

MBA President's Report – 2023/2024 Season

The past year has marked a period of significant progress and development for the MBA Board of Directors. Since this time last year, we have made substantial strides toward advancing the organization's governance structure and ensuring the MBA's long-term success.

Board Composition and Leadership

We are proud to report that nearly every vacancy on the board has been filled, allowing us to benefit from a diverse and committed team of individuals. In addition, all executive positions for 2023/2024 had been successfully filled, creating a stable leadership framework. With a full roster, the board was able to step away from operational duties and focus entirely on governance, ensuring that the MBA is well-positioned for future growth.

Strategic Plan and By-Laws

A critical focus this year has been the revision of our by-laws and the development of a new strategic plan. These initiatives have been essential in aligning with the standards set out by Sport MB and securing maximum funding for the MBA. Although challenging, the board has shown resilience and determination in progressing these tasks.

Strategic Plan

The strategic plan is a vital document that sets the long-term direction and priorities for the MBA. It outlines key goals and objectives and provides the framework for an operational plan that can be actioned over the coming years. This will serve as a guiding roadmap for the MBA, helping to align our activities with our vision and mission. In the next few months, we will be sharing the results of the strategic planning sessions.

By-Laws Update

As presented at the last AGM, our current by-laws do not meet Sport MB's standards. In collaboration with Sport MB, we are in the process of rewriting these by-laws. While we do not yet have a completed version, we will be hosting a town hall in November, to provide members an opportunity to ask questions and review the draft. Following the town hall, we will call a Special General Meeting (SGM) to conduct a member vote on the new by-laws. The completion of this process will allow the MBA to comply with Sport MB's regulations and ensure eligibility for maximum funding.

Financial and Policy Updates

This year, membership fees saw an increase due to a rise in fees from Badminton Canada. The MBA board made the decision not to increase the MBA's portion of fees to alleviate potential barriers to membership. Despite these changes, our focus on aligning policies with Sport MB continued, leading to the rollout of new financial and refund policies. Additionally, we developed Terms of



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Reference guides for the Competition and Nominations committees, enhancing governance and transparency in these critical areas.

Community Involvement and Volunteering

The MBA thrives on the strength of its community, and we encourage all members to consider taking on a volunteer role. Opportunities are available on both the board and within various committees such as the Competition, Seeding, Banquet, and Nomination committees. Volunteering provides an opportunity to contribute to the governance and growth of badminton.

Staff and Board Recognition

I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank both the staff and the board for their incredible dedication and hard work over the past year. The progress we have achieved would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our staff, who continue to go above and beyond to support the MBA's mission. Likewise, the commitment and enthusiasm of the board have been essential in driving forward key initiatives and ensuring the success of our organization. It has been a pleasure working alongside such passionate and capable individuals.

Leadership Transition

As my term on the board comes to a close, I am proud of the progress we have made as an organization. The MBA is now on a solid path, with strong community support and a sound foundation in place for future growth. I feel confident that it is the right time for me to step aside and allow new leadership to guide the MBA forward. It has been an honor to serve alongside such a dedicated team, and I extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have supported me during my tenure. The progress we have achieved together will continue to benefit the MBA for years to come.

I look forward to the MBA's continued success and hope that each of you will consider getting involved in shaping the future of our sport.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Renee Kunka".

Renee Kunka
MBA President