

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

It has been an interesting first year residing as President of the MBA, the year entailed new experiences for both the badminton community and myself. My hope is that with a year behind me, I can be even more effective and hopefully offer a balanced mindset for the Manitoba badminton community. We saw another badminton season concluded with goals achieved and high hopes for the future in the air for badminton in the Manitoba community.

As ever we saw a focus on community engagement, hence a push in sport initiation programs throughout the year was evident. Our bilateral programs, developmental winter programs and summer camps form the core for new athlete's introduction to the sport. We are continually looking at new ways to introduce the game to new players and allow them an insight to the spirit and craft of the game.

As a Board we have overseen for this year:

- The Canada Winter Games came in February 2019 which meant putting the logistics of not only running try-outs but also applying our new appeal process into action. We saw our team surprise fellow provincial teams with a number of wins in certain categories and a strong True North spirit.
- Updated our Financial Policy
- Completed SWOT Analysis to identify 2020-2024 Strategic Priorities providing guidance to both staff and board
- Stefan Carter was awarded the "Active for Life Award", highlighted in the media circles
- Approved an increase in Officials Honorarium which will improve compensation for those that make competitions possible
- Created a Board of Directors email to allow individuals to access the board directly should they wish to bod@badminton.mb.ca

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- Fiscally we are looking healthy than ever before and continue to make strides to improve our funding status due to the hard work of the MBA staff
- Jr Nationals, saw over 300 entries, a Coaching Conference, the integration of the Pan AM U11-U13 try-outs all getting positive reviews
- 3 medals at Jr Nationals, Kiren Deraj and Anson Chen named for Team Canada for the Pan AM Jr Championships
- Elliott Beal selected to coach at Pan AM Jr Championship
- Successfully hosted Provincial Championship & Annual Awards Banquet in Brandon for the first time in at least 15 yrs

As a Board we are continuing to look for opportunities to build not only players but also officials and coaches, without those two roles seeing continued growth, Manitoba Badminton will be limited in its future endeavors.

This year saw a number of changes within the local Winnipeg community and as such means future changes that will need to be handled as we will be going through a period of transition but I believe it bodes well for the community in the long run.

I'm excited what the future holds for the community and I hope each one of you see the possibilities.

President of Badminton Manitoba,
Barrington Nichols