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To: Cross Country Ontario Club Members

From: Jim McCarthy, Chair, Cross Country Ontario

Approval of Trillium Grant for Coaching Development

Great News!

Cross Country Ontario (CCO) has been just approved for a multi-year grant to fund further coaching training across Ontario over the next three years, 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

Similar to the grant we received for 2004-2005, funds will be available to pay for honoraria (for facilitators; i.e. coach trainers); transportation, facilities, and training materials. This means that the costs to clubs, districts and CCO of training coaches will be much reduced.

We were approved for this grant on the basis that our clubs still need to very substantially improve the training of our coaches, both in terms of quantity and quality. Cross Country Canada (CCC) and the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) are still developing and producing more modules of the new NCCP coaching courses, which will by 2008 cover all levels from Introduction to Community Coach to the Competitive Coach level. This is a costly project for us, both in terms of out-of-pocket costs and volunteer time. This Trillium grant provides us considerable support over the next three years.

I would like to encourage everybody to take advantage of this opportunity over the next three years. We will be requesting coaching development plans from our districts and clubs over the next few weeks, and it is our intention, with your participation, to hit the ground running.

I hope that we can count on everybody's enthusiastic collaboration in this important work. The Ontario Trillium Foundation, who briefed us on their programs at last May's Club Development Workshop, have been extremely supportive of this initiative. There may be some press coverage on this project over the coming short period, but I would ask everybody involved in spreading the word to emphasize the role played by Trillium.

Regards,

Jim McCarthy
Chair, Cross Country Ontario