



2021 Chairman's Report

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Ontario Snowboard has managed to successfully weather the uncertainties surrounding the policy responses to the pandemic. Unfortunately, this past season was not so kind to our members. Athletes, coaches, volunteers, and officials missed all of the live action that is essential to the enjoyment of our amazing sport.

The last best moments prior to the hiatus were the 2020 Alpine Snow TKO World Cup at Blue Mountain. And just after, the Junior and Senior National Championships in Alpine Snowboard. Then, on March 12th we figured we would have to cancel all upcoming events until we knew more about what was going on and what this would mean for all of us.

This is not much of an update, other than to remind our members that we have always continued to plan and are prepared to execute all of the events and programs we think (and hopefully you think) are important to all riders, coaches and officials, regardless of level of knowledge or experience. And we are still at it and have a full calendar planned.

We would like to thank the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries for their support, the Government of Canada for assisting with our international events as well as all of our partners.

Athlete Highlights

Despite our inability to host local events, our Ontario riders were out there in the world killing it, in every discipline.

To kick off the season (not really part of the 2021 season but a continuation of 2020) the Alpine snowboard World Junior Championships was held in December. Ontario athlete Kaylie Buck earned a bronze medal – the first time a Canadian woman has stood on that podium.

At the Slopestyle World Cup in March, Liam Brearley was second and the top Canadian.

On the Alpine Europa Cup tour, three Ontario women collected four medals. Megan Farrell earned silver twice, JJ Hawkrigg silver and Katrina Gerencser bronze.

That is not an exclusive list of all of our athletes' personal achievements. There were many excellent results across all levels of competition and disciplines.

The Future

Our commitment to the kids who develop into world class athletes is one thing we will not stop doing. And we will always support any athlete, coach, volunteer, official or parent, whether you still participate or if your path has taken you in a different direction.

I won't be returning to an official board position this upcoming season. My term of nine years is up. I'm not sure how that happened. But what I do know – I have had some of the most enjoyable experiences in my life by contributing what I could to this beautiful sport. And I will continue to do so, but in a different role.

I remember when our son wanted to snowboard when he was five. And since that time I have met some of the kindest, good and hardworking people you can imagine. Snowboarding has something about it that I can not describe. But what I do know is that the people involved are the best part. Almost equal to the amazing things I have seen, in person or remotely, that have made this experience a very rewarding one. And have I learned a lot, which is cool, learning keeps my brain going and keeps me out of trouble.

I want to thank all of those dedicated to making snowboarding in Ontario the best experience for all of our riders.

I think Ontario Snowboard is in a great position to continue to be the best snowboard organization in Canada. We have hardworking hands-on board members. An ever-expanding list of volunteers and officials. The best Executive Director and team running the show. And last, and most importantly, a large group of athletes who continue to lead the way for Ontario and Canada.

That's it.

Send it.

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Chairman