



Ontario Climbing Federation

Annual Report to Members: 2014/15

The OCF has had a busy and productive year. Here are the highlights of the 2014/15 season.

- Events organized/supported
 - In cooperation with 5 Ontario climbing gyms, we organized 8 local competitions. In response to feedback from our members, almost half of them were more competitive formats, in balance with the scramble format comps.
 - 2 Provincial Championships
 - Our 10 Youth competitions (up from 8 last year) had over 900 participants (compared to 650 last season)
 - Supported Youth Bouldering Nationals and two Ontario CEC National Series events
 - Our Head Judge was the Jury President at the Pan American Climbing Championships in Mexico last November
 - Organizing and sponsoring 3rd annual Athlete Dinner at upcoming Bouldering World Cup, and supporting the competition by loaning our video review system.
 - Held 5 Judging clinics, training about 60 people in total (some new, some refreshing their training)
 - 1 *Belaying in Competition* clinic held (trained 2 belayers)
 - Getting involved with Adult competitive climbing in a measured way: 2 National series events, plus inviting Adults to participate in our last Difficulty local
- Invested in video review system
 - 16 cameras that can be mounted on tripods or climbing walls, with PVRs for reviews during appeals.
 - Used at one local competition, both Provincial Championships, Youth Bouldering Nationals and the upcoming Bouldering World Cup.
 - This was a large investment, but we expect it to be used for years. It is working very well.
- Volunteers:
 - We had modest growth in the number of volunteers helping out at competitions.
 - We had huge growth in the **need** for volunteers, due to significant growth in the number of athletes and with more events this season.
 - The purchase of the video system has eliminated the need for camera operators, reduced logistics in some ways, but created work for those setting up the system each event.
- Training more Head Judges to spread the work load (now have 5 people qualified as Head Judges)
- Growth of membership:

Type of Member	Last Year	This Year
Youth Athlete	105	165
Adult Athlete	31	35
Supporter/Coach	34	60
Total	170	260

- Prepared a booklet, to be distributed at the start of the 2015/2016 competitive season, to help athletes and their families understand all the details of how to register and compete in OCF comps (yes, it can be complex, especially for those new to competitive climbing).
- Financial Overview: We have had a good year financially and will have money in the bank at the end of the season. A complete financial report will be available after the end of our fiscal year, which ends May 31st. Here is an overview as we approach the end of the season (not including Difficulty Provincials):

Income

Membership Dues	\$12,285.00
Comp Fees	\$52,403.00
Income for 2013/14 items	\$2,730.00
Total Income	\$67,418.00

Expenses

CEC Membership Fees	\$3,084.90
Gym Hosting Fees	\$42,188.55
Video System	\$5,218.26
Web Site	\$346.98
PayPal Fees	\$2,030.18
Insurance	\$2,160.00
Bank fees	\$86.40
Honorariums	\$1,250.00
Prizes, Medals, Ribbons	\$883.83
Payment of 2013/14 items	\$5,822.00
Total Expenses	\$63,071.10

- Created Privacy Policy and Refund Policy
- Rock and Ice was our only sponsor this year, providing free subscriptions as prizes. We would welcome additional sponsors as well as a volunteer to help recruit them!
- We need more help! The sport is growing rapidly, and while our volunteer base has grown, it is not keeping up! Some gyms/teams have a very high percentage of families who volunteer at comps, but we are not keeping up with the growth of our sport. A small number of regular volunteers is carrying much of the load. We need every team/gym to set the expectation that families help out at multiple events each season.
- We need more of you to step up at comps, to help with board business, and to join the board! There are vacancies this year that are not being contested by incumbents. We have heard in the past that some of you wanted to run for the board but were hesitant to oppose an existing board member. This year there is no such conflict!