

DOMINICA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

***ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD***

***TO THE 9TH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF AFFILIATES***

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

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Prepared by the Executive Board of the DOC

Introduction

The Executive Board of the Dominica Olympic Committee, (DOC) is pleased for the opportunity to present to its membership of National Sporting Associations, the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 2002.

It has been another challenging year, as the DOC, notwithstanding all the odds determinedly forged its way forward with the unflagging support of its foreign dona agencies and the collaboration of its affiliates and other stakeholders.

We have been able to accomplish a limited measure of projected plans and objectives for sports development in Dominica, with the collective effort and active involvement of our nine member executive body.

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

Executive Meetings

In accordance with Section 14 (a) of the constitution, the DOC conducted its executive board meetings throughout the Year 2002. It continued to have frequent statutory meetings to address its function and operations. There were twelve (12) regular meetings.

Annual General Meeting

The 8th AGM of the committee was held on April 30th, 2002. .

Special Meetings with Affiliates

The DOC met with the executive of the Boxing, Athletics, Swimming, Lawn Tennis and Table Tennis associations respectively to formulate proposals for the 2003 Pan Am Games Preparatory Program. These proposals were

subsequently submitted to the IOC for approval. The project was approved and the program launched.

International Conferences & Meetings attended

- The President Ms. Rosanne Pringle-Pierre attended a meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOCES) of the OECS in Kingston, St. Vincent from March 1-3, 2002. This meeting was convened for the main purpose of reviewing amendments to the draft constitution of the Committee. The meeting was hosted by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Olympic Committee
- Ms. Rosanne Pringle-Pierre & Mr. Thomas Dorsett attended the Sports Conference of the Americas hosted by the San Antonio Sports Foundation from May 13-14, 2002 in San Antonio, Texas. The Conference was hosted as part of the cities bid to host the 2007 Pan Am Games.
- Ms. Rosanne Pringle Pierre and Chairperson “Women in Sports’ Sub Committee, Ms. Sandra Green attended the World Conference on Women and Sports held in Montreal, Canada from May 16-19, 2002. The Conference was organized under the leadership of the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) and hosted by the Department of Canadian Heritage (Sport Canada). The Conference was hosted mainly for taking stock of progress for women and sport since the second World Conference in Windhoek, Namibia, to share experiences and solutions, plan future directions and celebrate achievements.
- President – Rosanne Pringle-Pierre attended the XIII General Assembly of ANOC held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 22nd –23rd, 2002.
- The XL General Assembly of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) was attended by Ms. Rosanne Pringle-Pierre from August 22-27, 2002 in Mexico.
- Mr. Thomas Dorsett attended the South American Games in Rio, Brazil from July 29th, to August 2nd, 2002. While at the Games the Secretary General received the city’s bid to host the 2007 Pan Am Games.
- Mr. Phillip White attended the International Olympic Academy’s (IOA) 6th International Session for officials of National Olympic Committees from June 30th to July 7th, 2002, in Athens, Greece. Among items discussed were Olympism and Doping in Sports.
- Mr. William R. Charles attended on behalf of the DOC a meeting of the ANOCES of the OECS held in Jamaica on September 28th, 2002. The

meeting was for the main purpose of receiving amendments to the draft constitution of the organization.

- Ms. Sharon Philogene, President of the Dominica Amateur Athletics Association (DAAA) attended on behalf of the DOC IOA's 42nd Session for Young Participants in Athens, Greece from July 24th to August 8th, 2002. Among items discussed were Olympism and The Cultural Olympiads and the Olympic Movement.

Meetings with other organizations

Planning meetings were held with the Youth Development & Sports Divisions for the purpose of formulating a task force to promote 'Youth Development Through Sports' on the Island.

DOC OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Overseas - Assistance for National Association to attend Games

- A 'Program of Development in Sport Training' between the Dominica Olympic Committee and the Brazilian Olympic Committee leading up to the 2007 Pan Am Games has been developed. Individual and group sport of Track & Field, Swimming, Table Tennis, Basketball, Football and Volleyball. The sporting associations governing these sports are expected to benefit immensely from those development programs.
- A collaborative agreement was undertaken between the Cuban Government, the Government of Dominica, the Boxing Association and the DOC for training of Dominican Boxers in Cuba leading to the 2003 Pan Games.
- Arrangements were also made for a program of training for Dominican Athletes in Cuba. This program is specific to the Dominica Amateur Athletic Association. Athletes will benefit from a variety of training programs under those arrangements.

