



**SWSA Annual General Meeting
Executive Director Report
September 29th, 2020**

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association has had another great year (July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2020).

In August, 2019, SWSA saw four of its athletics athletes compete at the 2019 Western Canada Games in Swift Current. Congratulations to Yousif Kaed (3 Gold), Hunter Berg (2 Silver, 1 Bronze), Madison Lawrence (1 Bronze), and Ayva Delainey (2 Bronze) as well as their coach and manager Jen Wood. This group of racers has been very exciting to watch and we are excited for their development and potential for the 2022 Canada Summer Games.

September is always a busy month at SWSA because we finalize the audit, host our Annual General Meeting, attend the AGM's for the National Sports Organizations, and most of the sport seasons start up. SWSA staff attended the Canadian Sport Centre's Game Plan YXE as well as the Play Like a Girl event.

In September, Katie Miyazaki resigned from her position as the High Performance Wheelchair Basketball Coach to move back home to family in British Columbia. SWSA would like to extend a thank you to Katie for all her work in developing wheelchair basketball in Saskatchewan. SWSA was working on filling the coaching position and will fill the position once we return to programming.

SWSA hosted an Introduction to Competition Wheelchair Basketball Coaching Course in partnership with Wheelchair Basketball Canada in November, 2019. Participants completed both classroom and gymnasium sessions. Simon Cass and Katie Miyazaki were the learning facilitators for this clinic. SWSA is looking forward to hosting another coaching clinic in the future.

SWSA was a part of the Adaptive Sports Review meetings to help improve services to the adaptive sport network in the Province. I was a part of the Adaptive Sport Working group. Three meetings were held prior to the project being paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sledge Hockey keeps growing rapidly in Saskatchewan. We currently have eight organized clubs in the province. SWSA held a provincial sledge hockey meeting to discuss various topics including the start of a provincial team. Plans were in the works for a Provincial team to attend the National Sledge Hockey event in Red Deer but this again was paused in March. Thank you to all of the sledge coordinators for all of your hard work building sledge hockey in the province by organizing and hosting tournaments and events.

SWSA provincial athletes attended the 2019 Track & Field National Championships in Montreal (July) and the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games in Swift Current (August). All the other National Championships were cancelled due to COVID.

SWSA is very excited to unveil this year's recipients of Clayton Gerein Legacy Fund at the 2020 Annual General Meeting for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. The fund was established to provide financial assistance to future Paralympians involved in wheelchair sports. I am happy to announce that this fund is sustainable and this grant will be available every year moving forward. Thank you to the Clayton Gerein Legacy Committee and Chairperson for all of your work on this grant.

SWSA has been working with our National organizations and Sask Sport on safe return to play plans and I am looking forward to the return of our programs and sports soon.

Thank you to all the athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers who work long hours to make SWSA a top notch organization. Please take time and read the sport and club reports on the success stories of our members and programs. Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association is looking forward to returning to play in the near future!

Respectfully Submitted,
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Executive Director