

BCRSGF 2012-13 Annual Report

2013 Elite Canada Championships Report

BCRSGF hosted 2013 Elite Canada Championships in Richmond Olympic Oval from March 7th – 10th. For the past three years this competition was run by the Canadian Eastern Provinces, and after two years of trying to bring the competition to BC we were allowed to host the event. Being able to have the competition at the Richmond Olympic Oval really brought the feel of the Elite Rhythmic Gymnastics event. The winners of the event even had the opportunity to be awarded on the 2010 Olympic Games podium. For the gymnast that did not make the podium, they at list were able to get on the Olympic Podium, pose and take picture of themselves. This was great and memorable experience for the athletes.

When BC got the competition BCRSGF President Adrienne Arnold send a letter to GCG technical committee with request that 2013 Elite Canada championship was ran as an open competition and her request was granted. This allowed athletes that were not qualified to compete at Elite to compete at the event and gave them the opportunity to get points for the National Team ranking.

We had over 120 individual and group athletes from five Canadian Provinces. The competition went smoothly and finished on schedule each day.

All the BC Athletes did their best and were cheered from their families, friends and athletes. The completion was full with grace, breathy and sportsmanship.

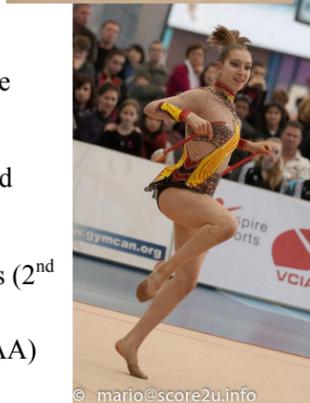
Five BC Senior make the finals and ranked at the top 12 sports , Annabelle Kovacs (2nd AA), Lisa Huh (7th AA), Shannon Code (9th AA), Jessica Krushen (9th AA) and Christy Cheng (11th AA) and 2 Junior Kaylie Choi (1st AA) and Cindy Huh (5th AA) ranked the top 10

I would like to thank all the great volunteers that were involved in the organization of the event and during the completion . The volunteers were from all the BC Clubs even volunteers from the two clubs form out of town Victoria RG and Sought Cariboo RG came to help during the competition. Special tanks to the Meet Directors Assistants Adrianna Donaldson and Joel Bernard. Without their help the competition would not be such a success. With the persistent work of Curtis Adreotti we were able for the first time in BC to live stream the competition.

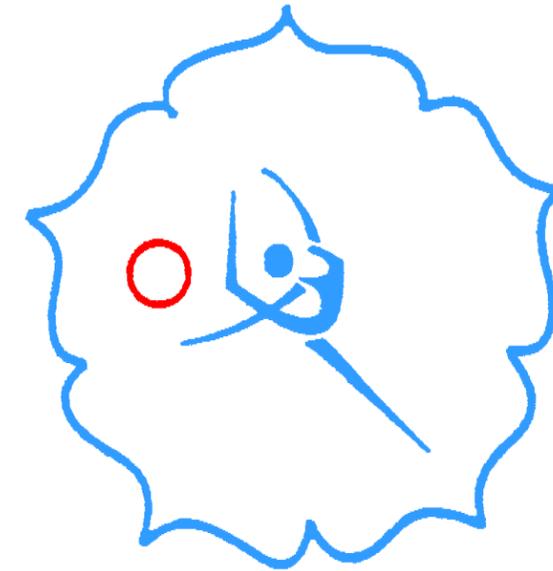
BCRSGF is looking forward to the new competitive season and hosting other National's Events.

Submitted by Sashka Gitcheva,

Program coordinator



BC Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics Federation



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Committee Position	Member
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Planet Rhythmic Report

2012/2013 was a very interesting and successful year for Planet Rhythmics. In January, 7 members of our competitive team travelled to Los Angeles to participate in the annual L.A. Lights Tournament of Champions. Almost every gymnast had the experience of standing on the podium to receive awards. In February we took our largest competitive team ever (17 gymnasts) to the newly minted Evergreen Invitational in Seattle, WA. For some of our younger athletes, it was their first "international" competition.

Our annual Planet Rhythmics Invitational drew more than 225 athletes from Canada, the U.S. and Luxembourg, making this our largest competition ever. It is now a 3-day event, which welcomes athletes from Interclub, provincial and national levels. This year we were pleased to add Aesthetic Group Gymnastics to our event, with groups from BC and Alberta participating.

