ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 21st October, 2014 to 20th October, 2015

<u>Introduction</u>: Since we last met one year ago, our Committee, together with you our members and other stake holders, has been actively pursuing our mandate in various ways. As a Committee, we continue to assist our members, utilizing funds received from our principal funders, Olympic Solidarity and the Pan American Sports Organisation (PASO).

This report outlines activities undertaken by the SLOC in the year under review and at the same time recognizes the passing of two stalwarts of the Olympic movement.

Passing of PASO's President and Executive Secretary

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of long serving PASO President, Don Mario Vázquez Raña, who after a short illness passed away at his home in Mexico on 8th February, 2015.

Don Mario was a leader who visited our shores on more than one occasion and ensured that small NOCs like ours received the funding needed to assist their athletes.

It was Don Mario and PASO who saw the need to have NOCs like ours have their own functioning offices and provided a small grant for the paying of an Administrative Secretary.

On 4th July, 2015, the sad news came again. PASO had lost yet another dedicated staffer. Reynaldo González López, PASO's Executive Secretary and the man who was directly responsible for the various PASO programmes, died at his home in Mexico.

Now that these two gentlemen have been called to the great beyond, they will be surely missed by all and we pray that their souls rest in peace while their memories live on.

Coaches' Education:

An invitation was extended to members who could have benefitted from the PAISAC (International Support Programme to African and Caribbean Sport) programme currently being held in Montreal Canada. Only one nomination was received. It came from the Table Tennis Association for Mr. Chris Wells. Mr. Wells is currently in Montreal pursuing a three months course in Classical Training in Applied Sports Sciences.

Assistance to Athletes:

Olympic Solidarity Scholarship

Three athletes, namely Makeba Alcide (Athletics), Stephanie Lovell (Sailing) and Jordan Augier (Swimming), received Olympic Solidarity Scholarships. The scholarships are valued at US \$1,000.00 monthly and will be for the period 1st March, 2015 to 31st August, 2016, not barring termination for whatever reason.

Elite Athlete Assistance Programme

Recognizing the need to support our elite athletes with their training programme overseas, the SLOC created funding under which deserving athletes can apply for assistance.

To date, two athletes are on this programme with each receiving US \$1,500.00 monthly. The recipients are Levern Spencer and Jeanelle Scheper both from Athletics. This assistance is forecasted to 31st August, 2016, again not barring termination for whatever reason.

It is also worth noting that Makeba Alcide's Solidarity Scholarship has been augmented with this programme. She receives an additional US \$500.00 monthly.

Assistance to members:

The SLOC continues to provide its members with an administrative grant to assist them with their managerial responsibilities. We can report that some members have been able to claim their 2015 grant while others have not done so. We continue to assist our members under the various budgets that are available to us.

The Solidarity Activities Grant has been largely used to assist all members, while the PASO Grant which was initiated in 2013 is used only for members that meet PASO's stipulation of providing assistance to athletes who have demonstrated the ability to qualify for the Pan American and Olympic Games.

We were also fortunate to receive assistance under the Continental Grant programme for 2015 – 2016.

Special Assistance:

The SLOC is in the process of securing a Cuban coach for the Saint Lucia Tennis Association. The coach has been identified and is due here shortly. He will be assigned to the afore-mentioned Association for one year in the first instance. A review of his performance at the end of the year will determine whether he will be retained for a further year. This project is expected to cost the SLOC EC \$158,867.47

PASO Athletes Support Programme					
Members	No. of athletes	Amount received	Members	No. of athletes	Amount Received
Athletics	8	\$61,850.61	Swimming	2	\$5,586.73
Boxing	3	\$25,573.49	Volleyball (beach)	4	\$5,000.00
Sailing	1	\$30,801.30	Elite Athletes	3	\$67,799.40

Continental Preparation Grant					
Members	No. of athletes	Amount received	Members	No. of athletes	Amount Received
Athletics	11	\$41,907.58	Sailing	1	-
Boxing	2	\$20,340.84	Swimming	2	-
Football	20	\$53,400.00	Volleyball (Beach)	4	\$46,612.45

