

**Provincial Coach Report
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, September 29th, 2022**

Name: Justin Friesen
Position: Provincial Coach

Team Manitoba

- Conducted individual sessions with Team MB athletes.
 - Team MB athletes for previous season; Kevin Barkman, Kiren Deraj, Kyi Nichols, Serenity Poirier, Emalia Sinclair, Victor Ho.
 - Team MB for upcoming season likely just Kevin Barkman, as the rest are part of the Canada Winter Games process.
- Many athletes involved for the 2021/22 season was difficult, just like every sport, to be consistently training with all of the lockdowns.
- Notable achievements:
 - Kevin Barkman 4th place at Western Elite
 - Kiren Deraj 3rd place at U23 Nationals
 - Kevin Barkman and Kyi Nichols ranked 9th in Canada for Men's Doubles
- National Tournament support for upcoming season – BC Senior Elite, Nationals, Jr & U23 Nationals

Manitoba Winter Games 2022 Replacement Event & Regional Program

- Created the Regional Challenge in replacement of the cancelled Manitoba Winter Games
 - An open invitation tournament to all of Manitoba to represent their region in competition.
- All regions were represented
- Arranged leadup events in each region to get to know coaches
- Arranged transportation and accommodation
- Overall around 160 athletes participated in U13, U15, U17 and U19.
- Working to continue with the tournaments success for the upcoming season.

Canada Winter Games

- Canada Winter Games Training Team for 2021/22:
 - Males – Kyi Nichols, Victor Ho, Noah Koslowsky
 - Females – Emalia Sinclair, Serenity Poirier, Ranya Narwal, Paisley Poirier, Ellen Bae, Duyen Nguyen, Ashley Woods
- Canada Winter Games Selection Committee; Gurmeet Jassal (Chair), Margie Koehler, Misilyna Wu
- Team Manager – Marj Niemi
- Aboriginal Apprentice Coach – Brad Stevenson and Kyler Murray
 - First time a sport has been approved to send two Apprentice Coaches to Canada Games.
- Conducted on-court with athletes when COVID restrictions allowed. Difficult to enforce certain attendance requirements with ever shifting restrictions and self-screening procedures and illness
- Multiple meetings and preparation for the Stage 2 (final tryout) August 22, 23 and August 29, 30 at Sport 4 Life Centre

- Stage 2 Tryout had 10 male and 10 female athletes
- Athletes Names to Team*
 - Males – Kyi Nichols, Victor Ho, Christopher Wiebe, Jeevan Khanuja
 - Alternate – Brandon Yim
 - Females – Emalia Sinclair, Serenity Poirier, Duyen Nguyen, Ranya Narwal, Ashley Woods
 - Alternate – Ellen Bae
- Athletes will be participating in the Prairie Jr & U23 Elite, BC Senior Elite and Nationals in the leadup to the Canada Winter Games in February 2023.

Grassroots

- Planning on working with Kevin Barkman for various school clinics after Canada Winter Games
- Looking at localized one day or partial day camps in communities with community centres.
- Developmental Winter Program will be restarted as long as we can get gym space and coaches

Coach Development

- Took part of coach development offered through Sport Manitoba and virtual training through Badminton Canada/Pan Am.
- Some coaches took part in online badminton coaching courses.
- Looking to conduct at least one Regional Coaching course and one Provincial Coaching course this season
- Have completed criteria for Coaching Canada for Chartered Professional Coach designation.

Looking to the Season Ahead

- 2023 Nationals and Para-Nationals to be hosted in Winnipeg at the end of January 2023.
- Main focus of the season coming up will be working with Canada Winter Games team and working on developing the apprentice coaches.
- Implementation of Regional Teams, in some capacity, for this season culminating in the Junior Regional Championships in April/May, including minimum expectations per region and a consistent coaching element.
- Will continue to help develop local official

Sincerely,



Justin Friesen