ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD April 2013 to October 20, 2014

Introduction:

This report helps to outline the many activities of our organization over the period stated. For ease of understanding, we have attempted to categorize them.

It must be noted that while we were able to meet all our commitments and support all of our members who requested assistance, the work of the Committee could have been much more effective if everyone demonstrated a full knowledge of the operations of the organization and was prepared to participate in all its activities.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), with support through its funding arm Olympic Solidarity, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) were also instrumental in the realization of our many undertakings.

Education:

In May 2013, we hosted an Olympic Solidarity forum for members of the NOCs of the English speaking Caribbean which exposed those present to the many programmes on offer for the quadrennial 2013 - 2016.

Olympic Solidarity Scholarships for coaches:

A coach from the sport of Athletics, Mr. Titus Elien, successfully completed the International Coaching Education Certification Programme (ICECP), a programme organized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) in conjunction with the University of Delaware.

Mr. Solomon Alexander, a Football coach, successfully completed a three months training course at the Semmelweis University in Hungary.

PASO Coaching Courses:

Five coaches, namely from: Athletics - Denise Herman, Basketball - Glen Guiste, Boxing - Conrad Fredericks, Football - Andree Fanus, and Taekwondo - Samuel Decaille, benefited from the various PASO Coaching Courses held in Mexico.

Technical Courses for coaches:

To date, one member has benefited from a coaching course held locally and another is scheduled to host one shortly.

The table below outlines the recipients and the level of assistance that was made available. Funding is under the World Programmes.

Member	Programme	US\$	EC\$
Athletics	Coaching course	\$9,935.00	\$ 26,526.45
Football	Coaching course	\$5,865.00	\$ 15,659.55

Queen's Baton Relay:

In March 2014, we played host to Her Majesty's Baton ahead of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. All members were invited to have athletes form part of the relay but again that invitation was only readily accepted by some. Athletes from the Athletics, Golf, Netball, Sailing, Swimming, Table-Tennis, Taekwondo and Volleyball Associations successfully relayed the baton throughout the many locations which we had selected around the island.

Olympic Week:

As is customary, we once again organised a series of activities in observance of Olympic Week.

An exhibition displaying some of the many photos stored at Olympic House was held at the Blue Coral Mall in Castries.

An educational session and subsequent presentation to the media of participants to the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games were held at the Bay Gardens Hotel.

The Olympic Day Run brought down the curtain on the week of activities when participants from Athletics, Boxing, Bushido Academy, Football, Golf, Rugby, Sailing, Swimming, Table-Tennis and Taekwondo Federations and members of the general public ran from the Castries Market to the Choc round about and back to the Vigie Playing field where the activity ended.

Commonwealth Youth Games 2017:

We can report steady progress being made with the preparations for the hosting of these Games.

Government has appointed a Local Organising Committee headed by IOC member resident in Saint Lucia, Mr. Richard Peterkin.

The sporting disciplines on the 2017 programme are now in place and the LOC is currently in discussion with these National Associations on putting the necessary mechanisms in place which will allow them to be ready for the Games.

Regional and International Games:

While our Committee was not directly responsible for some of the scheduled events in which some of our members participated, we were able to assist them in getting their athletes prepared for these events.

It must be noted that we spared no effort in assisting members with their attempts at having their athletes qualify and prepare for Nanjing Youth Olympic Games, as well as providing assistance to members for participation in events under their authority. In the end six athletes, namely from Athletics (2), Sailing (1), Swimming (1), and Beach Volleyball (2) represented us at the Games.

The table below shows the level of assistance received by our members for preparation and participation in the events that they attended in 2013 and 2014 to date. These funds were obtained under the PASO and the Olympic Solidarity Special Funds. It must be noted that under the programmes listed below, based on the objectives of the funding agencies only the members mentioned below are eligible for assistance.

PASO Spec	cial Grant (2013 and 2014)	YOG pr	eparation Grant
Member	Amount Received (EC)	Member	Amount Received (EC)
Athletics	\$54,585.22 & \$31,022.30	Athletics	\$49,523.05
Boxing	\$23,558.90 & \$24,305.79	Sailing	\$83,749.57
Cycling	\$19,297.70 & \$19,450.00	Swimming	\$44,828.94
Sailing	\$19,931.16 & \$42,709.24	Taekwondo	\$18,756.24
Swimming	\$36,408.00 & 5,740.00	Volleyball	\$33,809.95
Taekwondo	\$27,209.30		
Volleyball	\$83,302.14 & \$30,190.34		

Under our Activities Budget for 2013 members also received financial assistance for many of their activities. It must be noted that assistance was only provided to those members who requested it. The amounts disbursed are listed below.