Activities Budget			
Member	Amount Received	Member	Amount Received
Athletics	\$6,046.70	Netball	\$20,113.51
Body Building	\$9,005.00	Sailing	-
Basketball	\$15,000.00	Shooting	\$8,010.00
Boxing	\$18,350.00	Swimming	\$23,350.00
Cycling	\$13,651.86	Table Tennis	\$13,818.84
Football	\$5,000.00	Tennis	\$18,350.00
Karate	\$3,520.00	Volleyball	\$18,350.00
Life Saving	\$3,641.40	Special Olympics	\$20,000.00

Participation in Games:

Central American and Caribbean Games - Vera Cruz, Mexico, 14th to 30th November, 2014

We participated in the above mentioned Games with seven sporting disciplines - Athletics, Boxing, Cycling, Sailing, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball.

Sport	Performances
ATHLETICS	
Rick Valcin – Pole Vault	No Height
Miguel Louis – Long Jump	6.96 m – 15/17
Levern Spencer – High Jump	1.92 m (1 st Place) – Gold medal
BOXING	
Miguel Auguste	Lost 1 st bout to Aron Prince (TTO) by TKO
Dalton George	Disqualified by referee in first bout
CYCLING	
Kurt Maraj	DNF (no distance recorded)
SAILING	
Stephanie Lovell – Laser Radial	4 th place
SWIMMING	
Jordan Augier - 50 m Back & 50 m Free	27.63 & 28.16 sec 8 th /24.62 & 24.04 sec 13 th
TENNIS	
Julia D'Auvergne – Ladies Single	Lost to Kerrie Cartwright (BAH) 0-6, 2-6
VOLLEYBALL (BEACH)	
Julian Bissette & Joseph Clercent	6 th out of 16 teams
Samantha Reid & Dania Hamilton	13 th out of 16 teams

Pan American Games – Toronto, Canada 10th to 26th July, 2015

Our team to the Pan Am Games in Toronto, Canada, comprised of athletes representing 4 disciplines.

Sport	Overall Performances
ATHLETICS	
Levern Spencer – High Jump	1.94m - 1 st place - Gold medal
Jeanelle Scheper – High Jump	1.88m - 5 th place
SAILING	
Stephanie Lovell – Laser radial	11 th /16 places – 95 pts
SWIMMING	
Jordan Augier	100m Free - 50.83 – 12 th ; 50m Free - 23.08 - 14 th
VOLLEYBALL (BEACH)	
Julian Bissette & Joseph Clercent	15 th /16 places

Commonwealth Youth Games, Samoa, 5th to 11th September, 2015

Sport	Overall Performances
ATHLETICS	
Rochelle Etienne – Javelin	40.88m - 3 rd place – Bronze medal
Sherlan Jules – 100 m & 200 m	100m - 12.98 sec & 12.68 sec 11 th place ; 200 m - 25.61 sec & 26.36 sec - 9 th place
Daivon St. Prix – High Jump	1.93m - 11 th
BOXING	
Adrian Louis – 64 kg.	No result
SWIMMING	
Jyasi Daniel – 50m & 100m Fly; 50m & 100m Free	50m Free - 26.30 - 27 th place; 100m Free - 56.56 - 20 th place; 50m Fly - 27.40 - 20 th place ; 100m Fly - 1:00 .34 - 13 th place
TENNIS	
Ajani Thomas – Boys Singles /Boys Doubles	Ajani Thomas (LCA) vs. Cordell William (ANT) Thomas lost 2 - 6, 2 - 6 - (62 mins.)
Jn. Philippe Murray – Boys Double/Consolation Boys Singles	Ajani Thomas /Jean-Philippe Murray (LCA) (Winners) vs. Stuart Parker (JER) Ukpioronfo Ikolo (GRN) 4 – 2 Retired. (30 mins.)
	Ajani Thomas/Jean-Philippe Murray (LCA) (losers in ¼ finals) vs Eleftherios NEOS (CYP)/Ewen LUMSDEN (SOC) 6 - 2, 6 - 2 – (65 mins.) (Defeated)
	Consolation finals Boys Singles Jean-Philippe Murray lost to Ukpioronfo Ikolo (GRN) 1 – 6, 2 - 6 (95 mins.)