PASO Courses & Seminars

The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) and Olympic Solidarity launched a series of Regional and Continental courses and seminars for the development of NOCs of the Americas for the 2002 period.

The following Associations have benefited from training of coaches and athletes:

- Swimming
 - Dr. Jenny Allport-Williams USA
 - Julian Benjamin USA

- Table Tennis
 - Abraham Browne Uruguay
 - Dario Frank Guatemala

- Athletics
 - Curtley Bynoe San Antonio, Texas
 - Cleve Lafonde St. Vincent
 - Smith Telemacque St. Vincent

- Cycling
 - Dujon Burke St. Vincent
 - Elloy Joseph St. Vincent

- Lawn Tennis
 - Ian Alleyne New York

- Boxing
 - Mervin Lantan Cuba
 - Job Joseph Colombia

- PASO Continental Seminar on Sports Administration
 - Rosanne Pringle-Pierre Uruguay

Queen Jubilee Baton Relay

On Saturday 23rd March, Dominica put on a magnificent show to stage the local leg of the Queen's Jubilee Baton Relay. Twenty-three countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations promoted the 2002 Commonwealth Games, which took place in Manchester from 25th July.

The Baton contained a special message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, which launched the beginning of the games.

The sixty-mile leg of Dominica's portion of the 64,000 miles started with sports officer Sandra Green, the first of over 75 runners and cyclist taking it on a day long succession of passes from the Melville Hall airport to Portsmouth where it was respectfully passed to Elizabeth "Ma Pampo" Israel, before making its way accompanied by a mass run of athletes amongst them; the mayor of the town of Portsmouth Mr. Roger Brewster, assisted by Mr. Emanuel Nanton – Special Advisor to the Prime Minister, Mr. Ibrahim Brohim - FIFA Referee and Mr. Michael Destouche – Special Olympian along the west coast to Roseau.

At sundown formalities at the Dame Eugenia Charles Boulevard were highlighted with the reception of the baton by the Mayor of Roseau, Mr. Cecil Joseph followed by addresses from the Hon. Ambrose George representing the Minister for Tourism and the Health Minister Hon. Herbert Sabaroach representing the Minister for Education and Sports, both of whom expressed great satisfaction with Dominica's association with the British Commonwealth of Nations. The evening wound down with a reception at the Roseau Cruise Ship Birth hosted by the British High Commissioner, represented by Mr. Nick Pyle at which the principal guest was the Acting President of Dominica His Excellency Ashton Piper.

CSDP Coaching Theory Courses (CTC) – Local

- From January 11th – 13th, 2002 the Dominica Olympic Committee hosted a Commonwealth Sports Development Program (CSDP) Coaching Theory Course for 25 persons but only 14 attended at the UWI Auditorium. The course was presided by Master Course Conductor (MCC) - June Caddle of Barbados assisted by trainee Ms. Sandra Green.
- Another CSDP (CTC) course in collaboration with the Dominica Amateur Swimming Association was convened from July 19th–21st, 2002. A total of 16 persons attended this course. Master Course Conductor on that course was Mr. Dave Farmer of Barbados assisted by Ms. Sandra Green, who was certified as a Course conductor in January. Most of those participants received their certificates for successful completion of the requirements set forth for the program.
- In order to ensure success and continuity of the Coaching Theory program in Dominica Messrs Ken William & David Alcid were sent to St. Lucia to begin training as Course Conductors and participated in a CSDP training workshop from January 21-22, 2002.
- Ms. Sandra Green also commenced training as Master Course Conductor at a workshop for MCC trainees held in St. Lucia from January 23-25th, 2002.

Sub-committees

- Women in sport activities
This sub committee staged a 'Walk For Health' in an effort to heighten awareness of women and girls and the general public by extension to the benefits of sports involvement and physical fitness and plans to stage a series of consultations. These consultations are ear-marked for specified areas outside Roseau.

- Art & Culture

The Art & Culture committee organized cultural activities for the Queen's Jubilee Baton Relay event both at the Melville Hall Airport and Roseau as well as a show at the Arawak House of culture to celebrate the IOC's birthday.

