$ (8,000.00)        |                      |
| Autumn Leaves                      | \$ 4,000.00          |                      |
| BC Winter Games                    | \$ (4,500.00)        | \$ (3,000.00)        |
| Jingle Blades                      | \$ 25,000.00         | \$ 26,888.24         |
| Medals & Ribbons                   | \$ (4,000.00)        |                      |
| VDI                                | \$ 4,000.00          | \$ 3,855.15          |
| WinterSkate                        | \$ 30,000.00         | \$ 25,081.18         |
| <b>Total Competitions</b>          | <b>\$ 46,500.00</b>  | <b>\$ 52,824.57</b>  |
| <b>Equipment</b>                   |                      |                      |
| Data Specialist                    | \$ (500.00)          | \$ (1,609.01)        |
| Event                              | \$ (1,000.00)        | \$ (1,713.50)        |
| Music                              | \$ (500.00)          | \$ (272.62)          |
| Production                         | \$ (1,500.00)        | \$ (1,609.01)        |
| Storage                            | \$ (4,500.00)        | \$ (4,567.85)        |
| Video Replay                       | \$ (1,500.00)        |                      |
| <b>Total Equipment</b>             | <b>\$ (9,500.00)</b> | <b>\$ (9,771.99)</b> |
| <b>Meetings</b>                    |                      |                      |
| BCCR AGM                           | \$ (1,000.00)        | \$ (792.27)          |
| BCCR Executive & Club Meetings     | \$ (500.00)          |                      |
| BCCR Planning Meeting              | \$ (250.00)          | \$ (443.40)          |
| BC/YT Section AGM                  | \$ (1,500.00)        | \$ (2,036.97)        |
| Skate Canada Ice Summit            | \$ (1,000.00)        | \$ (380.00)          |
| <b>Total Meetings</b>              | <b>\$ (4,250.00)</b> | <b>\$ (3,652.64)</b> |
| <b>Club Engagement</b>             | <b>\$ (1,000.00)</b> | <b>\$ (12.90)</b>    |
| <b>Officials Development</b>       |                      |                      |
| Data Specialist Training           | \$ (250.00)          |                      |
| Judge Training                     | \$ (2,000.00)        | \$ (800.00)          |
| <b>Total Officials Development</b> | <b>\$ (2,250.00)</b> | <b>\$ (800.00)</b>   |
| <b>Skater Development</b>          |                      |                      |
| Seminar 1 - January                | \$ (1,500.00)        | \$ (429.22)          |
| Seminar 2 - February               | \$ (1,500.00)        | \$ (400.90)          |
| Synchro Development                | \$ (3,000.00)        | \$ (2,491.40)        |
| <b>Total Skater Development</b>    | <b>\$ (6,000.00)</b> | <b>\$ (3,321.52)</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$ 25,100.00</b>  | <b>\$ 40,981.30</b>  |

## **BC Coast Region Chairperson**

**Submitted by Alex Clarke**

The BC Coast Region has completed another busy and productive year delivering competitions and seminars to our membership. Our committees which include both board members and volunteers worked endlessly to provide opportunities and events for our skaters. A great deal of time and thought was put towards planning, prioritizing our skaters' training cycle and development and I would like to thank all our board members and volunteers who provided support.

The BC Coast Region consists of a group of volunteers who are passionate about skating and dedicated to the clubs in our region. The participation of our volunteers is an integral part of the huge success of our events. The Region delivered two very large competitions this season. Jingle Blades co-hosted with Cloverdale Skating Club and BC Coast Regional Championships co-hosted with Coquitlam Skating Club. Both events succeeded our expectations both in registration and in volunteer participation. I would like to thank both clubs for their involvement and the tireless hours they spent making these events a huge success.

The Skater Development Committee hosted 2 seminars this season focusing on our STAR 1-4 skaters. At our first seminar in January, the Skater Development Committee delivered a well-attended Parent Seminar: we hope this is the first of many opportunities to deliver information and resources to the parents of the skaters in the BC Coast Region. The BCCR will continue to follow the Long-Term Development Plan of Skate Canada and focus our seminars around the development cycle of our STAR 1-4 skaters.