Commonwealth Youth Games 2017:

Despite all our efforts at mobilizing our members for the staging of the Commonwealth Youth Games in Saint Lucia in 2017, our country will no longer be playing host to this event. After years of preparation and discussion with the principal funders the Government of Saint Lucia, the head of Government, Dr. Kenny Anthony, in a televised address to the nation and a video address to the Commonwealth Games General Assembly in Auckland, New Zealand, informed all concerned that Saint Lucia can no longer host the event due to extenuating circumstances resulting from the hospital being located at the stadium.

Olympic Day activities:

This year we hosted our annual Olympic Day Run on 21st June, 2015. We can report that the participation by some members ensured that we had a very successful event. A record 378 individuals registered for the event which was well supported on the day. The Run was complemented with side activities organized by the Football and Cycling Associations. **The cost associated with this activity was EC \$12,345.39.**

Membership Development

A **Good Governance Workshop** was organized for the members over a two day period from 28th to 29th March, 2015. Members were exposed to the principles and practices of good administration. It is hoped that the program impacted the membership of the SLOC. Members will be expected to share the experiences and changes which have been realized within their Association at future sessions. **This project was done at a cost of EC\$ 25,238.14.**

A Long Term Athlete Development Programme (LTADP) training session was organized as part of the effort to assist members with the development of the tailored plans for their sports. This activity took place from 29th to 30th June, 2015 following which a clear road map was established with members. We currently await the submission of the draft plans for review from the membership. The first phase of this project was completed at a cost of EC \$54,347.19

The Women in Sports Commission held an inaugural workshop and planning session on 16th May, 2015, in an effort to bring the issues of women's involvement to the fore. A vision statement has been finalized and the Commission is expected to outline its work plan in the coming months. **This initial workshop was completed at a cost of EC\$ 1,500.00.**

Other important undertakings:

- We were able to resume the Newsletter which is focused on providing our members and the public at large with important information on the work of the SLOC. It is hoped that future editions of the Newsletter will feature the work of members.
- There is also work in progress in reorganizing our website to make it more relevant and interactive to our many site visitors. We expect that enough work would have been done by year end to have the site current.
- After many years, we have almost completed the incorporation of the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee. The
 due diligence has been completed and the legal paper work is now with the office of the Attorney General
 for review and final approval.
- Our Committee is currently working with the legal department of the IOC all with a view of:
 - ✓ Reviewing our constitution to bring it in line with what is acceptable to the IOC. Once that work has been completed, members will be given an opportunity to review and ratify the document.
 - ✓ Framing the by-laws of an Athletes' Commission. Work on this project is at an advanced stage and should be completed shortly.
- It is no secret that SLOC for some time has always had the ambition of owning its home. Earlier this year we were able to locate a property for purchase, but due to many circumstances beyond our control the deal fell through. We however still plan to vigorously pursue this initiative with the view of securing our own home before this quadrennial comes to a close.
- With the Rio Olympics fast approaching, we can report that our Chef to these Games has been appointed in the person of Mr. David Christopher.

Meeting and General Assemblies:

The year under review saw our Committee being represented at the following meetings:

- PASO General Assembly Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- PASO Extra Ordinary General Assembly Miami, USA
- CACSO General Assembly Vera Cruz, Mexico
- Commonwealth Games General Assembly Auckland, New Zealand
- CANOC General Assembly Paramaribo, Suriname

Conclusion:

The year under review like all others was a very active one for all of us. We were able to field teams in three major sporting events. It must be noted that while we were represented in more than one sporting discipline, the sport of **ATHLETICS** continues to be the standard bearer of our organisation with their athletes making podium finishes in all three Games.

The incoming period will be even more demanding on all of us. 2016 is an Olympic year and we intend to spare no effort in providing our athletes with the level of assistance needed to make them competitive at the Games.

Our on-going LTADP programme will also see members busy at work with their own internal plans which would have come out of the wider programme conducted here.

Our organisation is as strong as its weakest link and judging from the report, some members are in need of assistance. Such assistance can only be rendered with them coming forward and saying so. They must not sit back but be brave enough to seek help from the relevant quarters which will see their sport and its athletes grow from strength to strength.

In summary, we urge all our members to be proactive, plan properly and let us do what is best for the continued development and spread of Olympism in our country and more so beyond our borders.

Alfred Emmanuel, Secretary General.

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For and on behalf of The Executive Committee of Saint Lucia Olympic Committee St. Lucia

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