

BADMINTON MANITOBA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WINNIPEG WINTER CLUB

October 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM by Don Snider. Motion to approve agenda made by Robert-Jean Betournay, 2nd by Khanh Mai. Passed

Attendance

Board members: Don Snider, Taisia Lightly, Dave Harrison, Sylvio Tessier and Robert-Jean Betournay.

Membership: Ryan Giesbrecht, Justin Friesen, Khanh Mai, Orlando Athayde, Justin Tantakoun, Andrew Martin, Jim McCallum, Andrew Harrison, Crystal Chen, Betty Ng, Sean Chawla, James Brown, Mike Dubois.

AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A.G.M. SEPTEMBER 25, 2013.

Motion to approve minutes made by RJ Betournay, 2nd by Khanh Mai. Passed

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Ryan Giesbrecht name to be added to September 25, 2013 AGM

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT (see attached).

5. VICE PRESIDENT/ OFFICIALS REPORT (see attached).

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT (see attached).

Some of the areas of focus include; the recruitment of volunteers for various committees, fund raising efforts to sustain and help grow the sport, (Friends of Badminton) is one of those opportunities. The long term development and retention of higher level players not only as athletes but also as mentors to younger players. Coach development is also critical. The loss of traditional racket clubs will oblige us to create a path for coach development and redefine "club membership". The challenge will be to recruit these groups of players into the MBA. This would require us to identify them and their needs and demonstrate that the MBA would be of benefit to them. Mike Dubois indicated the rural clubs want to know how they will benefit and suggested the MBA should visit the clubs.

7. PROVINCIAL COACHES REPORT (see attached).

Don thanked Justin for all his efforts, that Justin was able to pick-up where the previous coaches left off and is confident that we are on the right path.

8. 2013-14 FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Don stated that non audited review indicates that the MBA is operating with a small surplus. The goal is to be neutral. We had for many years operated in a negative position. However we have managed to correct this situation.

The Funding formulas developed by the Government of Manitoba continue to evolve and the MBA has managed to adapt. We have changed the format of our reports to reflect this. This has not always been the case and it continues to haunt us. Development of fund raising efforts such as "Friends of Badminton" are important for the future health and growth of the MBA. Funding by government bodies cannot be counted on as there is more demand for fewer dollars.

Ryan briefly explained the funding formula developed by the province and how it works and that the funding formula used by the Province for the base funding takes the previous 4 years information to build a budget for the next four years. Don explained that the score keeping (based on the MBA's previous 4 years performance) being kept by the province has negatively affected the MBA's funding. We have managed to correct this and are in a better position to anticipate and react to the Provincial requests for the next round.

9. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (COACHES/PLAYERS/AGE GROUP)

Don brought forth several topics for discussion by the membership.

Including the (Coaching Code of Conduct Policies). The objective is not to prevent parents from coaching but rather highlight expectations. The MBA would like to develop policies and rules with parents before any unfortunate situations arise. One suggestion was to work with committee based groups and coaches and that parents can be made aware of the new rules when signing children up for tournaments.

MBA tournament player policies. In order ensure fairness to all athletes the MBA will extend late payments (pay at tournament rather than at point of registration) to players as requested. One violation by any player causes him/her to lose this privilege. MBA has had to take this position, because some athletes have registered, not paid and not presented themselves at the tournament which disrupts the schedule and can resulting in an unfair seeding.

Motion to accept the age categories and implementation dates put forth by Badminton Canada. David 2nd by Tasia, passed.

10. AUDITORS REPORT

Not

available at the time of the AGM. However will be posted in the coming weeks.

Motion to approve the audited financial statements once completed via email was put forth by Taisia 2nd RJ, Passed

Action; Ryan send out email for vote.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2014/2015.

Motion to appoint Craig and Ross as auditors for 2014/2015 made by Dave Harrison, 2nd by Sylvio Tessier. Passed

12. NOMINATION REPORT

A total of three vacancies are needed to complete the board.

A total of three nominations have been made: Dave Harrison, Dave Snider and Arsalan Khawar.

Motion to accept board nominations as per report by Don Snider made by James Brown, 2nd Tasia Lightly passed.

Motion to nominate Sylvio Tessier President made by James Brown, 2nd Tasia Lightly passed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Sylvio

announced that a new Jr. Committee is to be formed and is looking for volunteers. Sylvio pointed out that this for parents to get involved and that many hands make light work.

Mike Dubois requested that in an effort to recruit members the MBA should hold demos for children and adults and extend an invitation to one of the tournaments

One concern was that demos are good but how to follow-up in a meaningful way.

Children and parents don't always know where to turn. Ryan indicated that the winter development program is the MBA's main effort to get players started.

One idea put forth was "get to know badminton" an opportunity for rec players both young and old to view exhibition games and play.

Other ideas included basic coaching clinics for parents and former athletes among others in an effort to promote badminton.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

to adjourn meeting made by Mike, 2nd by Tasia Lightly. Passed.