

PARA 2007-2008 REPORT

For the second year in a row the season got off to a slow start due to difficult weather conditions. This past season did not present as difficult conditions as did the year before, still, clubs were presented with challenges getting races completed as scheduled but came through with flying colors. Only a couple of events had to be rescheduled. The only scheduled event not to be held was the SG camp, which was cancelled due to low registration. This season saw more B net utilized and moved by cooperative coaches than ever before.

Our first season using on line registration went well with very few problems. Participation was about what was expected for the first year. Responsibility for managing membership functions has been handed over to a new Chair, Shelia Nickles. Shelia has been working with Active.com to refine our registration process and it should be more user friendly for next season.

Our Treasurer resigned mid season due to personal obligations and was replaced for the remainder of the term by Rich Doubledee. Rich has worked diligently to catch up with all responsibilities and ensure that we are financially sound. Also during the season our internal audit was completed and reported all funds in place and accounted for. The audit committee consisted of Chair Bill Filling, Dan Chayes and Rob Lipton. I wish to thank them for their work, particularly Bill who completed the majority of the work.

The successful season we enjoyed was made possible by the hard work and time expended by our numerous members, coaches and parent volunteers without whose efforts there would be no racing in PARA. We should all be mindful of the time and commitments of our volunteer parents who support our athletes (their children) so willingly and often commit significant financial sums to the sport. Even though they may at times seem a little over exuberant we could not function without them.

Included with this report are draft championship schedules and an agenda for the Annual Meeting. Please print a copy of each and bring them to the meeting to reduce our copy costs. See you at the meeting.