



## **President's Report**

### **SABO Clinics and Evaluation**

SABO held major rule clinics this past fall. Given the support that we receive the Executive felt that it was important to have regional clinics in both Regina and Saskatoon to make it more convenient for officials to get there. Total attendance for both clinics was over 100 officials and evaluators.

Presentations were given by CABO National Interpreter Cam Moskal on the new rule interpretations as well as presentations by Warren Poncsak and Dave Werry.

Financial support was provided by CABO, RABO, SBOA and SABO making the clinic free to all officials.

### **National Championships**

Regina hosted the U15 Boys and Girls National Championships in July as well as the U-Sports Women's Championships in March 2018. Saskatchewan was very well represented at national tournaments by the following officials:

U15 Boys – Andrew Sharpe, Darren Patkau, Kyra Parkin, Neil Donnelly (AE)

U15 Girls – Megan Crone, Mark Longfellow

U17 Girls – Jill Barnstable

U17 Boys – David Hersche

U Sports Men's – Warren Poncsak (AE)

### **Executive Planning**

Doing a review of the bylaws was a priority of the Executive for this past year. With the unfortunate 'leave' of our Referee In Chief, it was determined that the work load on this position was significant. After reviewing the bylaws of our few other jurisdictions, specifically Alberta, the Executive created several new titles and job descriptions for the positions including splitting the former RIC role into two positions. These will be discussed further on the agenda.

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

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

We have been continuing with bi-annual updates from the President. We hope that you are receiving these.

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.

### **CABO/CBOC Meetings**

Dave Werry and I attended the CABO Annual General Meeting in Calgary in September. Updates as follows:

- There continues to be little movement at the national level toward a new National Jersey, therefore the SABO Executive has decided we will continue with the existing jerseys until such time as a National jersey is launched at which time we will phase in the new jersey starting with national appointments, then eventually Hoopla and finally regionally as cities determine
- Canadian Basketball Officials Commission has been formed for the purposes of selection to national championships, FIBA identification and selection, and education and training of officials. This Commission has strong support from both FIBA and Canada basketball. SABO has two representatives on CBOC committees – Mitch Strom and Warren Poncsak.
- 'Scheduler' will continue to be used as the web portal for writing the National Exam

### **Exam Results**

The online exam was presented on the CABO website this year and 124 officials wrote the exam online, down 1 from last year. CABO continues to use an online program (scheduler) and has been adjusting the allowable period for writing the exam. Any feedback as to the time of year or length of window in which to write the exam is

The Provincial average was 83% (down 1% from last year).

### **Conclusion**

It has been a challenging year, especially the last few months. Special thank you to our retiring executive members for their many years of service. As well to Brad Smith and the other members of the executive to assist with Hoopla and the other things that came up in the last 3 months.

Respectfully submitted,

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