

**Provincial Coach Report  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Name:** Justin Friesen  
**Position:** Provincial Coach

**Coach Development:**

- Travelled to Toronto in November along with Anil Kaul. To learn the new Coaching Certification program being rolled out by Badminton Canada.
  - New courses are for the Competition Introduction stream which will be replacing the old Level 1 and 2 courses
  - New program has Regional Coach (old Level 1) and Provincial Coach (old Level 2).
  - Need to develop more facilitators for the courses over time.
- Toronto session also had a two day session on coaching Para-Badminton as badminton has been excepted into the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan.
  - Need to develop a Para-Badminton program and develop coaches for Para-Badminton.
- Level 1 Technical offered at end of November in Brandon.
  - 7 completed the course
- Conducted NEW Regional Coach (old Level 1) Module 3 course.
  - 9 completed the course
- Provincial Coach Module 5 (old Level 2) course scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - To be conducted by Anil Kaul and myself
- Completed my Level 3 NCCP Certification
- Conducted multiple clinics with the emphasis being on the coach/gym teacher and helping them improve their coaching skills without out the full day commitment of an NCCP course. Goal is that the Physed Teacher gets more comfortable and confident with badminton and giving it more time in their schedule.
- Scheduled to present at SAGE Conference, a professional development day for teachers, to cover how to teach badminton with large groups. Hopefully will help to build connections with Phys Ed. Teachers.

**Athlete Development/Results:**

- The busiest year for coaching in Badminton Manitoba with big events like Canada Winter Games and Western Canada Summer Games.
- Canada Winter Games we achieved a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish beating New Brunswick.
  - Kevin Barkman got 4<sup>th</sup> in Mens Singles narrowly losing to B.C.'s James Ho
- Western Canada Games Manitoba received a bronze medal beating Saskatchewan.
- Conducted many athlete clinics throughout Manitoba to raise awareness of the sport, our programs and our competitions.
- Junior Nationals was held in Winnipeg and we had some great results with 4 bronze medals.
  - Arnish Patel received a bronze medal in U17 BS

- Andrew Harrison received a bronze medal in U23 MS
- Ian Laidlaw and Dale Kinley received a bronze medal in U23 MD
- Melissa Liew and Kathryn DesAutels received a bronze medal in U23 WD
- Received a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Western Canadian Team Championships in January held in B.C. Manitoba to host this upcoming season allowing us to enter two teams.
- Badminton Canada changed age categories to closer match those used internationally. As a result some athletes were moved up into different age categories sooner than they anticipated.
- We had a large focus on “Bilateral programming”. David Harrison and other coaches conducting many athlete clinics on various reserves in Manitoba. Main focuses this past season were Fisher River, Peguis, Power View and Grand Rapids. Showed great results for Grand Rapids especially with the athletes attending Eastman Open and two athletes attending Junior Nationals.
- High Performance A1 program has 12 athletes
- High Performance A2 program has 12 athletes
- Identified Player Program A1 is still receiving registrations
- Identified Player Program A2 is still receiving registrations

#### **Officials Development**

- Conducted a referee clinic to work on draw making and tournament software use. Another officials clinic will be done this year as well.
- Marj Niemi received her National Umpire Accreditation at the Junior Nationals in Winnipeg.
- Regional Umpire course being offered on September 19<sup>th</sup>. By Marj Niemi and myself.