

Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Incorporated Newsletter



Olympic Week Supplement

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Saint Lucia establishes Athletes Commission



Front row left to right: Winston Williams, Joseph Clercent, Beth Lygoe, Augustin Faulkner, Kurt Maraj. Back row left to right: Alfred Emmanuel, Stefan Charles, Chris Wells

The leadership and some members of Saint Lucia's Athlete's Commission were formally presented on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, as one of the events marking Olympic Week 2019. Secretary General of the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Inc., Alfred Emmanuel, said that a number of meetings spanning over the period of a year were scheduled to get the Commission going.

"An Athlete's Commission is a body of eligible athletes that will be responsible for highlighting Athletes' issues and assist with their own development over time. It is mandatory for us as an Olympic Committee to have this Commission going. We have been back and forth with the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) legal department on it," said Emmanuel.

Eligible athletes of the Commission would be those athletes who would have participated in one of the last three editions of either a Central American and Caribbean Games, a Pan Amer-

ican Games, a Commonwealth Games or an Olympic Games.

He noted that "the (IOC) legal department assisted the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee with the rules and regulations that will guide the operations of the Commission."

"While we are an Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Association, the IOC would have desired only Olympians to be part and parcel of this body, but we had to write to them stating that most of our eligible Olympians no longer lived in Saint Lucia, and while the overseas-based athletes are entitled to be members of the Commission, we believe that our athletes' interest will be best served with people at home rather than those living abroad. In light of this, the IOC has been flexible and has agreed to allow us to encourage eligible athletes who would have participated in all Games under our umbrella to become members," he added.

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SLOC Inc. Conference Room dedicated to memory of Jonathan H. Everett

The Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Incorporated started its week of activities dedicating its conference Room to the memory of late Honorary Member Jonathan Hugo Everett who passed away on November 17 2018.

Mr Everett, a Realtor by profession worked tirelessly to ensure the Committee secured the premises it occupies as its headquarters at the corner of the Vide Bouteille and La Clery junctions. The official dedication ceremony was held on Saturday 15th June, 2019 and was well attended by Executive Committee Board members, Minister of Youth and Sports, Hon. Edmund Estephane, affiliates, friends, and family of Mr. Everett.

President Belrose described Everett as a dedicated professional who lent his services to the organisation with tremendous energy and commitment. She told the sports administrators present that how they delivered to those they served was very important. Senator Belrose suggested that National Associations should seek skill sets that are needed within their executive body to boost their administrative capacities which will assist in better structure and functioning of Associations.

She continued her tribute to Jonathan. "Jonathan brought that to our organisation. As you can see our Executive Board comprises persons of various competencies and that is a method I think you all should emulate in your own organisations," Belrose advised.

Minister of Youth and Sports, Hon. Edmund Estephane recalled, "Mr. Everett from what I gathered he was a man of commitment and hard work and served your organisation well. We need more persons like him to assist other sporting organisations in developing our sportsmen and women."

Mrs Everett addressed the gathering and thanked the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Incorporated for this significant gesture which she said would keep the memory of her husband alive.



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Emmanuel however stressed that the Chairperson must be an Olympian and the only one on the island who meets the criteria at this point in time is Beth Lygoe who competed in Sailing at the 2012 London Games. Other members in the leadership of the Commission are Kurt Maraj - **Cycling**, Germaine Altifoiso- Fenelon - **Netball**, Makeba Alcide -Athletics and Joseph Clercent - **Volleyball**.

Emmanuel told the leaders of Commission that they will set up their own electoral process going forward and will be left on their own to conduct their affairs without interference from the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Inc.

“We will be there to assist in terms of a meeting venue and provide you with space and other logistical support for you to function properly. We have fully entrusted the leadership of the Athletes’ Commission to take up the mantle and run with it,” Emmanuel concluded.

COACHES’ MEETING CONVENED

The Saint Lucia Olympic Committee Inc. has taken the lead, in collaboration with the Ministries of Education and Youth and Sports, in trying to establish a framework for Coaching Development in Saint Lucia that can serve to raise the standards and opportunities for Coaching as a practice and profession. To this end, all twenty members of the SLOC Inc were invited to a meeting on Wednesday June 19, 2019 at the Conference Room of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, for discussions on this matter. The response to the call for two representatives from each affiliate to attend (Technical Director / Coach and a senior Executive Member) was extremely disappointing.



The six members present were:
ATHLETICS - Henry Bailey, Technical Director and Dafrose Elie 2nd Vice President
BODY BUILDING: Kirton Hurbert - Coach
CYCLING: Cyril Mangal – President/ Coach
KARATE: Ezra Jn Baptiste – Technical Director
TENNIS: Ron Blanchard coach and Scyla Murray
From the Executive SWIMMING: Yasmine Tyson – Executive member
From the Ministries were Vernetta Lesporis representing Education and Anthony Lamontagne representing Youth and Sports.
Andy Behl represented the SLOC Inc.

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