In April, we took 13 gymnasts to Western Canadian Championships, where once again, the Planet Team did extremely well. Polly Krivchun became Novice Champion. Our Pre Novices Alexa Chow and Michelle Kaufman placed in the top 8 in each event and AA - a great start for our littlest national stream athletes! A number of our provincial athletes reached the podium and all our eligible gymnasts qualified to compete at Nationals.



On the weekend of May 18-20th, three of our gymnasts competed at the Canadian National Individual Championships. Polly Krivchun received two silver medals and two bronze medals in apparatus events and placed third AA in the Novice category. Lena Kudelsky came 3rd in hoop and 12th AA in the level 9 Junior category. Allie Donaldson came 20th AA in her first year as a level 9 Senior.

The recreational program has grown enormously. These girls showcased their new skills at our annual Holiday Show and will again our successful Year End Extravaganza. 29 interclub and AGG gymnasts participated in the 2nd annual "All Stars"



Invitational in Maple Ridge. The WRGS-parent society has been working hard to raise funds for our competitive, interclub, and AGG programs. Through their efforts, we were able to purchase portable ballet barres which have been much appreciated by our ballet instructor.

Looking ahead, we foresee continuing growth in all of our programs. Both our Facebook presence and our newly revamped website (www.planetr.ca) are attracting attention, reflecting the expanding interest in rhythmic gymnastics in BC.

Sent by Natasha Korkh

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Zone 8 Reports South Cariboo Rhythmic Gymnastics



South Cariboo Rhythmic Gymnastics had a successful 2012 – 2013 season. We saw the demand and offered the preschool gymnastics program for the first time. Including preschool program, we had over 60 gymnasts throughout the year.

Coaching: In October 2012, 4 of our young enthusiastic coaches went down to Okanagan Rhythmic Gymnastics in Vernon for Level 1 NCCP Gymnastic Foundation. Having instructors like Marta Kroupa and Camille Martens made our coaches walk away with encouragement and positive guidance to further pursue their coaching.

Volunteering: In March 2013, 7 of our coaches and gymnasts had an excellent opportunity to serve and give back by volunteering in Elite Canada National Championships.

Workshops: During Spring Break week in March 2013, Adagio Rhythmic Gymnastics gave our gymnasts an opportunity to learn more in pre-competitive level training. Coach Leanne Karpus was inspiring to our gymnasts to pursue further competitive level competition.

Our Year-End was filled with talents, joy, pride, colors, applause, and laughter. All our gymnasts participated in solos, small group, and large group routines.

In 2013 – 2014, we would like to continue in learning and teaching and provide more opportunities to our gymnasts and to our club. We will be working hard on Intro to competitive level and taking gymnasts to National Gymnaestrada in 2014.

With this opportunity, I would like to say thank you to Federation for all the encouragement and any club and coaches who have opened the door and heart to our club.

Olympia RG for 2012-2013 season report

Olympia RG had a wonderful RG year. Our team took part of many competitions and girls were showing great results in Seattle, Planet Invitational, Queen of hearts, Zone 5, Olympia Cup, BC Provincials, Westerns and National Canadian Championship.



We would like to congratulate all gymnasts and coaches and specially our National stream gymnast and medalists from BC Provincials and Westerns - Emily Bernard, Jenna Chan. Also congratulations to Samantha Kerr, Isabel Todorova, Megan Bokenfohr, Phoebe Richman-Taylor and all Western team for successful RG season.

We were happy to organize Zone 5 Competition and our first Olympia Cup this year with great success! We have one bigger event for the end of season - Olympia Year End Gala.

Submitted by Daniela Todorova



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Program Coordinator Report

This was very busy and successful year for all the BC Rhythmic gymnastics athletes, coaches and judged. We started the year with secure finances for the first time since I am working for the BCRSGF by receiving on time and without any cuts the Core and Gaming funds. Our membership is slowly but steady growing that is allowing us to qualify for the Core grant.

