

Manitoba Badminton Association

President's Report

September 2014

This was my last year serving on the Board of Directors and although there have been a number of challenges the Board and new Staff have all pulled in the same direction to promote this great game. Late last summer the Association hired Justin Friesen as the new Provincial Coach. Justin enthusiastically jumped right into things which provided a smooth transition.

Program and Tournament participation has increased over last year along with total number of memberships in the Association. That said the number of member clubs has decreased which presented a continued challenge for the Association. The successful Access Program at Wheelies is a good example of the initiatives that the Association has promoting to continue growth in the sport.

The Association made a small profit last year, and a "Friends of Badminton" fund has been established through the Winnipeg Foundation and we believe will help secure the long term financial of the Association. There is a small working committee but more volunteers are required.

Looking into the near future Manitoba will play host to the 2015 National Junior Championships and I would encourage all members to come out and watch or better yet assist as a volunteer. We have also put a bid in to play host to the 2016 Senior National Championships.

It was a pleasure to work with such a constructive Board and want especially thank RJ Betournay who is finishing his last term and provided a real solid perspective on things. Our Staff continue to do an excellent job, never ceasing there search for new initiatives.

I'm excited to be involved with the sport as it is evolving and look forward to another successful season.

Regards,
Don Snider
President, Manitoba Badminton Association