

***ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
DOMINICA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE***

*TO THE 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31,
2000 IN THE OLYMPIC QUADRENNIAL
(1997-2000).*

Prepared on behalf of
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INTRODUCTION

On Behalf of the executive of the Dominica Olympic Committee (DOC), I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to present to members of the Committee the report for the 4th Olympic Year ending December 31, 2000. This was a special year in the Olympiad (1997-2000) and was appropriately dubbed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations as the "Year for a Culture of Peace".

Doc, for the first time, chronicled its history and activities as part of the Olympic Family in a full-color, glossy commemorative magazine. In May Dominica was graced with the presence of His Excellency Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee.

Dominica recorded its second entry into the world's greatest sporting event, the Sydney Olympics. Undoubtedly, the interests of affiliates were well served, priority was given to young athletes as an investment for the future and sound accountability was recognized by the Olympic Solidarity (OS).

EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION

The first Executive Meeting in the year 2000, was held at the Fort Young Hotel as a Planning Session on January 9th, 2000. The following members constituted the executive.

**FELIX WILSON
HUBERT JOSEPH
THOMAS DORSETT
ROSANNE PRINGLE
AINSWORTH IRISH
DEREK ANGOL
DAVID NICHOLAS
ADENAUR DOUGLAS
NATHANEL ISSAC**

**PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT (DABA)
GENERAL SECRETARY (DLTA)
TREASURER (CO-OPTED 1997)
ASST. SECRETARY (DAAA)
MEMBER
MEMBER (DASA)
MEMBER (DABA)
MEMBER (DAVA)**

National Federations affiliated to their International Federations and governing a sport in the Olympic Games program were in the majority on the executive. This conformed with the provision of the DOC's constitution Section 6 (a) 1, in which National Federations (5) or their representatives chosen by them (6), must constitute the voting majority of the committee and its executive organ.

OBITUARY

The DOC, through an initiative started since 1997 by its president gave condolences to the families and friends of persons who passed away during the year 2000. Those were somewhat closely associated with the Committee. Cards and Wreaths were sent to:

**LORRAINE BANNIS-ROBERTS'S
ROSANNE PRINGLE'S
THOMAS DORESTT'S
OSSIE LEWIS'
ADENAUR DOUGLAS'**

**(DNA) MOTHER
(TREASURER DOC) NEPHEW
(DLTA) MOTHER
(CRICKET COMENTTOR) SON
BROTHER-OUR LATE PRIME
MINISTER-ROSIE DOUGLAS**

The DOC's president made it his duty to attend all those funerals, on behalf of the Committee. Ainsworth Irish, Assistant Secretary, was a pall bearer at the late Prime Minister's funeral.

MEETING

Locally, there were eleven (11) regular meetings, two (2) special meetings and three (3) organizational meetings. Section 14 (a) of the DOC's constitution allows for regular meetings of the Executive to take place at least once every three months with not less than seven (7) days notice given to all members.

DOC have had meetings according to the constitution throughout the Year 2000. It continued to have frequent statutory meetings to address its function and operations. Then table 1 below summarizes DOC's executive members attendance during the year 2000.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STATUTORY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE	CALLED	ATTENDED	EXCUSED
Felix Wilson	11	11	0
Hubert Joseph	11	5	0
Thomas Dorsett	11	11	0
Rosanne Pringle	11	5	3
Ainsworth Irish	11	11	0
Derek Angol	11	8	2
David Nicholas	11	9	0
Adenaur Douglas	11	6	0
Nathanael Issac	11	6	1

In most cases persons were excused if they were out of state. Their attendance at regular meetings may have indicated their commitment to the development of sport, willingness to serve the interest of affiliates, the functioning of the DOC and the support of its activities.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- (I) A meeting was held on March 2nd, 2000 with National Federation governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games to discuss Technical Courses, Equipment Grant, Sydney 2000 and the way forward. Members were:

DAAA	(2)	DFA	(2)
DAVA	(1)	DLTA	(1)
DOC	(5)		

- (II) A meeting to discuss and ratify the DOC's constitution was held on December 20th, 2000. In attendance were:

DOC	(6)	DAAA	(1)	DABA	(1)
DFA	(1)	DLTA	(1)	DTTA	(1)
DTTA	(1)	DRA	(1)	DASA	(2)
DAVA	(1)	DBA	(1)	DBBA	(1)
DNA	(1)				

The DOC's constitution was unanimously adopted.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - SYDNEY 2000.