In addition to the competitions and seminars, the BCCR held a STAR 1-4 Event Assessor Seminar. We welcome our new Officials and look forward to them joining us for our regional events in future seasons.

The BCCR continues to provide education, support, and guidance to our clubs through Club Engagement Meetings and personal contact. Our board members have a diverse skillset and extensive experience which are a huge asset when supporting clubs through challenging situations.

One of the highlights of this season has been the success of our BC Coast Region skaters on the Nationals and International stage. I am so proud to say that our skaters stood on the National Podium in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Overall, skaters from the BC Coast Region and the BCYT Section had a very successful competitive season. History was made!

I am looking forward to the 2024-2025 season and the ability to continue working with the enthusiastic volunteers and clubs throughout our region.

## **BC Coast Region Vice Chair**

**Submitted by Ethan Swinburnson**

As Vice-chair of the BC Coast Region Board, it is my role to support the chair in her role as needed and attend any relevant meetings on her behalf that she is unable to attend as representative of the region.

I had the pleasure of assisting with several region initiatives throughout the 2023-2024 season as well, including:

- Supported the identification of role scope and development of a job description for a contracted BC Coast Region Pre-Event Competition Registrar (Thank you to Lyse, Carissa, and Michelle for taking on this huge role for this season, as well as the numerous others that assisted with competition delivery).
- Developed event schedules for Jingle Blades and BC Coast Region Championships (Winterskate) as in previous seasons, and supported event technical representative through event planning and execution.
- Coordination of a STAR 1-4 Event Assessor seminar with 7 successful participants. (In regular terms, this is the initial appointment learning session to become a new STAR 1-4 judge). Thanks to Cindy Smith (VI Region) and Cheyenne Irvine (OK Region) for facilitating this seminar. Several of these new officials have already served at region competitions.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Competition Committee**

**Submitted by Alex Clarke**

The BC Coast Region hosts two competitions each season: Jingle Blades and BC Coast Regionals also known as WinterSkate.

#### **Jingle Blades 2023**

Jingle Blades 2023 was held on November 24-26, 2023, at the North Surrey Ice and Sports Complex. The event had 926 skater entries and lasted for three full days. The BC Coast Region would like to thank the Cloverdale Skating Club for their collaboration and tireless dedication resulting in a successful event.

#### **BC Coast Regionals – WinterSkate 2024**

This event is also the BC Coast Regional Championship, where the regional STARSkate champions are awarded. The event hosted 960 skater entries, including 7 synchro teams, and was held in collaboration with the Coquitlam Skating Club. The BC Coast Region would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee for their dedication and assistance in delivering another successful event for the skaters in the BC Coast Region.

## **Upcoming Season**

Host facilities are currently being finalized for the upcoming 2024-2025 season. These will be communicated to our clubs as soon as available. We are working towards establishing regular hosting facilities for our events in future seasons. This is largely to accommodate the amount of ice time required due to the high number of skaters in our Region and the number of events that must be offered, as well as our need to provide streaming service to our families and simplify the overall competition process. The BCCR will continue to rely on local clubs to assist as the Local Organizing Committee for all regional events.

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## **Data Specialists' Report**

### **Submitted by Lyse Prendergast**

Data Specialists (DS) are the officials responsible for setting up and operating the computer scoring systems at competitions. As well as volunteering at our two regional competitions, many also participated at BC/YT Section events, competitions in other BC regions, provinces and also at the national level.

In the BC Coast Region, we currently have 9 active Data Specialists. We had one retirement this year, Christine Benedek from the Arctic Edge Skating Club, and we welcomed one new Intro level DS, Alexsa Zurowski. In addition, 3 DS received promotions this year: Gabriella Johnson and Rebecca Stainer achieved their Level 1, while Cari Shorrock was promoted to Level 2.