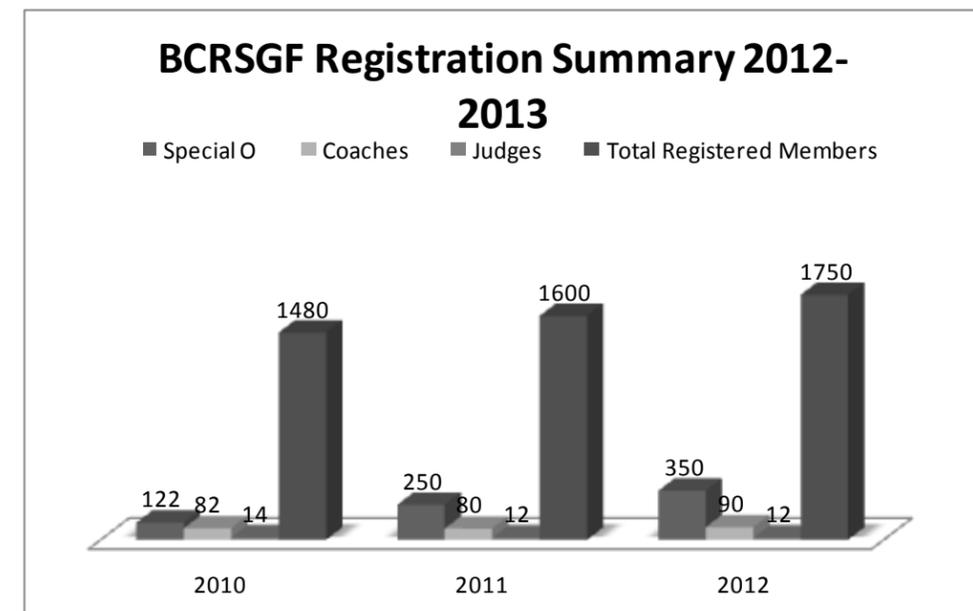
We continued to deliver the programs that were established for the past few years, as the Summer Training, Ballet Program and School Program. We did NCCP Level 1 in Okanagan and we also were able to bring Tamara Bompá to do a Workshop for the New Code of Points for all BC coaches and Judges. We also host the Brevet Judges Course in Richmond. We financially supported BC athletes traveling to BC Provincial and Western Championships in Vancouver and the athletes attending BC Gymnaestrada in Whistler.

We offered training grants to qualified athletes to prepare for Westerns Regional Championship, CIC and Elite Canada Championships.

2012-13 was also very busy year for BCRSGF hosting two major events in Canada, 2012 Western Regional Championships and 2013 Elite Canada. Those competitions would not be possible without the extraordinary work put by all the BC Clubs Volunteers. THANK YOU !!!

PARTICIPATION:

Registration numbers have increased moderately in recent years as illustrated in the following graph.



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Coaches – This year we had NCCP Level 1 coaching course Gymnastic Foundation organized in Vernon by Okanagan RG, We had 9 participants that successfully passed the course The facilitator was Marta Kroupa.

Most of the BC Coached attended the Tamara Bompas New Code of Points workshop.

Megan Magid successfully finished NCCP Level 4 course and she is one of the few Level 4 Rhythmic Gymnastics Coaches.

Ashley Lonsdale and Brie-Anne Macpherson took NCCP Level 3 course.

After the 2013 National Individual Championship Kamena Pekova was named as a Coach of the year, as she has two Seniors and two Juniors athletes at the Canadian National team

Congratulations to all BC Coached for their excellent work during the year. Without the coaches' work the athletes success is impossible.

Judges – BC Hosted the Continental Judges Course in Vancouver. BC Brevet Judges Diana Nerman, Kamena Petkova, Megan Magid, Adrienne Arnold and Angela Fratarolli took the course and now they are waiting for the exam day to be set. Also BC National judges Natasha Korkh, Linda Way and Marta Kroupa took the course and successfully passed the National exam.

Thank you to all the judges and their volunteer's work during the year, putting all those hours of tremendous work during the competitions in order to support the BC athletes.

PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to all of our competitive girls on their performances of the last year.

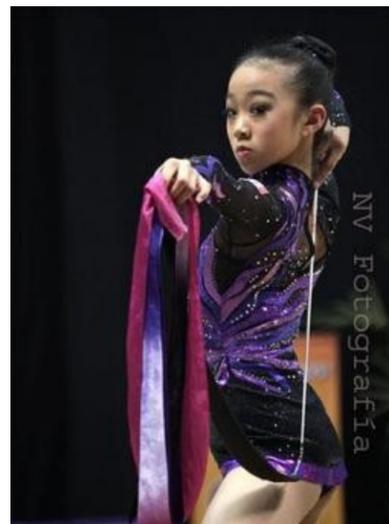
We entered this competitive season with 3 Senior in National Team positions being held by Annabelle Kovacs, Lisa Huh, Christy Chang and Karen Hong and 2 Juniors : Kaylie Chio and Cindy Hah.

