Coach’s Report for September 27, 2016 Meeting

We have had a good start to our season with new skaters registering every week, in every program. Also, new skaters moving to our city and skating with us, which is great!

On September 10th, Julia Bowles and I scheduled a Program Assistant Seminar that was well attended. We now have **9** Program Assistants for Canskate and **3** Adult Program Assistants for Canskate Beginners program which is encouraging! The enrolment for the Canskate Beginners is full for our first block and our Canskate sessions are low in numbers, but as everyone is well aware, that will increase as the season progresses. It is wonderful that Julia received training this summer to be able to teach Canskate along with me. She will be mentored throughout this season to get her certification as a Certified Canskate coach. She is very excited about doing this and has a great insight as to how to keep our young skaters motivated and moving forward.

The **Canpower** (6-12 yrs) registration is full with 20 skaters with a wait list and the **Adult/Teen** power class has 9 registered with talk about more registering as the word gets out and personal schedules are set.

In the spring we sent out invitations to 12 skaters to join the **Star 1 program** this fall and we have 6 skaters registered for this program. To assist in an easier transition for skaters moving from CanSkate to STARSkate it was decided that this class was best run as a club run program with the Coach being paid by the Club and not the respective skaters; I feel that was a good choice. They are learning new skills and enjoying the freedom of having time to skate on their own on every session.

The **Starskate** sessions are not as full as we would like, but with graduation and skaters choosing other activities, we are doing better than I had originally thought. Having Keri Bemister, as our freelance and off ice coach on board to teach is refreshing, as she is bringing her own ideas in that will enhance our skater’s training.

I have been very busy with all program tasks that all coaches do throughout the season from learning new programs such as Uplifter to getting trained in the new Skate Canada programs. There are always new updates to keep coaches transitioning from old requirements too new, to keep our skaters exceling on their sessions.

I had an opportunity to attend a Seminar on Sept 17th, with a 4 time Canadian and World Champion, 3 time Olympic Team member, and 3 time World Professional champion **Kurt Browning**. (He was also the first man to land a quadruple jump in competition) along with **7** of our **club star skaters**. He is a good motivator by making the skaters’ think of new challenges and skills to enhance their everyday skating. Kurt is very enthusiastic and you know skating is his passion and always will be. It was an excellent seminar for all professional coaches and skaters.

Finally, I want to welcome our new Executive, as I haven’t had a chance to do so until now. I look forward to working with you and embracing our club in every way.

Sincerely, Rae Anne Hesketh

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