

VP Technical Report – 2023 OAWA AGM

Canada Games- Congratulations to Zoltan, Jeremy, Heather, Ken and Shelly for doing a bang up job getting our kids ready for the games. We had our doubts going in but the coaches and kids stepped up and out performed expectations. The boys captured Gold and the girls a silver. The team had a bit of a bumpy road with budgets and planning due to covid, but all worked out in the end.

My recommendation moving forward would be that the OAWA sets a 2-year budget for the games teams. Then they can build on that through camps and events. I also think that the manager should be selected first then the coaching staff. I think this would help with budgeting issues that we have had over the past two games.

Ontario Winter Games- Was a success with the dual meet format. We did have trouble filling all the teams but in the end we had about 128 athletes out of a possible 144. The coaches and regional committee members did a great job hosting camps and events leading to the selection of the teams. Congratulations to CEO for sweeping both Girls and boys team titles.

This year the games are in Thunder Bay so it will be more of a challenge. After last years games I am certain we should be able to make it a success again. Due to the travel, team selections and commitments will need to be made earlier then usual. We will be working with the games to see about refunds and assistance in traveling there.

Regional Development. – I am asking that the OAWA raise the regional development funding from \$2000 to \$3000 this year mostly to assist in the winter games. Last year all regions used up their funding for the first time in a long time. With all 6 regions hosting camps and qualifying events. Your regional reps are, Sunny Narwal (CEO), Danny Brown (CWO) Indira Moores (EO), Angelo D'Amato (NEO), Mark Sementilli (SWO) and Justin BeauParlant (N.W.O.).

Carding- As usual we do not know if the carding will happen at this time. I must clean up the 2023 carding list. Hopefully I can have it posted for the meeting. The money for 2022 was sent out in March. Thank you, Dave Collie, Ken Burgess, and Scott Proctor, for sitting in the committee. Special mention to Doug Cox for his thoughts during the process.

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