Member	Assistance received (EC)	Member	Assistance received
			(EC)
Athletics	\$42,147.41	Netball	\$13,010.00
Basketball	\$15,000.00	Sailing	\$12,492.01
Body Building	\$5,000.00	Shooting	\$5,000.00
Boxing	\$18,350.00	Squash	\$5,000.00
Cycling	\$18,307.54	Swimming	\$33,416.70
Football	\$18,350.01	Taekwondo	\$5,000.00
Judo	\$4,459.71	Table Tennis	\$18,350.00
Karate	\$3,188.36	Tennis	\$18,350.00
Life Saving	\$5,000.00	Volleyball	\$43,148.36

So far in 2014, based on requests received to date members have received assistance from the Activities Budget as follows:

Assistance received (EC)	Member	Assistance received (EC)
\$4,955.10	Taekwondo	\$679.23
\$950.92	Tennis	\$6,092.00
\$10,777.04	Volleyball	\$3,592.00
\$5,433.80		
\$9,923.38		
\$26,800.00		
\$8,064.60		
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Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2014:

In 2012, we reported that we received a grant form the Organising Committee for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Now that the Games are over and the figures have been crunched, we can report the amounts received by the following members towards their preparation

Athletics	EC \$68,549.10
Boxing	EC \$16,129.20
Cycling	EC \$21,284.80
Netball	EC\$82,943.09
Shooting	EC \$12,708.81
Swimming	EC \$53,764.00
Table Tennis	EC \$13,441.00

Saint Lucia was represented in Glasgow with a contingent of forty -two members. Six sporting disciplines, namely Athletics, Boxing, Netball, Shooting, Swimming and Table Tennis participated.

Our best performances came from the sport of Athletics, with Levern Spencer winning a bronze medal and Jeanelle Scheper placing fourth in the women's High Jump.

Pan American Sports Festival:

In 2014, the Pan American Sports Organisation (PASO) organised a sporting festival for its members over a period of three months. Three of our affiliates, Athletics, Swimming and Taekwondo earned the right to participate. The Sport of Athletics once again kept Saint Lucia's flag flying when Levern Spencer won the High Jump event. Jeanelle Scheper also made the podium in second place.

CACSO GAMES:

In November 2014, we will once again be participating in the Central American and Caribbean Games which will be held in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Seven sporting disciplines will be represented, namely Athletics, Boxing, Cycling, Sailing, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball.

Congresses, General Assemblies & Meetings:

The period under review saw our Committee represented at the following meetings: Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), PASO, CGF, Central American and Caribbean Sports Organization (CACSO) and the General Assemblies of Caribbean of National Olympic Committees (CANOC).

This month, the President and Secretary General attended the 2014 Olympic Solidarity Forum on Good Governance in Barbados.

Also held in Barbados was the CANOC General Assembly and again the President and Secretary General were in attendance. The Secretary General, who is the current Treasurer of CANOC, was reelected to the Board of Directors for a third term.

Earlier in 2014, our President had the honour to be invited to two high profile events, namely the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Italian Olympic Committee and the Brazilian Olympic Committee's showcase of the advances of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Organising Committee.

Our Organization was also represented at four CANOC seminars/workshops that covered the following subjects: Managing volunteers - Mary Wilfred, Sports for All - Alfred Emmanuel, Paralympics Development - Junia Belizaire, Athletes Long Term Development - Dane Magloire.

<u>Conclusion:</u> The period under review was a very busy one for the SLOC, with three major sporting events to prepare for, not to mention the every day task of keeping in contact with the rest of the Olympic family world wide.

The new policies of Olympic Solidarity has now called for a lot more details and as such the work load has increased. While there is an increase in the work load relative to reporting to our funding agency, the good coming out of it is the assurance that proper records are being kept by all receivers of funds.

This procedure will require co-operation on the part of all over the years to come, especially when more elaborate forms of reporting are needed.

The up coming 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games no doubt will need the involvement of all our members, even though some are not on the sporting programme.

In closing, we can sincerely say that it was a pleasure for us to be able to assist our members with their programming, especially at a time when sponsorship locally appears not to be forth coming. We will continue to access the funding that is available to us to assist our members, but all we ask of you is to plan properly and well in advance so that we too can maximize what we can source on your behalf.

Signed:	Date: 20 th October,2014
Secretary General	

The effort of all is anticipated as we move forward through the quadrennial.