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## AB Speed Skating June eNews

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### Updates

The AASSA AGM was held May 5th and 6th at the University of Calgary. Thank you to all the delegates and guests who contributed to the meeting!

Outgoing AASSA Board Members include Larry Howe and Melanie Winters and we would like to thank them for their significant contributions to AB Speed Skating!

Nicole Cooney was re-elected to the position of President, Kristine Pederson was re-elected to the VP Communications position, and Henry Thriscutt was newly elected to the position of VP, Officials Development, all by acclamation. The position of VP Marketing is now vacant; if you are interested in assisting with this work, contact Nicole Cooney, [president@aassa.ca](mailto:president@aassa.ca). We would also like to encourage skating community members to participate on our various committees. Thank you to Edmonton's Michelle Chabot for already stepping forward to assist with the Finance Committee.

The proposed bylaw change to have AASSA's fiscal year be June 1st to May 31st each year was approved by the delegates. We are underway to make this approved bylaw change a reality.



Photo: The 2017-2018 AASSA Board: Mike Marshall, Jason Thomas, Kristine Pederson, Stephanie Dodyk, Nicole Cooney, Doug Spicer and Henry Thriscutt (missing - Liz Offin).

### Canmore Summer Camp

- July 2nd to 7th, Canmore and Banff areas
- There are still a few spots left
- [Click here for more information and to register for the Canmore Summer Camp](#)

We had some email issues at the beginning of June, but all is well again; thank you for your patience!

## Clubs, Officials and Volunteers

The winner of the [2017 Mike Heitman Memorial Award](#) for outstanding contributions to the sport of Speed Skating in Alberta is **Larry Howe**. Larry was the President of the Banff-Canmore Speed Skating Club for many years before joining the Board of Alberta Speed Skating, where he led the development of AASSA's Strategic Plan and contributed positively to every aspect of the organization. Thank you Larry! We will miss you.

The AASSA Board also belatedly awarded the [2015 Mike Heitman Memorial Award](#) at the AASSA AGM to **Werner Meyer**. Like many other speed skating volunteers, Werner first got involved in the sport as a skating-Dad, and then just stayed involved - for decades! Werner took up speed skating along the way and would sometimes end up competing AND officiating at the same meet. Werner still volunteers many hours as well as competes and we love that you're still involved in the sport. Thank you for your patience in receiving this well-deserved award, Werner!

Also winners, congratulations to the Peace Wapiti Club and the Lloydminster Border Blades Club for their successful applications in the [SSC / Intact Insurance Podium Tracker Award program](#)!! Well done.

## Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

### 2016-2017 AB Speed Skating Skater Award Winners

AB Speed Skating has two yearly awards for skaters who exemplify skating achievement in addition to overall dedication, perseverance, sportsmanship and excellence in other areas of their lives.

The 2017 Keven Sirois Memorial Award given to a long-track focussed skater for overall excellence in the past year was awarded to Brooklyn McDougall.

The 2017 Bruce Jones Memorial Award given to a short-track focussed skater for overall excellence in the past year was awarded to Keil Hillis.

AB Speed Skating also provided Katie Saunders with a special Award of Merit for her season's short-track achievements, including podium finishes at her third Special Olympics in Austria.

**For top results in their discipline and categories:**

#### Long Track Award Winners

- Senior Male Long Track: Ted-Jan Bloemen
- Senior Female Long Track: Kaylin Irvine
- Junior Male Long Track: Connor Howe
- Junior Female Long Track: Brooklyn McDougall

#### Short Track Award Winners

- Senior Male Short Track: Keil Hillis
- Senior Female Short Track: Marika Nadal
- Junior Male Short Track: Brendan Yamada
- Junior Female Short Track: Hee-Won Son

Congratulations to these award winners for their excellent results and leadership in their sport!



Photo: Larry Howe, Ted-Jan Bloemen, Kaylin Irvine, Connor Howe, Katie Saunders, Brooklyn McDougall, Keil Hillis, Sabrina Yamada (Brendan's Mom) and Werner Meyer; missing Marika Nadal, Hee-Won Son and Brendan Yamada.

#### Provincial Team

The provincial team list has been defined based on the 2016-2017 competition results. Congratulations to all the new and ongoing members. You should have received a letter from Mike Marshall about the expectations, team suits, etc. Contact [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca) if you did not receive this information.

The **AB Long Track High Performance Program** is well-underway for 2017-2018, with Mike Marshall leading the program, and Mike Ireland as Assistant Coach. The HPP will continue to accept skaters throughout the year, and drop-ins can be arranged. [More information about the AB HPP is available on our web site.](#)

Contact Mike Marshall, Technical Director, if you have any questions or suggestions: [technicaldirector@aassa.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@aassa.ca)

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