

MANITOBA BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 6:30PM
THEATRE ROOM (SPORT MANITOBA) & ZOOM

1. CALL TO ORDER. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM. REVIEW OF AGENDA.

Call to order at 6:44pm by President Barrington Nichols.

Confirmation of quorum.

ATTENDANCE: Barrington Nichols, Yuns Oh, Marco Chan, Darren Pun, Linda Ferguson, Mélanie Curé, Marj Niemi, Paul Poirier, Blaine Coughlin, Lionel Curé, Ryan Giesbrecht, Orlando Athayde, Cheryl Bartel, Michael Oman, Lilian Chen, Brittany Bartel

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2019 A.G.M.

Orlando Athayde: Typo on page 1, indicated 2018-2029.

Lionel Curé motioned to approve. Ryan Giesbrecht seconded.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2019-2020 season: initial focus was a good season of tournaments, with local tournaments and Nationals in January 2020

Expected challenge in replacing Executive Director, the biggest challenge was in fact COVID-19.

Strong start with good numbers at tournaments, and a great National Championship (the first to include both Senior & Para championships)

Thank you to Ryan Giesbrecht for his year of service and dedication to the growth of the organization. Thank you as well to the MBA team for all of their work under the particular challenges of this year.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reviewed highlights of 2019-2020, including hosting of Senior Nationals. Credit to Ryan Giesbrecht and the entire team.

Review of technical development clinics and courses. Discussion on 2020-2021 plans for coaching and official development.

COVID-19 presents enormous challenges: ED started as the pandemic hit.

Reviewed plans for 2020-2021: MWG planning, CWG early planning

Reviewed summer camps highlights, sport initiation, and performance pathway plans.

Question from Paul Poirier about cancellation of provincial championships: why was that call made when hockey leagues are running, for example?

→ *Mélanie Curé*: Risk assessment indicated that to run it, we would have had to limit entry of immune-compromised folks and/or limit entries from other health regions in Manitoba. These limitations were not in line with provincial events. Furthermore, as a PSO, we have increased responsibility (as opposed to local leagues or community organizations) to ensure safety of our members and felt that was not possible under the current conditions.

6. PROVINCIAL COACH'S REPORT

High Performance: in 2019-2020, held 5 camps for 20-25 athletes

Performance Pathway/Team Manitoba: program was further developed and has been adjusted.

- goals to work with less athletes, choosing athletes that are competitive on the national scene, and follow up and work with them more closely
- Aiming to establish permanent regional teams as a steppingstone to Team MB; aim is to no longer have to rebuild every few years as MWG approaches.

Question from Barrington Nichols: Will you be working with athletes' individual coaches?

→ *Justin Friesen:* Yes, plan is to work closely with coaches to develop training plans.

Question from Paul Poirier: Please explain the disproportionate amount of male:female athletes.

- *Justin Friesen:* Athletes that are nationally-competitive have typically been the boys. The number does look abysmal, as there's 1 girl to 4 boys. This is in fact the same ratio as the old High Performance program.
- *Mélanie Curé:* Important to keep in mind that the Regional Teams, being modeled on the MWG program, will have gender parity. The lack of female engagement in the sport isn't new, but with gender parity at the regional team level, the same will be achieved on Team Manitoba in the coming years.

Question from Yuns Oh: Will para-badminton be included? Is para is either the MWG or CWG?

→ *Justin Friesen:* We will look at that. Someone like Olivia Meier should be invited. MWG and CWG do not include it at this time.

Grassroots Development & Coach Development: some work this year

- grassroots clinics, presentation on PD days for teachers, French-language clinics
- coach development ongoing, including training of new Learning Facilitators. We're working with 6 new LFs, all from rural Winnipeg

Para-Badminton: more work to do

- wheelchair badminton clinic took place for athletes to try it
- Olivia Meier is on road to Tokyo and we hope that happens.

Local events: helped with local events, including Sport MB Games Day

Looking ahead: aiming to plan what we can and developing documents

- process starting for MWG 2022 and CWG 2023

7. YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT: 2019-2020 AUDIT

Clean audit report. Most fluctuations (vs. previous years) due to impact of pandemic: CEBA loan, cancelled tournaments, etc.

Linda Ferguson expresses concern that other sports have not qualified for CEBA, and we're still waiting for clarification. Since we've put CEBA into a GIC and left it otherwise untouched, we will be able to repay if we do find out that we didn't qualify.

8. 2020-2021 BUDGET REPORT

Brief review of 2020-2021 Budget.

Blaine Coughlin motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Yuns Oh seconded. Board of Directors voted to approve the financial statement as presented.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2020/2021

Quotes had been reviewed before the 2019 AGM. Tony Gauthier has been solid and knows our organization.

Blaine Coughlin motioned to maintain status quo in terms of auditors. Orlando Athayde seconded.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Question from Yuns Oh: Have schools decided to not allow rentals for the whole school year?

→ *Mélanie Curé*: It's not schools or divisions, but rather a ban on community-use permits at the government level. We'll be looking at community centres for programs.

11. NOMINATING REPORT

i. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Barrington Nichols has completed his first term as president and is available for re-election.

Blaine Coughlin motioned for Barrington Nichols to stay on. Everyone in agreement.

Cheryl Bartel and Paul Poirier nominated for director positions.

Orlando Athayde motioned to accept the new directors. Seconded by Blaine Coughlin.

Passed by acclamation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Thank you from Barrington Nichols to everyone for joining.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.