The Chairman of the committee Mr. Raymond Lawrence attended a sport and culture seminar on Germany.

Attendance at Games

- Commonwealth Games in Manchester July 25th, - August 04th, 2002, represented by eight [8] Athletes, Chef de Mission – Mr. Rupert Sorhaindo, Team Coach/Manager – Andreas Andy Burkard.
- Secretary General DOC – Mr. Thomas Dorsett attended the Commonwealth Games General Assembly on July 23rd, 2002
- CAC Games in El Salvador, November 23rd to December 7th, 2002, 7 athletes, Chef de Mission – Phillip White, Team Manager/Coach – Cedric Harris, President Rosanne Pringle-Pierre attended the CACSO General Assembly.

Olympic Scholarship for Coaches

Under the Olympic Solidarity program of scholarships for coaches for 2002, two coaches were able to benefit:

- Mr. McMillian Royer, Football Coach, selected by the Dominica Football Association was the recipient of a three-month scholarship at the Semmelweis University, in Budapest, Hungary.
- Mr. Curtley Bynoe selected by the Dominica Amateur Athletics Association was the recipient of a one-month scholarship at the Life University - Training in Sports Sciences/Sport Specific Training (Throws) from October 1-31st, 2002.

National Affiliates received equipment and conducted courses under the Solidarity/PASO Program.

Funds were distributed to associations as follows:

National Associations	AMOUNTS EXPENDED	
	EC \$	US \$
Lawn Tennis [workshop]	6,661.90	2,485.78
Football [referee's course]	12,642.43	4,717.32
Amateur Athletics	12,274.41	4,580.00
Volleyball [officiating course]	10,387.20	3,875.82
Table Tennis	11,738.40	4,380.00
Boxing [equipment]		
<u>TOTAL</u>		

Olympic Day Run

On June 23rd 2001, the DOC once again staged the Olympic Day Run under the theme "XXXX" commemorating the 108th anniversary of the founding of the International Olympic Committee. A total of 320 runners participated in the event. The Art & Culture Committee also staged a cultural extravaganza at the Arawak house of culture that added to the day's celebration.

Financial Position

At the end of the financial year ended December 31, 2002, 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. Funds can also be sourced to provide scholarships for athletes.

Recognition

The DOC plans to establish an awards program for volunteers in recognition of their valuable time and effort in the promotion of sports in Dominica. National Associations will need to submit names for future awards.

Future outlook

The DOC is currently assisting with the preparation of athletes for the 2003 PanAm Games in Santo Domingo in August. The various associations have pledged their commitment to support this initiative in seeking specialized training for athletes to meet qualifying standards in participation for the games.

The main focus for the DOC in 2003 however will be the **“Development of Youth Through Sports”**. Draft plans are being developed. The DOC have finalized this project among others, when it met in its planning session in February.

The DOC in January 2003 launched its **“Youth Development & Talent Identification Project”** This project aims to target talent among the youth and nurture these talents for eventual development into high, quality performing athletes.

The Sport Administration course for high-level executive members of all national affiliated associations followed in March 2003.

The DOC with support from the IOC recognizes sports as the pivot for any integration process and as such has already appointed sub-committees to implement plans and programs of the IOC.

The DOC plans to organise a **“Sports for All”** program during the year 2003. This will be organized jointly with the Sports Division to coincide with the nation’s 25th anniversary of independence.

The DOC will recognize outstanding performances for the 2003 year at its 2004 AGM tentatively scheduled for the month of April. This will consider performances at the association executive and athlete levels.

The DOC proposes to establish a *fund raising task-force committee* to help raise the necessary funds for and on behalf of national associations to assist in developmental projects. The support of every member association is

mandatory and therefore required to nominate a member on the task-force committee to represent their association's interest.

The Sport Medicine Committee will conduct educational sessions to increase awareness about the IOC's and International Federations' requirements against banned Drugs and concerns about Doping.

[Dr. Jenny Allport-Williams – to write short article or policy on Drugs & Doping](#)

Acknowledgement

The DOC acknowledges the tremendous support of the International Olympic Committee, (IOC) Olympic Solidarity, PASO, Meridian Top Program, Coco Cola, its affiliates and well wishers. Your unwavering support during the past year has led to the accomplishments of many project and programs. Sports development is an ongoing process and we will need this kind of support to continue the work already started.