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## **Skater Development Committee**

### **Submitted by Shannon Downing**

#### **Committee Members**

Shannon Downing - chair

Victor Chengtan

Kevin Gordon

Colleen Laferriere

Janet Lau

Michelle Towstyka

Mervin Tran

Our purpose is to offer a variety of programming to STAR 1-4 skaters across our region that compliments programming/instruction happening within their clubs and with their coaches.

I would like to first thank my committee members for their hard work, passion and dedication as we worked to bring fun, engaging and new ideas to our skater development initiatives this season. It has been a busy season for us and we are proud of all that we have been able to accomplish and look forward to moving forward next season with even more ideas as we strive to bring the best development opportunities to the skaters in our region.

### **Highlights of our Season:**

#### **Introduction of Winter Development Seminar Series:**

A series of 3 seminars for STAR 1-4 skaters featuring on and off ice instruction in the fundamentals of early skating development.

Seminar One: January 7, 2024 - Richmond BC

- Sold out with large waiting list
- Featured 2 parent sessions about STAR 1-4 competition

Seminar Two: February 16, 2024 - Langley BC

- First Pro D Day Seminar

Seminar Three: May 5th, 2024 - Langley BC -

- Synchro Seminar - Registration opens April 12th
- Will include a parent engagement session

This year's seminars introduced a new ½ day format to align with Skate Canada's training philosophies for early development Star 1-4 skaters. They offered two 1 hour on-ice sessions and one 1 hour off-ice session where skaters rotated through stations focusing on fundamentals in skating skills, edges and stroking exercises; spins, jumps and musical movement, as well as an introduction to the disciplines of dance, pairs and synchro. Off ice focused on stretching, flexibility and plyometrics. For the 2nd seminar we added an additional instructor and athletes moved between the 2 instructors working with one on dance and musicality and the other on stretching, flexibility and plyometrics. We will continue with this format moving forward.

Parent engagement sessions were introduced as part of our seminar series. We offered 2 sessions at the 1st seminar and will offer 1 session at our upcoming and final seminar. Following great turn out and feedback, we will continue to offer these sessions moving forward as a way to engage our parents and offer helpful information to them on varying topics of interest relating to STAR 1-4.

Thank you to the following world class and incredibly talented coaches and instructors who have made these seminars so popular and successful:

- Karyna Bardei - Coquitlam Skating Club
- Angela Duffy - Connaught Skating Club

- Colleen Laferriere - Algergrove Skating Club
- Janet Lau - Connaught Skating Club
- Kirsten Moore Towers - Connaught Skating Club
- Mervin Tran - Delta Skating Club
- Neil Warner - Champs International Skating Club

### **Introduction of Pro D Day Seminars**

A new initiative this season was to test out seminar programming on Pro D days in an effort to align with what other amateur sport organizations are offering on such days and to offer parents an active and fun skating option for their children on their days off school. Despite the challenge of trying to accommodate all school districts with varying calendars, we had an excellent response and will include Pro D days in our programming again next season, with at least 2 tentatively planned; one in the fall and one in the winter.

### **Synchro Engagement Opportunities**

As a committee, we are committed to promoting and supporting the introduction and inclusion of Synchronized Skating within the clubs in our region to support Skate Canada's mandate to offer it at the grassroots levels in all clubs. At both of our skater development seminars so far this season, we offered basic fundamentals of this discipline to our participants with an excellent response and interest level from all skaters afterwards. Our upcoming seminar on May 5 will focus only on Synchro and offer skaters and coaches the opportunity to learn and participate in this discipline.

Additionally, the BCCR Synchro Club Engagement Opportunity presented to all clubs at the end of the 2023 season was accepted by several clubs with great enthusiasm and ongoing success. We visited 4 clubs this season to offer basic element instruction to coaches and their skaters, as well as to offer programming strategies on how to easily incorporate these synchro concepts into their current club programming with little impact on their other programs. We will continue to support these clubs going forward as well as any club with new interest in this continuing initiative.

