

**Executive Director's Report
Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA)
Annual General Meeting
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Position: Executive Director

At this point the association has its foot in the door of almost every development opportunity available. Our Club & Individual Membership has been steadily growing over the past 8 years which is an indication of the hard work that is going in to coaching development, official's development, program management, and fiscal responsibility. Because our programs have grown so much, we are starting to focus more on coach, official and volunteer training, and administrative efficiency.

2017-18 Highlights

We were able to increase the number of shuttles that all registered clubs receive to 2 shuttles per person, which in turn makes their membership purchase a financial profit situation. We were happy to make this change given that our financial situation was allowing it, and our clubs are the main reason for badminton's growth in the province.

Manitoba Winter Games in Thompson required 12 volunteers coaches, 6 volunteer managers, and 5 officials, and Badminton was the hit of the town with it's electric team environment!

We hired both Lionel Cure & Dale Kinley to manage some additional indigenous projects in Norway House, Sioux Valley, and Southeast Collegiate. These projects not only taught them the basics of Shuttle Time, but it leaves a legacy of badminton equipment so that they can continue playing and enjoying the sport for many years further. We also had per-project help for other indigenous clinics from coaches like Ashley Van Damme, Kevin Barkman, Melanie Cure, Mike Dubois, and Jason Athayde just to name a few.

We hired Marj Niemi as our Communications/Member Services Coordinator and she has since completed her first full year!

We successfully created the content for 4 new referee training courses and trained 6 new referees with this new material. We trained 12 new umpires and 2 them transitioned to practicing at tournaments.

Updated online our Financial Policy and Coaching Compensation Policy.

Distributed \$2,000 in grants from the Friends of Badminton Manitoba Endowment Fund

Ran/Managed 12 DWP Programs, 2 IPP Programs, 6 Summer Camps, 3 IPP Summer Camps, 1 Spring Break Camp, more than 30 School Clinics, 15 Sanctioned Tournaments, Access Program, MABL, 6 MWGs Tryouts, and 6 HP/CWG Camps.

2018-19 Highlights

We are the hosts of the Yonex 2018 Prairie Junior Elite and the Yonex 2019 Jr/U23 National Badminton Championships, both which will be held in the new Sport For Life Centre. Jr/U23 National Championships will need approximately 50 volunteers to successfully complete as planned, and the event hosting committee is working hard to make sure it's the most exciting event ever!

Due to changes in Sport Manitoba zone definitions, the Interlake Open will now be called the Eastman Open and be held in Selkirk, and the Eastman Open will be changed to the Southman Open and will be held in Winkler. These changes line up with specific development goals for the 2022 Manitoba Winter Games.

There are some exciting changes to be happening in the National Senior Elite Circuit – the Prairie Senior Elite will be a waterfall style draw, or triple knockout, from now on.

Several Coaching and Officiating Clinics are being planned for the fall/winter.

We will be hosting a National Coaches Conference the week of Jr/U23 Nationals to take advantage of the coaching knowledge that will be in Winnipeg for an entire week.

Access Program is currently transitioning to the Sport For Life Centre as it's previous home at 1010 Logan Ave has been purchased by a new owner who's converting it into a different use.

Canada Winter Games will be a huge priority for Justin, as well as the top players in the province. We will be hosting a Mock Event to help this team prepare for the Games Atmosphere. It will be in February and called "Canada Games vs Manitoba". We will be in need of lots of spectators!

In closing, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that these many programs are available to the general public. I would like to thank David Harrison for his faithful service; 2 years of Presidency and 6 total consecutive years on the board of directors. I would like to thank Jack DeKoning for his 2 years of faithful and valuable service on the board, and I'd like to welcome the new incoming board members.

I look forward to your help in making badminton grow in Manitoba.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan Giesbrecht". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ryan" being more prominent than the last name "Giesbrecht".

Ryan Giesbrecht
Executive Director