



CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Newsletter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATES

The Board of Directors met last February in Edmonton and welcomed a new Director - Mr. David Joseph from Gatineau, Que. Aside from the usual activity and financial reports, we have discussed the following important items:

- Ongoing work on Sport Canada CFDC-V 2016-2020 eligibility criteria for accountability;
- Approval of the High Performance Grant for 2017-18 for each of the Sport Committee/NDSO; and
- National Team's preparation for the [Deaflympic Summer Games](#).



David Joseph, Director

WORLD DEAF CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



From left to right: Resby Coutts, Vice Chair of Curling Canada, John Gessner, Shawn Demianyk, Ross LaVallee, Kayle Miller, Joe Comte and Rita Bomak, CDSA Administrator. Absent: Dave Morton, curling player.

Canada did well at the [3rd World Deaf Curling Championships](#) earlier this month in Sochi, Russia. The Men's team won a Gold medal and the Women's team took the Bronze. We wish to sincerely thank the Edmonton Host Committee for having organized the National Trials last January. We would like to thank Rita Bomak from Manitoba for her leaderships in getting both Canadian teams (logistics, mission team and fundraising) ready for the World Championships.

WORLD DEAF ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canadian Deaf Ice Hockey Federation (CDIHF) is getting ready for the [3rd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships](#). The CDIHF is working closely with the Our Pathway To the Gold (OPTGC) committee composed of important members, including the Executive Director Roy Hysen and the High Performance coach Don McKee. The committee's goal is to win Gold. The committee will welcome the hockey players at a training camp in Kitchener, Ont. from April 17th to 20th prior to the World Championships in Amherst, New York.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Following an e-mail sent on February 1st to all Provincial Deaf Sports Associations (PDSAs), CDSA Sport Committees, National Deaf Sports Organizations (NDSOs), team managers and coaches asking their feedback, we received a total of seven responses. Comments received are very pertinent and will help the Board of Directors in pursuing its work on the Strategic Plan during its next meeting in June. If you didn't have an opportunity to share your comments with us, it is not too late! As per the timeline, the first draft of the Strategic Plan will be available at the beginning of the summer. This first draft will outline [CDSA](#) strategic goals and actions to take to accomplish those goals in the next three to five years.

DEAFLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES SAMSUN, TURKEY



Danny Daniels, Chef de Mission and a CDSA employee Gigi Fiset attended the Chef de Mission Seminar in Samsun, Turkey last February. The Board of Directors reviewed different scenarios for Team Canada's travel costs. This information was shared with all team managers and coaches as well as additional information about sport venues, competition schedules and Olympic Village.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Note that the Canadian Deaf Sports Association General Annual Meeting will be held on September 15th and 16th in Winnipeg, Man. The CDSA members will receive more information and documents in June.

CANADA DEAF GAMES FEBRUARY 2018



The 2018 CDG Host Committee is collaborating closely with the CDSA to develop various diffusion and planification strategies. Starting on April 1st, general information will be shared with the PDSAs and community. This information will be about competition, registration and accommodation costs, etc. The PDSAs are invited to register their athletes and pay participation deposits between May 1st and June 30th.

