



## **President's Report**

### **SABO Clinics and Evaluation**

SABO will hold a major clinic this fall. Last super clinic was held in Regina in 2015, so this clinic will likely be held in Saskatoon. Details will be forthcoming.

### **National Championships**

Regina will host the U15 Boys and Girls National Championships in July. This is a great opportunity for officials as we will very likely receive 6-8 appointments to work this tournament which is a great opportunity to work at a National Championship and be seen by National Evaluators.

We will once again need the support of the RABO and SABO officials to assist with supplying volunteers as table supervisors and drivers for the officials. If anyone is interested please contact me. We anticipate SABO and RABO will host a joint social for the officials, evaluators and our members.

Also, Regina will host the U-Sports Women's Championships in March 2018. Volunteers will be required. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

### **Executive Planning Session**

The SABO Executive participated in a planning session this past summer to establish some priorities for the executive to work on in the next 1-3 years ahead. The following priorities were established:

- Insurance and Bylaw Review
  - clarify, in writing, what we are covered for insurance wise from the insurance provider and ensure the proper Directors/officers coverage is in place
  - determine a procedure for when and how an insurance claim is to be

- o made or when the insurance company should be notified
- o Constitution and Bylaw Review to ensure a proper Code of Conduct Policy is in place
- o As well as a properly understood and communicated Discipline and Dispute Resolution Procedure
- Establish a Regional Leadership Committee to promote the benefits of SABO and CABO in Rural Locations
  - o communication link to rural areas
  - o Inventory of benefits from SABO
- Province Wide Approved Evaluation Committee
  - o Identify and create an approved panel of evaluators in the province
  - o Ensure they are provided the proper and consistent documentation, consistent message and have access to the proper training tools

### **Website, Facebook and Email Communications**

The Executive's goal is to provide better communications to the membership.

The SABO website and Facebook page are the best ways for our executive to communicate with you. There are continuous updates of rule clarifications, mechanics or floor positioning that come from FIBA or CABO; these updates will be posted as they come in so the best way to stay up to date is by following us on Facebook or the website.

We will also be communicating more through email to the membership. We will attempt to send out a biannually newsletter updating you on any news from the membership as well as any updates from CABO and the CBOC.

### **FIBA Certification**

There are currently over 21 FIBA licensed officials in Canada. FIBA has established a new criteria and process for becoming a FIBA official and through this new process and through attrition will eventually cap the number for licensed officials at 12 for Canada. The CBOC asked each province for potential candidates for consideration. SABO put forth Mark Jacobson and Matt Fiedelleck. Regretfully neither candidate was successful in meeting the new criteria. There will be another opportunity for consideration every second year.

### **CABO/CBOC Meetings**

Mitch Strom and I attended the CABO Annual General Meeting in Halifax in September. Updates as follows:

- \$5 fee increase to CABO membership to keep in line with increasing costs (first increase in several years). Motion made by Treasurer Mark Jacobson.
- New National Jersey will be coming in the next year or two
- CBOC has been formed for the purposes of selection to national championships, FIBA identification and selection, and Education. This Commission has strong support from both FIBA and Canada basketball.
- New web portal was used for writing the National Exam which is more cost effective and also serves as a national database.

### **Conclusion**

It has been a busy year for the executive and our members. We thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the game of basketball. Our goal is to continue to provide opportunities for all officials from the grassroots to the elite and to continue to find ways to recruit more people (especially female) into officiating.

Respectfully submitted,

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