Kaylie Choi and Cindy Hah represented Canada at the Junior Pan American Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Cordoba, Argentina on September 2, 2012. Photo Credit to Nadu Vallejo. The Canadian team won Silver Medal at the Championship.

2013 Elite Canada was another great competition for all the BC Athletes. BCRSGF as a host of 2013 Elite Championship requested from GCG to have the event as an open competition and gave the opportunity to all the BC Junior and Seniors to compete at the event. The biggest surprise at this event was Jessica Krushen retiring to Rhythmic Gymnastic after five years away from the sport. She proved that if you have passion and dedication to the sport you can achieve anything.

Annabelle, Lisa, Christy, Kaylie and Cindy was consisted with their performance and they keep their ranked in the top 8th.

BC's success cannot be represented with just the ranking of the athletes - the depth and size of the BC team is incredible. BC sent 130 gymnast to 2013 Western Regional Championship and 36 gymnast was qualified and attended 2013 Nationals.



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Zone 4 Year End Report, May 28, 2013



Overview

As the competitive year comes to a close, the athletes, coaches and families of Aura Rhythmics have much to celebrate. The club continues to thrive, and achieve goals which, at times, seemed challenging. After a readjustment in the fall of 2012, which saw the beginning of the training program with the retirement and relocation of two much loved coaches, Yimei and Camille, Demetra stepped up to the plate as a fulltime member of the coaching team. Gina continues in her capacity as coach of the young girls, and added more time with the competitive athletes, and Kamena swung into action, choreographing new routines for all the athletes.

Aura trained more than 35 gymnasts this year, and saw success from the very beginners to the most accomplished. From Elite, and Provincials, through Westerns and Nationals, we had not only partici-

pation, but personal milestones for Aura athletes of all ages. We have also offered recreational programming this year in conjunction with the VSB, and the Richmond Olympic Oval, which will continue through their multi sport Summer Camps.

National Team

We were proud to place 4 gymnasts, Annabelle Kovacs, Kaylie Choi, Lisa Huh, and Cindy Huh on National Team at Elite, and maintain and better that ranking at Nationals in Ottawa two weeks ago. Annabelle Kovacs is the Silver Medalist and second ranked Senior in Canada, which resulted in her assignment to World Championships in Kiev in September 2013. Kaylie Choi is now the top Junior in Canada, a remarkable accomplishment in itself, and a credit to her indomitable spirit. She was awarded Athlete of the Year at Nationals 2013. Lisa Huh became a Senior this year, and not only made National team at Elite, but moved to 4th position in a number of events at Nationals. And Cindy Huh finished 3rd overall after the cumulative calculations from Elite and Nationals, which is a spectacular result. Aura was also awarded top Canadian team at Nationals, and as result the girls and their coach were assigned to the prestigious Aeon Cup in Tokyo in October, 2013. They will all represent Canada at the FIG International Tournament in Calais in June, 2013.

Kamena Petkova

Kamena was surprised, and honored to be chosen by RGC as Canada's top Coach for 2012/2013. It was both a fitting, and much deserved highlight of her 20 year history as a Canadian Coach, which has spanned 4 generations of athletes, and more than 15 Canadian National Team members, all of whom continue to keep her a part of their lives.

Summer Programs

We will once again have our month long August Summer training program, and welcome new gymnasts, as well as our Aura girls, who are all anxious to learn new skills, and new choreography for their 2014 programs. The camp will also be welcoming athletes from other provinces, who attend for the camaraderie, and the opportunity for specialized work with the team. As these camps fill up rapidly, and are mandatory for the competitive girls, it is necessary to register at this time. In closing, we thank the BCRSGF for the support the athletes received in the form of grants, and the opportunity for refinement of routines that came through travel and competition. We all look forward to the future, and the growth of our athletes in the coming years.



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Zone 3 Report

Submitted by Megan Magid – Zone 3 Representative

June 2013

Zone 3 is very busy with 4 Competitive Clubs – Club Adagio, The Academy, Grace Rhythmics and Ori-gami Rhythmics

News from Adagio Rhythmic Academy:

Club Adagio Maple Ridge continues to garner great interest from families in the Tri-Cities. The girls had a great season with National Junior, Jenna Little, qualifying to Nationals in her first year in the National category and Eszter Benedek, Amelia Helmus and Hannah Scoular medalling at both the 2013 Provincial Championships and Western Regional Championships. “Get In Shape” classes will be offered for the local athletes for the athletes during July and August.

