# ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD October 21, 2015 to November 3, 2016

<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.

### **Assistance to Athletes:**

# **Olympic Solidarity Scholarships**

As was reported last year this programme continued into this year and came to an end on August 31, 2016.

Athlete	Period covered	Amount received	
Stephanie Lovell	November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$24,193.80	
Makeba Alcide	November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$26,882.00	
Jordan Augier	November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$26,882.00	

Total EC \$77,957.80

## **Elite Athletes' Assistance Programme**

The period under review saw the continuation of the above mentioned programme. Those on the programme were assisted up until August 31, 2016. With the assistance now ended, the SLOC Inc will be reviewing the programme with the view of strengthening it going forward. Based on the period under review, the following athletes received the following amounts:

Elite Athletes' Assistance Programme				
Athlete	Period covered	Amount received		
Levern Spencer	November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$41,113.50		
Jeannelle Scheper	November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$41,724.92		
Makeba Alcide	November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$15,966.36		
Sandisha Antoine	As requested	\$10,201.32		
Albert Reynolds	November 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$32,419.68		

Total EC \$141,425.78

### 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 2016 grant while others have not done so. We continue to assist our members from the many programmes that are available to us. The Solidarity Activities Grant has been largely used to assist all members, while the PASO Grant is used only for members that meet PASO's stipulation. (The programme was designed to assist 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.

PASO Athletes Support Programme							
Member	Member No. of athletes Amount received Member No. of athletes Amount received						
Athletics	8	\$68,163.54	Swimming	2	\$10,142.57		
Boxing	3	\$75,539.58	Volleyball	4 & 4 alternates	\$53,575.26		
Sailing	1	\$52,740.85	ANOCES GAMES	18	\$75,660.23		

Total EC \$335,822.03

Continental Preparation Grant							
Member	Member No. of athletes Amount received Member No. of athletes Amount received						
Athletics	chletics 11 NIL Sailing 1 NIL						
Boxing	2	\$38,717.68	Swimming	2	\$11,606.76		
Football	20	NIL	Volleyball	4 & 4 alternates	\$3,520.80		

Total EC \$53,845.24

Activities Budget				
Member	Amount received	Member	Amount received	
Athletics	\$22,056.52	Netball	\$23,588.31	
Basketball	\$5,000.00	Rugby	\$18,350.00	
Body Building	\$13,508.90	Sailing	\$4,466.39	
Boxing	\$15,876.10	Shooting	NIL	
Cycling	\$15,454.86	Squash	NIL	
Football	\$21,020.00	Swimming	\$22,190.00	
Golf	\$5,000.00	Table-Tennis	\$13,350.00	
Judo	NIL	Taekwondo	\$15,000.00	
Karate	\$8,718.19	Tennis	\$18,350.00	
Life Saving	NIL	Volleyball	\$22,355.00	
		Special Olympics	\$20,000.00	

# **Total provided EC \$264,284.27**

Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires, Argentina						
Member	Member No. of athletes Amount received Member No. of athletes Amount received					
Athletics	7	\$6,649.66	Sailing	1	NIL	
Cycling	1	\$6,385.07	Swimming	2	\$7,399.87	

Total EC \$20,434.60

# **Participation in Games:**

# XXXI Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 5 - 22, 2016

We participated in the Rio Olympics with three sporting disciplines - Athletics, Sailing and Swimming. We can report that only the athletes from the sport of Athletics were able to attain the qualifying mark established for participation. The participants from Sailing and Swimming got the opportunity to compete under the Universality rule. Below are our athletes' performances.

Sport	Performances		
Athletics			
Levern Spencer – Women High Jump	Group A Qualifying round 1.94m; Finals 1.93m – 6 <sup>th</sup> out of 36 overall		
Jeanelle Scheper – Women High Jump	1.89m – 13 <sup>th</sup> out of 18 in Group B Qualifying round – 25 <sup>th</sup> out of 36 overall		
Jahvid Best – Men 100m	10.39 secs; 54 <sup>th</sup> out of 69 overall		
Sailing			
Stephanie Lovell – Laser Radial	29 <sup>th</sup> out of 37 overall		
Swimming			
Jordan Augier – 50m Free	23.28 secs; 45 <sup>th</sup> out of 85 overall		

The total cost associated with our participation in the Games was EC \$186,261.92.

# **Olympic Day Run:**

This year we hosted our annual Olympic Day Run on June 19, 2016. We can report that the participation by some members ensured that we had a very successful event. Below are the statistics re the participation

		RD OF PARTICIPANTS STERED FROM ASSOCI	ATIONS			
Association	By June 18	After June 18	Total registered	<b>Participants</b>		
Athletics	51	8	59	37		
Body-Building		ĺ	1	1		
Boxing	13		13	0		
Football	15	1	16	6		
Karate	33		33	8		
Lifesaving	29	8	37	21		
Netball 1	34	1	35	13		
Netball 2 (Shamrock)	20		20	12		
Rugby	25		25	12		
Sailing		15	15	15		
Swimming	11	10	21	14		
Table-Tennis	7	9	16	4		
Taekwondo	29		29	10		
Volleyball		3	3	3		
OTHER REGISTRANTS						
Boys' Training Center	12	1	13	8		
Sports Academy	6	1	7	5		
Individuals	2	12	14	13		
Committee members			3	3		
		Total participants	360	185		

The cost associated with this activity was EC \$6,862.76.