On September 4th, 2000 there was a meeting held with some members of the Dominica team and DOC executive attending

On September 4th, 2001 there was a meeting held with some members of the Dominica team and DOC attending the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

PRESENT WERE:

DOC

**Felix Wilson
Thomas Dorsett
Ainsworth Irish
Chef de Mission**

**Derek Angol (Youth Camp
Coordinator)**

TEAM MEMBERS

**Dr. Jenny Allport Williams Doctor
Emmanuel Loblack Coach Track +**

**Maurice Cyrille Press Attaché
Kerrie Thomas Youth Camp**

**Shernel Samuel Youth Camp
Coach**

**David Nicholas Coach
Swimming**

Other members of the team were out-of-state. They included

Marcia Daniel	Track & Field
Sherwin James	Track & Field
Francillia Agar	Swimming
Kenneth Maronie	Swimming

Derek Angol, chairman of the Youth and Sport sub-committee and the Olympic Academy contributed immensely in preparing the Youth Camp participants. He ensured that they had a thorough understanding of the Olympic movement and the Olympic Academy's principles.

MEETINGS WITH THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORT

Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit met with the DOC executive at the Doc's office in March 2000 to discuss his Ministry's role in sport development and his vision. In June 2000 Mr. Skerrit again met with the DOC's President and Secretary General to discuss our preparations for Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

DOC held its AGM on March 30, 2000 at the Fort Young Hotel. Details of that meeting were expressed in the minutes already confirmed.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

PASO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Pan-American Sport Organization's PASO General Assembly was attended in Costa Rica by the Doc's General Secretary, Thomas Dorsett, between April 29-30, 2000. At that meeting Senior Mario Vazquez-Rana was re-appointed as PASO'S president and several Caribbean persons got elected to the executive as follows; St. Kitts & Nevis, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Lucia and Grenada. PASO is made up of 42 countries in the American Continent.

SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

On March 22-27m 2000 Derek Angol visited Paris to attend the International Rainbow Week Movement Conference, an initiative started by Athie Martin, president of the Conservation Society. Angol held discussions on the possibility of Dominica hosting the "Green Games" which involved treasure hunts, hiking and other environmentally friendly sports.

SPORT FOR ALL CONGRESS

Derek Angol was assigned to participate in the Sport for All Congress in Quebec, May 18-17, 2000. That was Dominica's second involvement in a Sport for All Congress. Angol reported on a successful meeting at which Dominica positioned itself to have another Sport for all project as it did in 1998.

ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The president, Felix Wilson attended the Association of National Olympic Committees General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil May 22-27, 2000. At that meeting, discussions on several pertinent issues were held -the Olympic Charter, Olympic Solidarity 2001- 2004 new program of decentralization, drugs in sport, the Olympic Academy of TOP V Program of sponsorship, Sport and Women and Sport and the Environment.

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY (IOA)

Nathanael Issac, Vice President of the DOA attended the Bi-annual assembly of the IOA in Athens Greece, July 2000.

Marcus Blondel, a sport teacher at the Goodwill Primary School was nominated by Derek Angol based on the former meeting the appropriate criteria for selection to attend the IOA 40th session for young participants. Between July 21 and August 8, Blondel reported from Athens in Greece, that he attained much knowledge and skills in the functioning of the IOA in its effort to educate youth through sport. He committed to assist the DOC in sport and education programmes at the youth level.

DOC OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Trophy presentation to the President of the Commonwealth of Dominica

On July 7, 2000, the government of Dominica staged a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the construction of a National Stadium.

DOC seized the opportunity to present to His Excellency Vernon L. Shaw, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica "the Olympic Door of the Year 2000" IOC trophy. It symbolized the victory and the success which enable the world's peoples to cross the threshold of the year 2000.

The DOC's President made an impassioned plea to have an athletic all-weather track as part of the National Stadium. He also revisited the lost opportunity of our World Games bronze medallist (Gottenberg 1995), and hero Jerome Romain competing for Dominica in the Sydney Olympics.

OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY SCHOLARSHIP

DOC/DFA AND COACH HELMUT KOSMEHL

Coach Helmut Kosmehl, a German by birth was the recipient of a 6-month US \$20,000 scholarship from Olympic solidarity through the DOC, to develop the coaching structure of Football in Dominica. He arrived in January but his contract was terminated at the end of April by the DFA. Kosmehl suffered from much to much greed. Dick Howard of Canada was later asked to fulfill the DFAs needs.