2013 Summer Camps are also in place for Adagio Rhythmic Academy programs in North Vancouver, Lower Mainland Community Centre Programs, “Summer at Saint Georges” and the 4 week Vancouver Competitive Camp in Vancouver.

Our December 2012 Annual Holiday Gala performance was the largest event ever with over 500 parents, athletes, volunteers and coaches in attendance – it was an exciting showcase of development from newcomers to rhyth-mics to the top National Level Athletes in the club.

Millennium Cup was hosted February 22 to 24, 2013 at the Richmond Oval. This was a great test event for BC Athletes, Volunteers and Judges prior to Elite Canada which was held two weeks later. The Zone 3 and 4 Champion-ships were also held in conjunction with Millennium Cup. It was great to welcome so many BC, West-ern Canada and Pacific Northwest Athletes and a real treat to have National Team Members from Wales in attendance as well.

On the Provincial, Westerns Competitive front, Club Adagio and the Academy took top place-ments in all categories (Level 3B-Level 9 Senior) at the 2013 BC Championships and had the largest and strongest contingent at the 2013 Western Regional Championships winning 5 AA titles in 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B and National Level Senior, Silver AA in 4B, 5C and Bronze AA in 3B, 4C, 5B. 2013 National Champion-ships brought qualification of 9 of our 10 National Level Athletes to this prestigious event as well as top 8 AA placements for Level 9 Junior Joanna Zajaczkowski (8th AA), Level 9 Senior Hanul Seo (6th AA) and Shannon Code (Bronze Medallist AA) – many personal bests were achieved and lots of wonderful



memories were made this season as the Zone 3 athletes continue to work hard and improve under the guidance of their coaches.

We look forward to closing this amazing season with our Annual Year End Show – Parade of Champions, June 19th 2013 to celebrate all of the achievements of our wonderful athletes, coaches and supporters. We wish the other Zones and BCRSGF Members a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again in the 2013 -2014 Season!

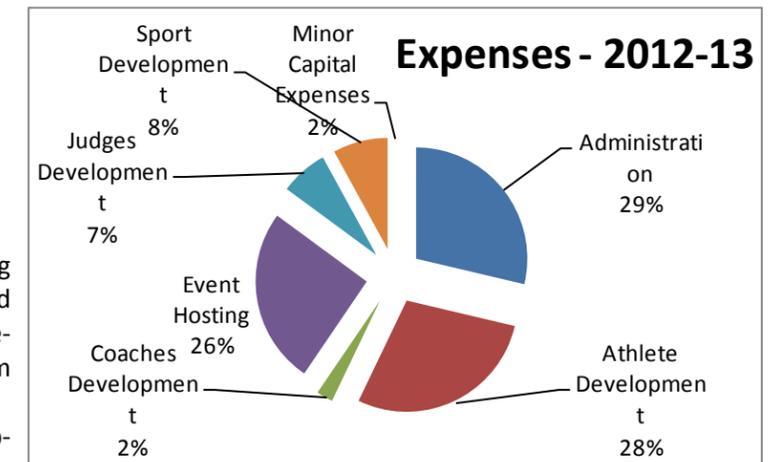
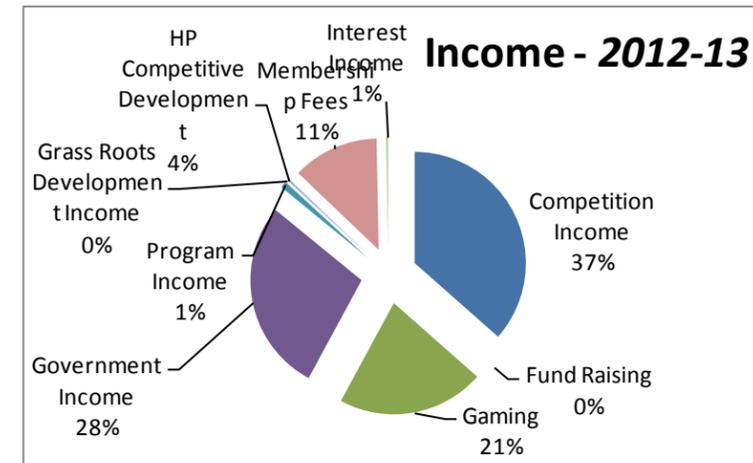


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Sustainability

We are increasing our membership very steady for the past few years, but we need to try to register all the athletes that are involved with the rhythmic gymnasts, like summer camps and recreational pro-grams.

