



**SKATE**CANADA  
BC COAST REGION

2021 AGM Reports

## **BC Coast Region Annual General Meeting 2020-21**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020 - 2021**

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This is the second year of my two-year term as Chair of the BC Coast Region. It has been quite an honour serving clubs in our Region from Powell River, through the Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley all the way to Hope and Lillooet, and of course Arctic Edge club in Whitehorse Yukon. In total we have 36 clubs in our region.

The BC Coast Regions serves its clubs, skaters, parents and volunteers in many ways. With help from local clubs, who bid to organize the competitions, we produce two notable competitions, Jingle Blades, and BC Coast Regionals (Winterskate). We also partner with the BC Section to host Victoria Day Super-series, and well as several other synchro competitions. You will also find BC Coast volunteers at Autumn Leaves when it rotates into the lower mainland, and at Summerskate. We have developed a high degree of expertise at planning and putting on competitions. May our team have many future years of successful skating competitions.

Of course, none of these events happened this year, as we were put into lockdown as we wait out the Covid-19 pandemic. We made some attempts to coordinate with the BC/YK Section on hosting some competitions, but in the end, it was impossible to produce any of those events. Luckily the Section is having some success at getting tests/assessments organized and producing ultra-virtual competitions.

Another way we support clubs is through governance support/advice, guidance, and dispute resolution. We have 5 club presidents (past or

existing) on our BC Coast Region board. Collectively this represents many years of experience managing clubs. Whether it is a Club in crisis or just asking a couple of simple questions, we are here for you.

We've been able to offer some assistance to clubs helping them with their board structure or suggesting options for coaching contracts etc. Just to name a few ways we could help, albeit remotely.

All of our meetings this year were remote via zoom, we've found it a very acceptable medium of communication, and we will likely continue with it for the foreseeable future.

I want to thank our excellent team, our Board Members Siobhan, Alex, Lyse, Kari, Jenny, Victor, Carissa and Michelle, our entire board is returning. Our past chair Lori Oxland is still with us acting in an administrator role. While there's not much to report since our last AGM, and given the lockdown, we've still maintained to meet monthly and have much to discuss.

I am looking forward to the 2021/22 season and the ability to continue to collaborate with the hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers throughout our Region. I am especially looking forward to seeing everyone in person soon!

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Gordon

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### **Report by Chair, Data Specialist Committee**

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With most competitions cancelled or changed in format this season, there is little to report from the Data Specialists community.

I participated in extensive training for virtual/remote competitions throughout the season, and either myself or Sharon Dahl (Chair of BC/YK Section Data Specialist Committee) were responsible for the DS role at the competitions that took place in our province this season. Both Sharon and myself had the opportunity to officiate at the Skate Canada Challenge virtual event in January, which turned out to be the closest we came to a national championship this year.

One important thing to note: Christine Benedek of the Arctic Edge Skating Club successfully received her Level 1 promotion; congratulations to Christine for that achievement, and for training to participate in the BC Coast Region Virtual Competition next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyse Prendergast

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### **Competition Committee Chair Report**

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This season was a very challenging one for our entire skating community. The inability to host events because of the current Public Health Order has had a huge impact on our skaters. The BC Coast Region Competition Committee is grateful to the staff and volunteers at the BCYK Section Office for their dedication and commitment. The staff have been able to work with the restrictions and produce virtual events for each of the regions. We are very fortunate in this province that we are still able to be on the ice and also have the ability to allow our skaters to participate in a competition. We are all looking forward to the day when we can once again experience the excitement of being at a live event instead of watching everything occur from the comfort of our own homes. The BC Coast Region is looking forward to hosting both Jingle Blades and WinterSkate in the near future.

Sincerely

Alex Clarke

BCCR Competition Chair

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### **Assessment Committee and Synchro Committee Report**

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I haven't got much to report on since our last AGM in the fall. Like many clubs and skating in general, we at the BCCR are in a bit of a holding pattern.

I am involved again in the Test/Assessment Committee - although it is a somewhat bare bones committee at the present time. We are not conducting SC assessments right now as a Region, but rather are participating in a pilot project through the Section and Skate Canada whereby assessments are being run virtually with a limited number of qualified evaluators from across the country. A number of Clubs have used this method of Assessments at this point and it has been going well. When the Region is able to run Centralized Test Days again we will let all of our Clubs know. In the meantime if your club would like to have an assessment day (Star 6-Gold) please contact Danielle at the Section office. Club coaches (who are qualified) may continue to do Star 1-5 assessments at this time.

I am also involved in the Synchronized Skating Committee. I'm happy to report that the BC Coast Region is very supportive of synchronized skating initiatives within our Region and we do our best to promote Synchro; however, during this challenging time of Covid, synchronized skating has been limited and in some clubs non-existent. I encourage all to watch for posts and announcements about upcoming synchronized skating opportunities. We will be sharing any information we get from those Clubs who do synchro. Of note the 2022 World Synchronized Skating Championships will be held in Hamilton, Ontario from April 7-10 2022. It's always exciting when an International event of this magnitude is in our country as it helps boost the discipline. In addition to its

competitive Junior Team, the LMSSSC is also hoping to introduce a competitive Novice Team for next season. The Junior team has trained this year but without any holds or close contact. It's been a great opportunity for the skaters to enhance their skating skills/edges/field moves etc....Hopefully the Covid numbers will go down and the Synchro teams can begin training programs and elements requiring contact. As always if you have any questions about starting a synchro team at your club or need information about directing a Star or Competitive Skater to synchro please reach out to us. Synchro is truly a "skate for life" opportunity and many, many skaters who might otherwise have left the sport have found incredible opportunities in Synchro. Opportunities to compete nationally (and possibly even internationally) are there as well as many opportunities for continued involvement as an Adult.

*Siobhan Philips*