

DOMINICA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, INC.

*ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD*

***TO THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF AFFILIATES***

FORT YOUNG HOTEL – APRIL 30, 2002

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Prepared by the Executive Board of the DOC

INTRODUCTION

We, the Executive Board of the Dominica Olympic Committee, Inc. (DOC) are pleased for the opportunity to present to member affiliates of the Committee this report for the year ended December 31, 2001.

The year following the celebration of the XXVII Olympiad was regarded as an election year for National Olympic Committees world-wide. The DOC was no exception, and held its election on April 05, 2001 and new officers were elected.

EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION

The following members constitutes the executive.

ROSANNE PRINGLE PIERRE	PRESIDENT
RUPERT SORHAINDO	VICE PRESIDENT
THOMAS DORSETT	GENERAL SECRETARY
PHILLIP WHITE	TREASURER
JENNY ALLPORT WILLIAMS	ASST. SECRETARY
WILLIAM R CHARLES	MEMBER
RENNICK BERNARD	MEMBER
ABRAHAM BROWNE	MEMBER
EMANUEL LOBLACK	MEMBER

The majority of the new DOC executive comprises members who belong to National Associations affiliated to their International Federations that are governing a sport on the Olympic Games program. This is in conformity with the provision of the DOC's constitution Section 6 (a) 1, in which "...the number of such member associations shall not be less than five and they shall constitute the voting majority of the committee..." We have also met the mandate of the International Olympic Committee [IOC] of 20% female participation.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

In accordance with Section 14 (a) of the constitution, the DOC conducted meetings throughout the Year 2001. It continued to have frequent statutory meetings to address its function and operations. Locally, there were eleven (11) regular meetings, two (2) special meetings and three (3) organisational meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the DOC was held at the Fort Young Hotel on April 05th, 2001. All National Associations were invited to be present. Matters raised at that meeting are as recorded in the minutes previously circulated.

SPECIAL MEETINGS (Planning Sessions)

February 11th, and September 29th, 2001 two special meetings were convened at which the committee met to coordinate plans and goals that [DOC] would adopt in order to assist the National Association affiliated members in advancing their sports on a whole in Dominica.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF AFFILIATES

The committee met on December 06th, 2001 with all National Affiliates for the specific purpose of adopting amendments to the DOC constitution. The DOC's constitution was unanimously adopted. At that meeting the amended Financial Statements and DOC 2000 Annual Executive Report previously circulated were accepted.

During the months of May through July the Executive Board of the DOC met with the Presidents and Secretaries of all National Associations on a sports specific basis for the purpose of determining their future plans and the way forward for their Associations.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS

The DOC President and General Secretary met the Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit on April 11th, 2001 to formally inform him of the composition

of the new DOC executive and to reaffirm [DOC's] commitments for the advancement of sports in Dominica. The Minister spoke of his ministry's role in sport development and his vision as well as the need for collaborated efforts.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

ANOCES MEETING

To formalize plans of a regional committee of NOCs from the OECS. This meeting was attended by the past president Mr. Felix Wilson on March 17-18, 2001.

CACSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On July 17-21, 2001 Mr. Thomas Dorsett attended the General Assembly on behalf of [DOC] in Cartagena, Columbia. Discussions were held in relation to CAC Games to be held in San Salvador in November 2002. Cartagena Organizing Committee was sworn in as the host for the 2006 CAC Games.

PASO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On August 12th-19th, 2001 the DOC's President, Rosanne Pringle Pierre and General Secretary, Thomas Dorsett, attended the Pan-American Sport Organisation's [PASO] General Assembly in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The 42 NOCs of the Americas were represented at that meeting. Sites for the upcoming 2003 Pan Am Games were visited. Reports submitted to the DOC executive by both parties highlighted the address made by IOC President, Jacques Rogge at the opening of the assembly.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES FEDERATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Commonwealth Games Federation held its General Assembly during the period July 25-29, 2001 in the City of Manchester. The President Mrs. Rosanne Pierre represented the DOC at that meeting. Among highlights at that meeting were visits to the venues being prepared for the upcoming 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

CARIBBEAN CAUCUS MEETING

The President & Secretary attended a meeting of the Caribbean Caucus of National Olympic Committees held in Port of Spain Trinidad from April 29-May 01, 2001. The main purpose of the meeting was to formalise the establishment of the Caribbean Caucus of National Olympic Committees [CCNOC] by approving the "Declaration of Port of Spain". Currently a constitution for CCNOC is being drafted by the steering committee.

OLYMPIC AND SPORTS VOLUNTEER WORLD CONFERENCE

The DOC Treasurer Mr. Phillip White attended on behalf of the DOC the World Conference on Olympic and Sport Volunteerism from 12-14 November 2001 in New York. The conference highlighted the benefits of volunteerism and the importance of volunteers for International Sporting events and in Sport and Culture, and Educational in Institutions among others.