2012– 2013 INCOME AND EXPENSE GRAPHS:



PARTNERSHIPS

We still have a very strong Partnership with Gymnastics BC, and in 2012-13 our partnership with Special O became stronger. Mario Lam and I met with Shawn Fevens, Manager, Sport and Youth Development, and discussed the ways the two organizations can help each other.

In closing I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their enormous support during this year, and especially the president, Adrienne Arnold, and VP Finance Director Diana Zoe Coop.

I appreciate their weekly input, and assistance with preparation of reports, and attendance with me at the government meetings.

I look forward to the new season, and the growth of our beautiful sport.
Respectfully submitted,

Sashka Gitcheva
Program Coordinator

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO BCRSGF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted By: Adrienne Arnold, June 2013

The 2012-13 Season has truly passed in a giant blur of activity for our Federation and I believe most whom I have spoken to feel the same way. From an administrative point of view, it has been incredibly busy and at times quite a lot to manage for a volunteer executive committee and one "part time" paid staff. BC Rhythmic Gymnastics is definitely growing by leaps and bounds and we are adjusting our volunteer workload and staff hours accordingly as events require. This season we requested that our Program Co-ordinator work overtime hours both for the organization of Elite Canada and for the BC Provincial Championships. In addition, we also asked her to serve as Head of Delegation for the large BC Team travelling to the Canadian National Championships in Ottawa in May. Sashka Gitcheva continues to be a valuable employee and I am grateful to have her to work with as the day to day "go to person" for our sport in BC. In addition, I must also acknowledge and thank the tireless work of VP Finance Diana Coop Nerman, Competitive Development Chair, Megan Magid and Treasurer Lori Fung for their vigilant and experienced regular contributions to the governance and maintenance of our sport in BC. These ladies are always on call, always making themselves available and taking very seriously the integral part they play in the overall functioning of our organization – many thanks!

As I mentioned – the year has flown by and it began in the late Fall with the introduction of the new FIG Code of Points which has had a tremendous effect (and a great deal of fall out in adjusting to) for every member competitive club in the Province. From Interclub to Western Stream to National Stream, every Coach was reeling at times from the new approach to routine choreography and the constant new information and necessary adjustments to routines and scripts. It was definitely a steep learning curve for everyone, but one that the talented

Coaches of BC seized if our strong showing at the Western Canadian Championships and National Championships was any indication! Congratulations to all of our BC Coaches for the many Champions you produced and for the countless Podium and Top 8 results you achieved. We are very proud of all of our beautiful athletes and congratulate them all for their numerous accomplishments this season.

Clubs and athlete membership is growing steadily in both Competitive and Recreational/Performance programs around the province. Older and more established clubs are assisting newer clubs in finding their way and improving their programs and we thank the Coaches who are reaching out in this way. We are looking forward to an increased level of participation from more clubs for both provincial and national Gymnastics for All programs this season and beyond – this area has much room for growth.

Sashka will report in detail on Core Funding Grants from the Provincial Govt, but I am pleased to note that once again our team (Sashka, myself, Diana, Megan and Kamena) were a strong and unified voice at the provincial government and viaSport meeting. Everyone spoke at length at the extemporaneous interview and their expertise and depth of knowledge of the history and growth and development of the sport in BC greatly assisted in making our case for continued and (increased in some areas) government funding. Thanks again to the "team" for taking time out of your busy week to make the case for BC Rhythmic Gymnastics funding...we are perceived as very active, organized and successful sport federation in this province according to the feedback we received!

Last but not least, I hope to put more emphasis for the coming season on a few matters that will improve functioning of the federation for all I believe. Those areas needing improvement are a) lines of communication within the zones and the province on all matters b) clarifying and in some cases simplifying and making more accessible the policies and rules that govern us as an organization, administratively and technically and c) clarifying and publishing protocols and procedures for clubs to follow with respect to the Provincial and GCG rules and structure. I believe strengthening these areas will lead to improved positive communications and smoother functioning for all of our members and this is something that will benefit everyone!

I will be attending the GCG Annual General Meeting and Program Assembly in Ottawa June 14-16. One of the topics that will once again be on the table is how we can make the unwieldy size of the Western Canadian Championships become a workable and enjoyable competition for all athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. Anyone who attended the event will tell you that this year's size and scope was truly very hard on all who participated. There was also some discussion of BC applying to host the Nationals in 2014, so I will report back upon my return if there are any significant changes that will be implemented in the 2013-14 Season. I wish you all a good and restful summer break and thank all the Board Members and volunteers who have contributed in big and small ways to the overall success of the BCRSGF events this season...we could not have managed without you!!

