

Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA)
Annual General Meeting
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Sport 4 Life Center

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Areas of Focus

- Power Smart Manitoba Winter Games – Create a “team development” culture
 - Coach Development
 - Increase Games Appearance, staging & event ambience
- Rural MB Development
 - Rural Super Series Development (Eastman, Interlake & Norman)
- Start to fill the gaps of athlete development model
 - Club System – Need several Junior Training Programs that meets requirements of Learning to Train and Training to Train athletes. We have a minimum of 10 athletes departing Identified Player Program each year searching for a club that meets their needs and currently Winnipeg Winter Club is the only option
 - See handouts given at door
- Access Program growth and management
- Evaluate, manage & support local tournaments while bidding for & supporting national tournaments
- Officials Development
- Build Rapport with badminton clubs
- Volunteer recruitment
- Financial management & Sport Manitoba reporting
- “Friends of Badminton Manitoba” Endowment Fund

Accomplishments

- Winter Games were smashing success
 - All zones filled teams to capacity (16 players) except Parkland who sent 12. Eastman added more players because of this
 - Had 9 officials in attendance to umpire and service judge matches
 - Several players who were involved with Winter Games continue to play competitively
- Ran first ever Gr. 7/8 School Team Championships. 6 Schools of 8-12 players attended, including God’s Narrows, Blumenort, Andrew Mynarski, Leila North, HGI & Shamrock
- Increasing registration #'s for some tournaments including Eastman Open (104), Herb Richard MB Open (117), Pal Chawla MB Jr Open (107) & Provincial Championships (95)
- Quality registration #'s for programs including Summer Camps (225), DWP (175), IPP (25-30), HP/CWG (30), Access Program (20-60/session) & MWG (128 + non-team members)
- Won bid for 2015 Jr National Championships & will be hosting at UofW Duckworth Centre
- Spread tournaments out to more venues throughout Manitoba including WWC, CLR, UofW Duckworth Centre, 17 Wing, Selkirk RCSS, Stonewall Collegiate, Steinbach RSS, R.D. Parker (Thompson) and Maples Collegiate
- Established “Friends of Badminton Manitoba” fund in cooperation with the Winnipeg Foundation, and have a small working committee dedicated to managing this project
- Increased # of Individual Members (597) in part by Access Program and Winter Games
- Positive financial position at end of year

Challenges

- Coach Recruitment & Development for all levels – FUNdamentals (age 6-9), Learn to Train (8-12), Train to Train (11-16) & Train to Compete (15-19)
- Volunteer recruitment and retention for working committees such as Friends of Badminton Manitoba, Junior Committee, Girls in Sport, High Performance Committee, Canada Winter Games Committee, and Jr National Championships
- Building rapport with badminton clubs to establish needs/wants
 - Reporting low Club Membership #'s to Sport Manitoba is deflating for a number of reasons including the fact that we get scored lower on our funding report card, less clubs are taking advantage of membership benefits, less clubs recognize the overall community benefit to joining the MBA and less clubs participating in Badminton Manitoba events
- Facility/court availability for IPP, HP/CWG practices & tournaments

Work in Progress

- Build rapport with clubs and support them as much as possible for mutual benefit and greater good of badminton
- Girls In Sport
 - Re-Developing core of females to lead a “girls in sport” program that will exclusively focus on the needs of females at all levels of our sport. This includes mentorship, guest speakers, presentations, gifts & recognition
- Bidding for 2016 Senior National Championships
- Development of new Sport 4 Life Centre hopefully relieve some of the court availability needs for IPP & HP
- Developing Rural Super Series, would still like to expand to Brandon & Winkler in next couple years if possible
- Re-furbishing old and poorly treated trophies, maintaining current trophies/placques & creating new trophies/placques

Special Thanks & Recognition

- Khanh Mai, Mike Dubois and Jack De Koning for their excellent work in running the Access Program (Wheelies)
- Don Snider & RJ for their work as President & Vice-President respectively. I have always been able to contact them during the day and in the evenings if needed regarding MBA matters and they have always been interested and helpful
- Mano Navarro, Terry Porayko, Michael Carter, Marj Niemi, Melanie Cure, Dale Kinley, Tasia Lightly and Archie Chawla for hosting and/or chairing 1 or more MBA tournaments
- MWG's Volunteer Coaches/Managers (Justin, Dave H, Dave S, Kathyne, Manami, Mano, Mike C, Melanie C, Marj N, Terry F, Gerard G, Denny Q, Larry H, Larry K, Rachel P, Arsalan K, Tai D, Terry P and Alexandra D)
- Justin Friesen for taking on role as Provincial Coach and being as enthusiastic about contributing to badminton as I am (if not more) and Kody Taylor for her support in the office removing tedious tasks from my desk

I would also like to say welcome to the incoming board members!

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