OLYMPIC DAY RUN (ODR)

The 4th Olympic Day Run to commemorate the IOC's birthday was celebrated on Saturday June 24, 2000. This was our most successful ODR. Over 350 persons participated in the 5k race to include members of affiliates - DAAA, DLTA,

DAVA, DNA and DFA. Ainsworth Irish and Derek Angol worked cohesively as a team with Felix Wilson to realize that success. H. E. Vernon L. Shaw may have been partly responsible for motivating athletes as he declared the "International Year for a Culture of Peace" with a radio address to the nation on the morning of June 23, 2000.

EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL COURSES

The final request for technical courses from Olympic Solidarity was sent on July 18, 2000 by the President of DOC. Equipment was requested for DLTA, DAAA, DASA, DABA, DFA, and DAVA - technical courses were requested for DLTA, DFA, DAVA, DAAA and DASA. Only DLTA succeeded in executing a technical course in 2000.

NON-OLYMPIC SPORT ASSISTANCE

Through the initiative of the DOC President Dominica Bridge Association became the third non-Olympic sport affiliate to receive a DOC grant of EC\$2200. The Association purchased tables and chairs for the playing of Bridge. This on-going program of assisting non-olympic affiliates added to the continuous development of all sport and forms part of the ideals of Olympism.

SPORT AND MEDICINE/SPORT AND WOMEN

Those two sub-committees of Sport and Medicine and Sport and Women were headed by Nathanael Issac and David Nicholas respectively. Until May 2000, Sport and Medicine met twice and recommended a seminar on the abuse of banned substances. This never materialized whereas Sport and Women sub-committee never met in the year 2000.

EQUIPMENT FOR DOC

In an effort to improve the pedagogical equipment of the DOC, a request was made to the Olympic Solidarity since January 1999 and was approved. The request was for the purchase of a power-point projector and an overhead projector. On September 7, 2000 US \$5,243 was sent by Olympic Solidarity towards those purchases. When the president asked that the bank draft be bought for the purchase of the power point projector both Thomas Dorsett General Secretary and Rosanne Pringle, Treasurer, refused to sign the cheque for the purchase. In fact

Dorsett instructed Rosanne not to sign the cheque. Their collaboration to frustrate the DOC's running and the president was well orchestrated.

DOC'S COMMEMORATIVE MAGAZINE-Sydney 2000 edition.

Again the tireless effort of the DOC's President Felix Wilson ably supported by Derek Angol made that dream become a reality. Our first publication was launched on September 42 2000, six days before the Dominica delegation left for Sydney.

The Magazine production cost was \$6,000, whereas income from advertisement and sale was EC \$4,960 at the end of December 2000. Olympic Solidarity refunded \$6,016 for publication cost of the magazine-an incredible investment was realized. Through the continued initiatives of Felix Wilson and Derek Angol to educate youth in Olympism, donations of 100 magazines to sixty Primary Schools (60) fifteen Secondary Schools (29), the Ministry of Education (7) and to the Public Library (40).

DOC'S BENEVOLENCE

Ainsworth Irish was instrumental in requesting that DOC gives to needy institutions a consignment of 82 T-shirts. At a ceremony held October 2000 DOC gave those T-shirts to the Grotto Home for the Homeless, Operation Youthquake, Portsmouth Home and Mahaut Hoe for elderly and the Infirmary.

The DOC donated EC\$1000 to Courts Dominica Ltd towards the purchase of a 4x4 vehicle for the Dominica Red Cross. We worked with Courts and launched the "International Year for Culture of Peace", at a Fund Raising event called the Millennium Walk-Soufriere to Portsmouth. DOC's General Secretary and President walked from Soufriere to Roseau on that night. Felix Wilson encouraged the DFA to donate EC\$500 towards that cause

OFFICE ACTIVITIES

The DOC's office clerk was distracted by one member of the executive. It appeared that DOC's good name could have been brought into disrepute. The office clerk did little or no work and was continually entertained away from work. This caused much trauma to the President in attempting to manager the DOC's office. Much disrespect was shown to the DOC's President as his personal mail(that is addressed to him) were opened and left on a clipboard to be read by all

before him. It took a plea to the rest of the executive to stop that practice in December 2000. The president also suffered the indignity of receiving his out-of-pocket allowance and travel expenses three hours before traveling to Brazil to attend the ANOC Congress in May 2000. Undoubtedly that was a punitive action by the Treasurer on the President; whereas any claims of the General Secretary were dealt with without the involvement of a third signature, that of the President for approval.