Synchro is a hugely popular and growing discipline within our sport and within Canada we have had tremendous success. Les Supremes of Quebec won the world titles in both Junior and Senior this season with top 6 finishes by our other Canadian teams. We encourage all clubs to introduce this exciting discipline within your club. Please reach out to our committee for additional information on how we can support you.

### **Club Questionnaire:**

As we wrap up our programming for this year, we want to hear from you on how we can continue to and better support your skaters going forward. We welcome all suggestions, new ideas and feedback from coaches, parents, skaters and club boards as we strive to

work together to deliver rewarding initiatives to our region. Please complete our Skater Development Survey to guide our efforts next season and beyond. Pick up your copy at the Region AGM or visit our BCCR website to complete one electronically. An email will also be circulated in the coming weeks as an alternative option to offer your feedback and suggestions.

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### **BCCR Club Support Committee**

**Submitted by Carissa Halley & Michelle Towstyka**

The BCCR Club Support Committee has been actively involved in assisting local skating clubs over the past year, particularly in matters related to club governance and understanding information provided in the BC/YK club manual. They have successfully connected with seven clubs to help resolve various queries and issues.

One significant event organized by the committee was a club engagement online Zoom information session held on September 26, 2023. The session focused on navigating essential resources available on websites such as BC Coast Region, BC/YK Section, Skate Canada, and Via Sport. The aim was to highlight crucial documents and information pertinent to new or nearly new board members of skating clubs. The meeting saw a good turnout and the presentation was recorded for future reference, ensuring that the valuable information remains accessible beyond the live session.

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### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Submitted by Lyse Prendergast**

This year, this committee was tasked with setting up Terms of Reference for one new committee, the Club Support Committee, which was completed and approved at the June board meeting. The committee also provided support and advice in relation to governance-related issues and questions raised by several member clubs.

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### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**Submitted by Lyse Prendergast**

The role of this committee is to oversee the process where BCCR skaters are selected for a variety of Region and Section awards. We are responsible for making these selections according to fair and established criteria, notifying and recognizing the award recipients, and also identifying future opportunities to encourage and support BC Coast Region skaters.

| REGIONAL CHAMPIONS                    | Name              | Club             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>STARSkate</b>                      |                   |                  |
| STAR 5 U10 Women                      | Tessa Clinch      | Kerrisdale FSC   |
| STAR 5 U13 Women                      | Amber Pepper      | Langley FSC      |
| STAR 5 13 & Over Women                | Isha Atariwala    | Skate Sea2Sky    |
| STAR 5 Men                            | Jacob Jiang       | Champs ISC of BC |
| STAR 6 Women                          | Katherine Le      | Killarney FSC    |
| STAR 6 Men                            | Dalai (Dennis) En | Connaught SC     |
| STAR 7 Women                          | Linaya Hinton     | Connaught SC     |
| STAR 7 Men                            | Toma Fukuda-Wu    | Connaught SC     |
| STAR 8 Women                          | Tiffany Khoe      | Connaught SC     |
| STAR 9 Women                          | Jia Grossman      | Connaught SC     |
| STAR 9 Men                            | Sen Jang          | Burnaby FSC      |
| STAR 10 Women                         | Brieana Quan      | Coquitlam SC     |
| Gold Women                            | Lia Gardner       | Killarney FSC    |
| <b>Artistic</b>                       |                   |                  |
| STAR 5                                | Matilda Wight     | Skate Sea2Sky    |
| STAR 7                                | Quinn Woroniecki  | WRSSSC           |
| STAR 9                                | Madelyn Vic       | Grandview SC     |
| Gold                                  | Jaymee Downey     | Abbotsford SC    |
| <b>REGION AWARDS</b>                  |                   |                  |
| Barb Stott Memorial Award             | Katherine Nodir   | Connaught SC     |
| Barb Stott Memorial Award             | Enzo Wang         | Coquitlam SC     |
| Scott Roberts Memorial Artistic Award | Audrey Richer     | Kerrisdale FSC   |