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MBA AGM 2022 Season Year End Report

So here we are the end of Badminton's 2022 season!

I would be remiss not to state my thanks foremost for the season we've just seen concluded. For 2022 started with so much uncertainty of what to expect and when anything would be possible! To the Players who continued to pick up their rackets and seeked out play time both recreational and competitively! Your endurance ensured we all had meaning and focus to do our best for Badminton, your Parents who found themselves having to adjust to ever-changing rules and needs to allow you to do what you clearly enjoy, the Coaches, Referees and Umpires your presence at competitions, the development and the joy of the game cannot be experienced without your presence. You all make yourself available because you want to help and your enjoyment of the game is as entrenched as the players themselves. To the Clubs who have had to undergo numerous periods of uncertainty and re-adjustments to keep their doors open, without you there are no courts, no games and so you are to be commended. I want to also say thank the MBA staff, the amount of time I know schedules were re-adjusted and plans were put aside due to changing rules meant a flexibility never seen before. My thanks also to my fellow MBA Board Directors, your continued willingness to seek improvement for the community is clear and it's been my pleasure to be a part of such a group.

2022 came and although it started with uncertainty, eventually the Badminton season did get started and yes not all of the tournaments were when and what we usual expected, we were on the courts and playing! We had some of the well-established events like the Pal Chawla, Yonex Jnr Provincial Championship and then we saw new tournaments enter the calendar with excitement, the Cryptocoin Company Open! Our MBA staff meanwhile tried to ensure camps and coaching opportunities were added to those eager to develop their game and knowledge with a mindset to expand the game of Badminton for "everyone".

As we say goodbye to one season and welcome a new one, it is with renewed faith that we shall continue to overcome all that is put before us. I cannot pretend that we have achieved all that we would have hoped but the fact the new season is here and we are in a position to push forward is a reflection of the strength of we the community.

Thank you all and let us continue to enjoy this game for that is what this is all about...

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Standing down - President, Board of Directors