

Presidents Report:

First, I want to thank everyone on the Board for all your hard work this year. As a board we continue to meet regularly as we have been planning and trying to put the best product forward for our sport. Countless hours spent finding ways to get the sport and participation back to where it was pre pandemic and more. So, for that a big Thank You for your many volunteered hours and time spent away from you family.

Tim Magarrey once again I would like to thank you for your time as our employee and the great job that you do, and knowledge you provide. For all your hours spent dealing with grants and the government. Tim spends ample hours working with all the board members and committees to be sure everyone is updated and informed. Also, would like to thank our contract positions for the many hours spent above and beyond what is expected of them.

This was a very busy year coming back with Summer Games, Thank you and congratulations to our coaches and Manager of our Ontario team and what an amazing result we had. Also, the Winter Games were in this year and want to once again Thank Bob Parson's for your time spent organizing this event, as well as the coaches from all the regions and volunteers.

I would like to take this time to also Thank our officials and the OAWAOA for doing a fantastic and job continuing to provide top notch officiating at our events. This is a very thankless position in our sport, and I commend all of you for keeping up the integrity of our sport. I realize that we need to really support the development of new officials moving forward and this should be a priority, without officials we don't have our sport.

I would like to thank Paul Bellavia who has stepped up and taken the Ontario 2 position with WCL replacing John Cook.

Congratulations also goes out to John for his induction into the WCL Hall of Fame.

Also, as we move forward, OAWA has found ourselves in a position to be able to hire a new employee position which will be High Performance Manager. This will be a full-time position moving forward to further develop our sport.

I would like to also thank the Ottawa region for holding 3 major events in the province all in 1 year and doing a fantastic job with it. It can be very difficult to find the volunteers and support staff to run 1 tournament let alone 3.

Matmen also hosted our WCL trials in Waterloo region and in true Matmen style did a great job at hosting, so for that Thank you.

Last and certainly not least I want to thank all of our Coaches/Volunteers for the tremendous number of hours spent on the mats, travelling, planning, getting certified, upgrading knowledge, being a counsellor and just flat out caring about each and every athlete. Coaching is selfless and often thankless but trust me it doesn't go unnoticed.

Jason O'Neil

President OAWA