Respectfully Submitted June 2013
Adrienne Arnold, President

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Western Highlights/Stats for ORGC:

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Zone 2 Report ~submitted by Curtis Andreotti

Zone 2 has had a great year!

Kelowna Rhythmics, with Coach Svetlana Rasseko, awaiting report. Okanagan Rhythmics athletes and coaches Camille Martens and Brie-Anne MacPherson, along with support coaches/staff Tammy Andreotti and Tanya Wiise have had a record year with results and enrollment. Record numbers in all programs have allowed the program to grow in all areas from Parent and Tot up to Elite RG. This saw the full use of both facilities, the main gym and the newly added dance/ballet studio.

Full programs offered (with full enrollment and often waiting lists) were:

Parent and Tot
Pre-School Dream
Recreational Rainbow
Performance Team
RG Interclub
RG Pre-Competitive
RG Competitive
RG Competitive Elite

More details on these programs can be viewed here:

<http://gymnasticsinvernon.com/gymnastics-classes-programs/>

Season highlights include:

§ In November, the ORGC and Cirque Theatre Company put on a performance of “Anastasia - The Mystery of a Russian Princess”.

The show brought together all levels of the programs mentioned above into an five amazing and well received performances.

§ In January, a team of athletes travelled to Toronto for the Etobicoke Invitational and stayed for training and ballet camps afterwards.

□ February brought our local Provincial and National Stream athletes together for our Zone 2 Championships. We also hosted The Queen of Hearts Invitational which brought athletes from BC and Alberta to Vernon. We aim to grow this event significantly over the next few years.

□ March saw 8 of our junior and senior athletes compete at Elite Canada at the Richmond Oval. ORGC had a strong showing for a younger/inexperienced group in the Elite competition. Our entire competitive team traveled to the Planet Invitational in Vancouver.

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CDC Committee Report 2012/2013 Submitted by CDC Chair: Megan Magid

The CDC Committee met 2 times this season. The main technical topic of discussion for the CDC Committee this season was a slight re-vamp of the BC Provincial Stream Program (Interclub – 3) to bring it more in line with the 2013-2016 Code of Points and the Provincial National and National Program. For the upcoming season we need to continue to look at ways to make the New Code of Points work better for our developmental (interclub-Level 3) athletes as there is definitely a gap in this area as the New Code of Points is not geared towards grassroots development, but rather elite level National and International Athletes. We need to seriously look at ways to use the spirit of the New Code of Points but have the rules geared more towards fundamental apparatus and body skills to insure the building blocks for the future of these young athletes is in place.

I am happy to report that we continue to have success in the mandatory participation at Zone Competitions (and the submission of the official computer results). Thank you to all of the Zones for your efforts in this area. The 2013 Elite Canada and Group Nationals (newly open competition) were hosted by BCRSGF with the support of member clubs at the Richmond Olympic Oval. The venue was excellent and gave an energy and pulse to the event. In addition the location was great for the visiting teams and very convenient to the airport and amenities. The 2013 BC Provincial and National Stream Championships, hosted by Club Elite, was a huge competition with all of the athletes who were planning on attending Westerns 2013 in attendance. Due to the large number of athletes in BC it is a future recommendation that the BC Championships be held over 2.5 - 3 days in a larger facility than Creekside Community Centre (with 2 full carpets in the practice area). It is not beneficial to athletes, coaches, volunteers and judges to run competitions which are 10-12 hours in length each day. Thank you to Club Elite and all of your volunteers for taking on the hosting of this huge event. Member clubs continue to organize Invitational's which offers great opportunities for BC athletes to compete with athletes from across Canada and around the world on their home turf.

BC continues to be a force to be reckoned with on the Competitive Scene regionally, nationally and internationally, with many of our athletes taking top placements at the events they participated in. This season BC has 4 Seniors on the Senior National Team and 2 Juniors on the Junior National Team – Congratulations to Annabelle Kovacs, Lisa Huh, Jessica Krushen and Christy Cheng – 2013 Canadian Senior National Team Members and Kaylie Choi and Cindy Huh – 2013 Canadian Junior National Team Members – congratulations is also extended to these girls coaches.

