



2016 Track Operator Summit a Big Success!

The Biennial Track Operator Summit concluded this past weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada. USA BMX, BMX Canada, and BMX Americas track operators and volunteers from the United States, Canada, and Curacao were in attendance at the event. The three-day summit was held at the Las Vegas South Point Hotel and Casino. The South Point is also home to two USA BMX Nationals, the Silver Dollar Nationals in January and the Las Vegas Nationals in July.

With over 350 attendees, the event was designed to discuss ways to keep children active and to highlight the impact that tracks play in shaping and molding the lives of participants around the world. The event kicked off Thursday evening with BMX Olympians Sam Willoughby (2012 Silver Medalist) and Allise Post (USA National Champion) speaking to the crowd about the impact BMX racing has had on their lives. The event concluded on Saturday with BMX Hall of Famer, Tracer Finn (Las Vegas) discussing the impact that BMX had on his life.

Track operators and volunteers had the opportunity to meet and discuss with peers, staff, and industry leaders about the growth in the sport. Ideas were shared at numerous classes with discussions ranging from maintenance to programming. The United States Olympic Committee had a representative on-hand to help promote Olympic Day. USA BMX has been one of the top Olympic Day participants since 2012. In addition to track activities, the success of the BMX S.T.E.M. program was also shared.

Top tracks from around the United States and Canada were also recognized for various accomplishments. A check, generated through the fundraising efforts of the annual Race for Life, was presented to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for \$258,000. Since the inception of the race in 1981, the race has generated over 3.5 million dollars for LLS. In addition, the \$75,000 generated in the Bob Warrnicke Scholarship race and distributed to BMX racers attending college was also highlighted.

Track Operators, volunteers, and staff will be taking what they learned and applying it to enable them to better serve the communities in which they serve. For information on where to find a track near you or to start a new track, visit usabmx.com.