DOC needed to be guided by set policies that should prevent similar reoccurrences. Doc needed also to address the misuse of the internet services as it was subject to abuse even by the Office Clerk who should not have had access to the password. There were documents to substantiate that claim. The need for continual financial accounting and monitoring of the budget was never addressed throughout the year. The Treasurer only discovered a DOC fixed deposit at the National Bank on year and six months after it was made in July 1999, every other executive committee member was aware and had discussed it repeatedly.

THE VISIT OF H. E. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH

On Monday May 1, 2000, President of the International Olympic Committee IOC, HE Juan Antonio Samaranch paid a momentous visit to Dominica. His Excellency was accompanied by PASO President Mario Vazquez-Rana and wife and Pere Miro, head of the Olympic Solidarity. The IOC President and his guests were visited by H. E. President Vernon L. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw. In the presence of the Prime Minister Roosevelt Douglas, the Minister of Youth and Sport Roosevelt Skerrit, DOC executive members and other dignitaries, the IOC President was given a sumptuous lunch. Later he attended a press conference and had discussions with National Federations representatives. His one-day stay began with him being met by our indigenous caribs at Melvill Hall in a dance routine. Finally he made a request to purchase carib baskets later in the afternoon. Again the tireless efforts of Derek Angol, Ainsworth Irish joined with DOC's President as a tea to ceremoniously accommodate the IOC President and his guests.

DOC President delivered 3 carib baskets and a wife-catcher to H. E. Juan Antonio Samaranch when he attended the ANOC congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

SYDNEY 2000-The Olympic Games

Sydney was the site for the XXVII Olympic Games from September 15 to October 1, 2000.

Marcia Daniel (400m), Sherwin James (200m) Francilia Agar (50m freestyle) and Kenneth Maronie (50m freestyle) were the athletes who represented Dominica by invitation. We knew before that they were not medal potentials and therefore complimented their efforts. We should expect with continual training that they will be better prepared for ATHENS 2004. Much commendation must be given in particular to Kenneth Maronie for his discipline and grace. Marcia too, was a proud bearer of the Dominica Flag.

Others who formed part of the delegation included:

Ainsworth Irish	Chef de Mission
Dr. Jenny Allport Williams	Team Doctor
David Nicholas	Swimming Coach
Emmanuel Loblack	Track Coach

Ainsworth Irish was exceptional in his duties as leader and manager. His attention to details and his discipline made him probably the best Chef de Mission at the Games.

DOC's President Felix Wilson and General Secretary Thomas Dorsett were invited by the IOC, as a mandatory function, as representatives of the IOC national administration.

DOC invited Hon. Roosevelt Douglas (now deceased) and Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit as Government guests of the NOC.

A special mention had to be made about the two Youth Camp participants Kerry Thomas (Marigot Secondary School) and Shernell Samuel (Clifton Dupigny Community College). They distinguished themselves at the camp as described by the camp director. The Aussie Support Staff to include Noel Byles, Virginia Butchasky and Peter Dadswell were welcoming and warm.

The team returned on October 29 as decided by the DOC executive. The General Secretary, however stayed on until October 2, 2000. He did not travel with the team after we over-nighted in Puerto Rico on September 11, 2000. The General

Secretary traveled on the same plane for 14 1/2 hours from Los Angeles to Sydney first class and made no contact with either the President or the Minister of youth and Sport or Kenneth Maronie, the swimmer.

FINANCIAL POSITION

At the end of the financial year December 31, 2000 the DOC was happy to report a positive fund balance of EC\$209,602, and increase of 58.7% fro 1999. Our administrative expenses have increased by EC\$17,279 from that of 1999. DOC needed to pay greater attention to some areas of expenditure for example telephone, faxes and the use of its internet services. Serious attention has to be given to travel expenses for overseas travel

THE WAY FORWARD

DOC is an extremely important institution for the development of sport and sport related activities. It should continue to build on the foundation set over the past 4 years, in doing so, investment in the youth has to be priority number one. The ideals of Olympism have to be embodied in all those associated with the Olympic Movement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The executive wishes to commend the IOC, Olympic Solidarity, DOC's affiliates which endorse its programmes, the sponsors of the Olympic Magazine, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Minister of Youth and Sport and the executive members who have helped to steer the ship along the route of development.