BC was again the largest contingent at the 2013 Western Regional Championships held in Edmonton, Alberta and Team BC really dominated the field in all competitive categories winning the majority of the AA Titles and many medals in each level of competition – congratulations to all of the Team BC Members. At the 2013 National Championships in Ottawa, Ontario, again BC showed its strength and depth with excellent placements in the Novice, Junior and Senior categories. Just a note that the athletes participating at Westerns and Nationals must adhere to the Team BC Uniform Rules, there were a number of teams which were unfortunately in contravention of this rule and therefore we will have to look at stricter enforcement of Team BC, rather than Club related affiliation at these events.

In closing I would like to extend thanks to my fellow CDC committee members, I believe we worked very well together and had a positive and productive year. A huge thank you to Sashka Gitcheva for her tireless work on behalf of the BC Federation – you can always count on Sashka to go the extra mile in the best interest of the Federation.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Magid

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BCRSGF Judges Chairperson Report **Submitted by: Diana Coop Nerman : May 28, 2013**

This was a challenging year for judging in BC due in part to the fact that the Technical RG committee of the International FIG is under review. As a result of this development, no Brevet judges have been able to take the exams to recertify, as they were cancelled worldwide until the investigation is complete. To alleviate this situation, and to ensure all the eligible Canadian Brevet judges were taught the new code, the Canadian Federation brought FIG expert, Ms. Caroline Hunt, to Vancouver to teach the Brevet course to all Canadian Brevets, minus the exams, immediately prior to Elite 2013 in March.

Madame Tamara Bompa assisted at this course, and administered an exam at that time for eligible National judges. Prior to Zone 3/4/5/ competitions in February, the BCRSGF also brought Tamara Bompa to teach an open COP workshop for all BC coaches and judges. We funded the maximum allowable number of Brevet and National level judges to the regional and national competitions. The committee agreed that with the large number of BC athletes who qualified to the ranking events at all levels, it was funds worth investing.

Western Regional Championships was a lengthy and difficult competition to judge, and the reduced panel size resulted in an unprecedented number of meetings. It is my understanding that this will never be the case at further National events. We also encountered an unexpected issue with a conflict between judging and coaching at this event, and had to remove one of our assigned officials from the roster in Edmonton. Nationals were very successful. The competition ran smoothly due to the larger panels. It appears that it is necessary to always have 4 person panels to drop the high and low scores, and average the middle two scores for each routine.

The recommendation of the judges committee over the past few years has been to gradually review some of the policies which exist for our judges, and establish new protocols. One of those areas we now monitor is a database of all judges' performance at competitions. We plan to schedule a judging workshop for the fall of 2013 to certify a new group of provincial level judges drawn from the ranks of retired national team members, as this is where we hope to focus recruitment for new officials in the future. There is no standardized Canadian provincial exam at this time, although repeated requests have been made to GCG in this regard. It was our intention to recertify our BC provincial judges by now, but this has become very difficult due to the fact that the exam does not exist. At this point we feel that it is not correct procedure to exam the provincial judges, as the standardized exam has not been made available to all the provinces.

Due to some unresolved judging issues we had two lengthy Judges Committee teleconference calls to address correspondence, rotational systems, judging lists, reports, and modifications to current assignment criteria. We will institute some new amendments to the manual to reflect the changing needs of our membership. These will be brought to the judges at the Assembly.

I wish all the judges a rejuvenating summer break, and hope we return in the fall with renewed energy and purpose. The Judges Assembly will take precedence in the early fall to elect the new Judges Chair, and the committee members. Hopefully by that time the outstanding international issues will be resolved, and we can move forward on all fronts.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Coop Nerman, BCRSGF Judges Chairperson

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The BC Rhythmic Gymnastics Clubs - GG - RG - AGG - have been very active and busy preparing and developing athletes for many of the following activities;

- 1) The BC RG Clubs are the biggest promoter of the Sport' through performances, workshops, School Programs, in local, provincial, national and international events.
- 2) Participation of inter-club events and Gymnaestrada.
- 3) Many of the RG Clubs throughout BC are preparing and training for the following major events:
 - a) Western Canada Gymnaestrada
 - b) Canadian National Gymnaestrada
 - c) World Gymnaestrada
 - d) Gala Performances
- 4) And the involvement of the basic Coaches training.

The RG School program is also in full swing , due to the dedication of some very knowledgeable BC Coaches, and the not to forget the Martial Arts program, and the devoted Clubs who are promoting the AGG Program. And the full support of RG Special Olympics.

BCRSGF Is financially supporting all the programs, and helping with the growth and development of all RG Programs. And for the future it is imperative that BCRSGF continues to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Monika Alde, BC RG Chair