

**Executive Director's Report  
Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA)  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday September 12, 2015**

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Position: Executive Director

**2014-15 Areas of Focus**

- Jr & U23 National Championships
- Norman & Interlake Open (New Tournaments)
- Bilateral Clinics
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Friends of Badminton Manitoba Endowment Fund
- Building & Maintaining Relationships with Clubs
- Bids for National Events
- Identify areas of weakness

**2014-15 Accomplishments**

- Jr & U23 National Championships was a large success including volunteer recruitment, quality of event, athlete performance, media coverage and number of spectators.
  - Jr Nationals raised \$3,000.00 for FOBM & \$3,000.00 for Jr Committee
  - Peter Gade clinic raised \$1,000.00 for FOBM
- FOBM raised a total of \$10,000.00 last year between MBA run events and individual donations, and needs to get to \$20,000.00 in order to start granting money back to the community.
- Canad Inns, King's Head Pub, Maples Chiropractic, Racquets Pro Shop & Winnipeg's Creative Studio all contributed as partners of MBA through their ongoing contributions.
- Won the bid to host the 2016 National Badminton Championships at Winnipeg Winter Club
- New bid committee excited to put in bid for the 2017 Canadian Masters Championships
- 4 players participated in National Team Training Camp in Toronto, ONT
- Access Program (Wheelies) grew 200% in 2014-15 to a total budget of \$33,000 and turned itself into a break even program
- Full year working with Provincial Coach Justin Friesen and Admin Assistant Kody Taylor was a breath of fresh air!
- Began offering club development days for MBA-registered clubs to take advantage of.
- Initiated and now have continued relationship with University of Winnipeg.

**2014-15 Challenges**

- Hosting Jr Nationals was a long process which took up many hours of preparation and took time away from planning and running other events
- Hosting Provincials and Jr Nationals required a lot of set-up and take-down time
- Managing large # of tournament in small calendar year
- Providing support to officials to become proficient in responsibilities and confident to attain next accreditation
- Growing association within our busiest year of the 4-year cycle
- Growing awareness for the FOBM Endowment Fund

### **2015-16 Areas of Focus**

- Build rapport with clubs and support them as much as possible for mutual benefit and greater good of badminton
- Bidding for 2017 Canadian Masters Championships
- Developing new Learning Facilitators for Regional and Provincial Coaching Courses and launching new NCCP Courses.
- 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)
- Advertising and integrating Para-Badminton into current programming/tournaments. Developing Para-athletes in preparation for National & International competitions including the 2020 Paralympics.
- Volunteer recruitment and retention for events that have potential to grow such as Norman Open and Interlake Open.
- Building rapport with badminton clubs to establish needs/wants.
  - Continue to offer product and services that club and individual members are interested in taking advantage of
- Developing and offering courses that appropriately challenge officials and properly prepare them for national certification.

### **Special Thanks & Recognition**

- Khanh Mai, Mike Dubois, Jack De Koning and Greg Chan for their excellent work in running the Access Program (Wheelies)
- Sylvio Tessier & David Harrison for their work as President & Vice-President respectively. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them due to their passion for the sport.
- Mano Navarro, Terry Porayko, Marj Niemi, Scott Schalla, Arsalan Khawar and Archie Chawla for hosting and/or chairing 1 or more MBA tournaments
- Jr & U23 Nationals Committee: Jason Athayde, Jay Khanuja, Bea Rasmidatta, Jo-Anne Peltz, Orlando Athayde & Jim McCallum.
- Jr Committee: Allen Tantakoun, Ying Chen, Jesslyn Tan & Betty Ng
- Justin Friesen for his leadership and encouragement as Provincial Coach and for doing more than his job description requires. Kody Taylor for her dedicated work and flexibility of schedule to help the community.

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

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