



SASSA Board of Directors Meeting Summary –July 16, 2014

- **HP Bulletin –Athlete Funding-** The Board of Directors approved the 2014-15 Canada Winter Games Athlete Assistance Policy. This is a one-time athlete funding opportunity. This Policy is attached as Appendix A.
- **Website Upgrade-** There was displeasure identified over our current website. Discussion was held regarding making it more interactive. Furthermore, it is not very compatible with Macintosh computers. Jason and Tim will investigate new website providers to get prices and discover features and services provided.
- **Membership Fees-** Steven discussed the need to gradually increase the SASSA membership fees. The intent is to gradually increase fees as to not have a large jump in fees one year. Gradually increasing membership fees will make SASSA more self-sustainable. After discussion the Board decided that the membership needs to know where those increases are going. Jordan and Steven will create a Business plan for why the fees are being increased and what that money is being spent towards.

Appendix A

Canada Winter Games Athlete Assistance for 2014/15 Training Season

SASSA is offering a total of \$9,000.00 dollars in assistance to in Province CWG eligible provincial and development team athletes to cover expenses incurred while preparing for the upcoming Canada Winter Games.

Skaters must use these funds for **out of province training and competitions**. These events may include organized summer camps like Top Blade in Calgary, self-directed training camps, such as extended stays in Calgary to work with Oval coaching or competitions like Oktoberfest or Oval Invitational to increase the number of racing opportunities.

To receive this assistance the following criteria must be achieved:

1. Skaters who have achieved an average of 108% or better of the provincial records in the 2013-2014 season are eligible for a maximum of 4 grants of \$250.00 dollars, for a potential total of \$1,000.00 dollars. One \$250.00 dollar grant will be allowed per event.
Total funding available = \$7,000.00 dollars.
2. Skaters who have achieved an average of between 108% and 110% of the provincial records in the 2013-2014 season are eligible for a maximum of 4 grants of \$125.00 dollars, for a potential total of \$500.00 dollars. One \$125.00 dollar grant will be allowed per event.
Total funding available = \$2,000.00 dollars

SASSA will reimburse skaters for expenses upon submission of receipts for out of province competition entry fees, training, travel expenses, and proof of participation in the event. The SASSA High Performance Committee will evaluate the submitted claim to ensure that expenses are eligible and that the athlete fully participated in the event. The SASSA High Performance Committee has the absolute discretion to approve or reject claims in order to ensure that funds are appropriately used. This grant will be available to athletes from July 1, 2014 until January 31, 2015.