DOC OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Olympic Day Run

On June 23rd 2001, the DOC once again staged the Olympic Day Run under the theme "Celebrate Humanity" commemorating the 107th anniversary of the founding of the International Olympic Committee. A total of 320 runners participated in the event, making it [DOC's] most successful Olympic Day Run to date.

Volunteer Awards Ceremony

On December 13th, 2001 the Dominica Olympic Committee hosted an awards ceremony at the Fort Young Hotel where over one hundred (100) sports volunteers were recognized for their work in advancing sports in Dominica.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Mandated by the International Olympic Committee the DOC commissioned five (5) sub-committees with specific instructions as to their functions, and which must coincide with those of the counterpart commissions set up by the International Olympic Committee. These sub-committees can access special funding and their activities are guided by rules and procedures established by the IOC.

These following Sub-Committees operate under the DOC umbrella:-

SPORTS & THE ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson	Mrs. Rosanne Pringle-Pierre
Secretary	Not yet appointed.

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Chairperson	Mr. Cedric Harris
Secretary	Not yet appointed.

SPORTS MEDICINE AND DOPING COMMISSION

Chairperson	Dr. Jenny Allport-Williams
Secretary	Mr. Phillip White

YOUTH COMMITTEE & OLYMPIC ACADEMY

Chairperson	Mr. Phillip White
Secretary	Marcus Blondell

ART & CULTURE

Chairperson	Mr. Raymond Lawrence
Secretary	Mrs. Hugette Andrew

WOMEN IN SPORTS

Chairperson	Mr. David Val Nicholas
Secretary	Mrs. Avonelle Seraphine

DOC's NEW OFFICE.

In an effort to improve standards and better serve its affiliates, the DOC moved into a more spacious office on 42 Independence Street in September of 2001. A small library was also set up to assist administrators in the further development of sports. Reports indicate that affiliates are quite satisfied with the new accommodations. A number of affiliates are using the office to hold executive meeting of their National Associations

FINANCIAL POSITION

At the end of the financial year ended December 31, 2001, the DOC was happy to report a positive cash balance of EC\$293,079 an increase of 106% over 2000. Our administrative expenses increased by EC\$23,204.00 from that of 2000 due to new and upgraded office facilities.

The DOC, through its International Donor Agencies, namely; Olympic Solidarity and the Pan American Sports Organization [PASO] makes funding available to its affiliates for the running of courses and the purchasing of equipment.

EQUIPMENT

Following is a list detailing the distribution of funds to affiliates during the year 2001.

EQUIPMENT

ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNTS
ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION	35,303.19
TENNIS ASSOCIATION	12,173.80
VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION	13,664.07
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	6,951.38
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	9,850.00
TOTAL	77,942.44

TRAINING & COURSES

ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNTS	DETAILS
VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION	3,151.75	COACHING COURSE
TENNIS ASSOCIATION	13,214.26	SCHOOLS TENNIS INITIATIVE
SWIMMING ASSOCIATION	10,680.00	OECS SWIMMING TOURNAMENT IN ST. LUCIA
ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION	11,204.69	COACHING COURSE
TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION	4,500.00	TOURNAMENT IN ST. LUCIA
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	15,327.97	SPORTS MEDICINE COURSE
TOTAL	58,078.67	

ASSISTANCE

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNTS	DETAILS
NETBALL ASSOCIATION	6,599.27	A.F.N.A TOURNAMENT
BOXING ASSOCIATION	4,095.00	LOCAL COACHING STRUCTURE (Coach Grant)
BODYBUILDING & FITNESS ASSOCIATION	4,650.00	INTRODUCTION OF FITNESS IN SCHOOLS ISLANDWIDE (A Williams, Instructor) LOCAL COACHING STRUCTURE (Coach Marshall)
ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION	6,420.00	OECS TOURNAMENT IN GRENADA
SWIMMING ASSOCIATION	2,500.00	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN JAPAN
TOTAL	24,264.27	

THE WAY FORWARD

DOC continues to support the development of sports in Dominica. Its main objective is to serve the interest of its affiliates. The DOC aims to encourage National Associations to broaden their scope and tap into the funds available through the DOC. Some of these funds are sourced from the combined resources of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) and Olympic Solidarity. There are also funds for Scholarship for athletes and Coaching Programmes made available under the World Programme. We therefore implore all National Associations to made use of the opportunities which are available to them, for the development of sports, and sports related activities.

The DOC must build a strong sports foundation by developing athletes, coaches, officials and sports administrators. In order to do

so efficiently and effectively investment in the youth has to be priority number one. The ideals of Olympism must be embodied in all those associated with the Olympic Movement. The DOC therefore implore National Associations to develop strong functional and transparent executive body working in the best interest of its membership and towards the development of their respective sporting disciplines. Through sports we can develop Dominca. Let us work together to develop the people of Dominica through sports.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The executive takes this opportunity to commend the IOC, Olympic Solidarity, PASO, Meridian Top Programme, its local sponsors Coco Cola, its affiliates and well wishers for their tremendous support in making its dreams become reality.