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The theme of the Conference is, "Wellness/Active Living - as it applies to community recreation and the preventative approach to the new Health Care system". Keynote Speaker, Ron Knaus, Sask Health, Promotion Branch, challenged those providing recreation programs and services to make sure their input is recognized in the provision of 'wellness opportunities' in the new Health Care plan for the province. Carmen Beaumont, Sask Craft Council Director, spoke about the "Year of Crafts" and some of the suggested special Council activities for communities. Art Lord, Consultant with the Dept. Municipal Government, Culture and Recreation Branch, discussed current programs and changes. At the AGM, a new Board of Directors was elected, consisting of 8 incumbents and three new members.

BRRRA receives funding through Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, which makes it possible to offer the following programs in our region: Blackstrap Regional Winter Games; Blackstrap regional sr. Summer Games; Regional Talent Show/awards; Regional Juried Art Show/awards;

Annual Awards Banquet/Conference; Four District (area) meetings; Regional Pass/Punt/Kick Competition/assistance to provincials; Regional Participation Challenge/awards; Regional Play Leadership Training Workshop; Regional Mobile Playground; Fitness leaders Training (upon request); Sport Aid Course (assistance upon request); Pool Operator's Course; Youth Programs (assistance upon request); NCCP courses (National Coaches Certification Program) Theory and Technical; Assistance to Zone Sr. Games and Zone Special Olympics; Board and staff training through attendance at conferences/workshops; Distribution of newsletters/program brochures/posters/program information and promotion; Bid-to-Host program which assists communities in hosting workshops/clinics: Drama/Art/Dance/Performer's Workshops/CPR/Riding Clinics/ etc. (over 20 per year).

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