### **Continued assistance to Tennis Association:**

The SLOC Inc. secured the services of a Cuban coach to work with the athletes of that Association, all with a view of improving the standard of play locally. The cost associated with this assignment for the period under review stands at **EC \$124,687.01**.

#### Vacancies filled on Executive:

You will recall that in a letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, we informed you that we had to fill two positions on the Executive. The letter in part would have indicated that:

Two members of the Executive Board who were elected at our last elective meeting were no longer with us. Mr. Jerome Girard had taken up employment overseas and Mr. Ricardo Bowe had tendered his resignation citing professional, business and family commitments as the reason.

Mr. George Charlemagne replaced Mr. Ricardo Bowe as  $2^{nd}$  Vice President and Mr. Trevor Hunte replaced Mr. Jerome Girard as NF representative

Commonwealth Games 2018: Earlier this year our Committee invited a number of eligible members to submit proposals for consideration in relation to securing funding, all geared at getting their respective athletes prepared for participation in the Commonwealth Games which will be held in the Gold Coast, Australia April 4 to 15, 2018. Sadly though, of the six members requested to make submissions only two responded, namely Athletics and Basketball. We can report that after complied with all the requirements of the programme as stipulated by the Commonwealth Games Federation, the sport of Athletics was the only Association eligible for assistance at the time.

# **Membership Development**

# Long Term Athlete Development Programme.

The period under review saw the continuation of the programme in earnest. In January 2016 seven people, namely Rufina Paul, Verneta Lesporis, Lily Bergasse, Lisa Hunt-Mitchell, Mary Wilfred, Michael Pierre and Bernard Erlinger-Ford were provided with the opportunity of attending the Sport for Life Summit in Gatineau, Canada.

In October 2016, we welcomed Sport for Life expert Mr. Drew Mitchell to Saint Lucia as a follow up to what was started last year. Seventy five persons mainly from National Associations, Youth and Sports Councils, PE Teachers' Association and representatives from some government ministries participated in a two day workshop aimed at further strengthening and widening the area of involvement with the said work.

# These two iniatives were achieved at a cost of EC \$65,351.56.

### **Sports Media Seminar:**

In February 2016, the SLOC Inc's. Public Relation Officer joined other representatives from around the globe in Lausanne, Switzerland to participate in an IOC sponsored Sports Media Seminar.

# **Meeting and General Assemblies:**

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

- PASO Extra Ordinary General Assembly Brasilia, Brazil Fortuna Belrose and Alfred Emmanuel
- Commonwealth Games General Assembly Edmonton, Canada Teddy Matthews and Alfred Emmanuel
- CANOC General Assembly Pointe-á-Pitre, Guadeloupe Wayne Burton
- ANOCES General Assembly Tortola, BVI Alfred Emmanuel
- Commonwealth Games Federation Regional meeting Nassau, Bahamas Alfred Emmanuel and Richard Peterkin

### **IOC** commissioned audit:

In January 2016, the IOC commissioned auditors Pricewaterhousecoopers SRL Barbados to carry out an audit on selected SLOC's programmes which they funded. Below are the auditor's findings.

The procedures were performed solely to assist you in the test of 10 financial reports of expenses incurred by the St. Lucia Olympic Committee within the World and Continental Programmes of the Olympic Solidarity (OS) and are summarised as follows:

- 1. We have vouched the receipt of the amount paid and confirmed by OS to the original bank statement and agreed to the accounting records;
- 2. We have agreed each individual expense on the financial report to supporting documentation (invoice, receipt, etc...);
- 3. We have identified the nature of each individual expense based on supporting documentation and compared to the nature of the programme;
- 4. We have agreed each amount reflected on the financial reports to supporting documentation;
- 5. We have reperformed the translation of local currency into USD in accordance with policies issued by OS.

## Other important undertakings:

At our meeting last year we highlighted a number of important undertakings. We can now report the following:

- The SLOC Inc website is fully operational at this time but much work is still left to be done to have it fully updated.
- The incorporation of the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee is now complete and as such we are now known as Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Inc.
- Work is on-going with the legal department of the IOC with the purpose of having our governance brought in line with Agenda 2020.
- We can now proudly say that after years of planning we were able to secure a building of our own and we are in the process of refurbishing it to meet our needs. It is our hoped that we will be occupying the premises in the not too distant future.

### **Conclusion:**

The period under review coincided with the Rio Olympics Games. While the SLOC Inc. and some National Associations spared no effort in preparing their athletes for qualification to the Olympic Games, the sport of Athletics was the standard bearer for us. With a team of five athletes we came away with Levern Spencer attaining a sixth place finish in the Women High Jump.

The purchase of our own structure to house our operations is also a proud moment for all of us to celebrate.

As we prepare to close this quadrennial, we can reflect on our accomplishments with a sense of pride knowing that we have been able to realize most of what we set out to achieve.

The report would reflect that some of our members still face challenges even accessing the available funding that the SLOC Inc. is willing to provide. It is incumbent on the leaders of these Associations to place their membership on the same page with those of other NFs in providing programming and other opportunities. That said, going forward, we call on these members not to be afraid to come forward and seek assistance.

The future looks bright for us as an organisation and we therefore call on members to position themselves to take maximum advantage of what that future holds.

In closing, on behalf of the Executive Board, I wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all members for their cooperation and more so their participation in our activities for the period under review.

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For and on behalf of the Executive Board of the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Inc.

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