



President's Report for the 2019 AGM

TO: BC Adaptive Snowsports Members,

Looking back on this year I feel we are in a much more positive and progressive position than we previously were, due to the hard work and collaboration of BCAS staff, our new Executive Director and the Board of Directors.

In March 2019 the Board of Directors were pleased to secure a high caliber Executive Director Jeff Sauvé. Jeff comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of Provincial and National Sports Organizations as a CEO. He is a graduate of Queen's University (BPHE & BA) and the University of Windsor (MHK) and is currently undertaking a PhD at UBC researching athlete well-being. Jeff immediately established excellent working relationships with our Staff, Board, Clubs and volunteers, building on his, and our existing connections. Jeff has consolidated and forged new and meaningful partnerships for BCAS with like-minded organizations.

I am sure many of you were involved with one or more of BCAS events over the past year. BC Adaptive Snowsports offered a range of events over the course of the season, each of which served a strategic need. In 2018/19 we delivered:

- Summit – Held at Sun Peaks, we had 52 instructors attend from 7 different clubs.
- SheCan – We piloted a new all-female event at Silver Star featuring 14 instructors, 5 athletes and 4 “come and try” participants. We will be hosting SheCan at Silver again, from February 6-9, 2020. The focus will be on women instructors.



- All Mountain Camps – At our All Mountain Camp (AMC) at Sun Peaks we saw 29 participants and 9 coaches attend. Six of the athletes were under 16 years of age, with 7 new AMC participants. The second AMC at Sunshine had 18 participants, 5 of whom were under 16 years of age, with 5 brand new AMC participants. AMC 2020 events are set for January 23-26 at Sun Peaks and April 2-5 at Sunshine.

BCAS successfully hosted the revamped Black Diamond Fundraiser due to the amazing support of the Black Diamond committee. It was a pleasure to attend the event and see so many of our supporters having a great evening.

As part of our transition forward I would like to introduce you to our new Strategic Plan at the AGM. This highlights our Provincial role of supporting our clubs to deliver programs to reach our shared goal of providing increased opportunities for our members to experience freedom on the mountains.

Personally I am looking forward to the next year with some excitement as we work towards greater provision of relevant services to clubs, volunteers and participants.

We appreciate we could not achieve anything without our volunteers, clubs, and partners. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you!

See you on the slopes!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SMP", written in a cursive style.

Sarah Morris-Probert

President, BC Adaptive Snowsports