

**Executive Director's Report
Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA)
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Thank you for attending the Badminton Manitoba AGM! We had a very busy 2018-19 season and are looking forward to another amazing season in 2019-20. Below are some highlights and important notes.

2018-19 Highlights

Several new clubs have registered with MBA as badminton continues to grow at the grassroots level, including a few new competitive junior clubs.

Canada Winter Games selections, Training, and Competition was a success with some difficulties along the way. We were able to put our new Appeal Policy to the test and though we had a few minor notes of adjustments to make (mostly wording and some clarity), it proved worthy of it's cause. The team had a very good chance of coming top 4, but it also reminded us of the depth that we lack in the female department compared to the males (stereotypical of many sports).

Ran just over a \$500,000 annual budget where approximately half came from grants and the other half through registrations, membership, sponsorship, and other small means.

Created new strategic plan for 2020-24, and received a slight increase in funding from Sport MB, our umbrella organization who in general has been cutting funding lately.

Junior Nationals Committee including Jia & Lilian Chen, Allen & Jess Tantakoun, Barrington Nichols, Orlando Athayde, Marj Niemi, and myself put on an amazing and memorable Junior Nationals complete with the best Junior Banquet in memory, an ambitious Coaches Conference, and Athletes Lounge. 3 Medals (Thien Gold in U23 MS, Thien/Felix Silver in U23 MD, Kiren Bronze in U19 BS), and Anson Chen and Kiren Deraj were selected to Team Canada for the Pan Am Junior Championships, where Anson earned a Bronze Medal in U11 BS! Elliott Beals was also selected to attend Pan Am Juniors as a coach!

Massive outreach in 2018-19 including a record # of school clinics from January – May, including travelling to Thompson 3X, Flin Flon, OCN, The Pas, Bloodvein, Powerview, Fisher River, Sandy Bay, Cross Lake, Sagkeeng, Hollow Water, Cranberry-Portage, Southeast Collegiate, Long Plain First Nation, Winkler, Brandon, Gimli, and more. Completed our project with Southeast Collegiate which was funded by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

Successfully hosted Provincial Championships and Annual Awards Banquet in Brandon with Brandon Badminton Club as the Club Host, and it was fantastically run and well attended. Ran/Managed/Sanctioned 15 tournaments, 6 summer camps, 2 IPP Summer Camps, 1 sold out Spring Break Camp, 2 IPP Programs, 2 nights of Access Program, MABL, and 8 DWP Programs. Re-located Steinbach tournament to Winkler.

2019-20 Highlights

Manitoba is host of the 2020 Yonex Senior & Para National Badminton Championships at Prairie Badminton, the first time Para and Senior Nationals will be held together, and the first-ever Para tournament in Manitoba.

A record 20 tournaments are planned for 2019-20 season, and currently referees are scheduled for all of them. We have a full weekend Referees Training Seminar planned for Sept 20-22 with 8 individuals from Thompson, Brandon, Winkler, and Winnipeg. Opening of Prairie Badminton has allowed for tournaments to be spread around more and put less pressure on other clubs to host tournaments.

Coaching Clinics for the season to be planned, scheduled and posted online by October at the latest.

Planning to walk alongside 3 schools to help bolster their school badminton programs and develop the coach's ability to coach badminton. We also plan to integrate more involvement with MHSAA.

We received a Para-Badminton grant from the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Winnipeg Foundation for Para-Badminton promotion/marketing and program development, and will be working this season to plan some awareness campaigns, coach development, and program development.

Extensive meetings need to be planned with Clubs to full integrate with Badminton Canada's new membership software which shall be implemented across the country for proper reporting of #'s to Sport Canada, and to support the growth of badminton nationally and locally.

Will work with new board to plan the best-case scenario of employment transition for the benefit of the organization.

Thank You

A very special thank you to Tasia Lightly and Honesto (Mano) Navarro who have diligently and faithfully served on the MBA Board of Directors for 3 terms (6 straight years). Tasia was the secretary for most of this time and Mano was a member at large, both bringing their own individual talents to the table and giving sound unbiased advise and direction to a growing and ambitious organization. Thank you to Orlando who has served diligently as the Treasurer for the last 2 years and provided not only financial advise but thorough insights into the history and purpose of the organization, and for always being a reliable and zealous member of the board. Leah Inglis served a short time on the board and then had to re-locate to Singapore for her career and her presence and input was and still is missed.

To all the volunteers throughout the year who really keep this organization growing and reaching out to new people, Renee, Paul, Phil, Jr Nationals hosting committee, board members, tournament organizers, club organizers/presidents, coaches, officials, draw desk volunteers, parents in general, and anybody else I missed, thank you isn't enough for your contributions.

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



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