

MBA AGM 2024

Date: 2024-11-20

Minutes by Ian Abbott

Attendees

Gurmeet Jassal, Jeanette Ding, Kiren Deraj, Paul Brown, Yuns Oh, Jack De Koning, Khahn Mai, Blaine Coughlin, Derick Huynh, Orlando Athayde, Nikolas Esquash, Dale Kinley, Michael Oman, Samantha Rayburn-Trubyk

Jeevan Khanuja, Ian Abbott, Rylan Ramnarace, Renee Kunka, Sam Huynh, Denzel Simons, Syed Rahman, Jonathan Hsuing

Corey Draper, Elliott Beals

Jaclyn Pauls, Steven Indig

Call to Order at 6:35pm

- Quorum is met.

Acknowledgements 6:36pm

- Read by Kunka

Review of Roberts Rules 6:37pm

- Read by Indig

Approval of Agenda 6:39pm

- No concerns. Passed without vote

Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes 6:41pm

- Motion by Blaine Coughlin,
- Seconded by Gurmeet Jassal
- Any discussions, questions or recommended amendments: NO
- Motion passed unanimously.

Business Arising from the 2023 Minutes 6:43pm

- None

Presentation of 2023-2024 Financial Statements 6:44pm

- Jaclyn Pauls presents
- Q1: BC has concern that accounting can't identify prepaids and have we developed a policy to satisfy those requirements.
- A1: JP These were inherited without assistance from outgoing staff. It will have to wait until it is written off. New expenses are being documented accurately.
- Q2: BC Is there any recourse for those previously responsible.
- A2: JP There was 7-10 thousand dollars that were not satisfied. Don't think that there is any recourse. Board changed who was auditing.
- A2B: RK suggested that large inventory is being held at Stewart Medals. MBA will handle inventory differently going forward.
- Motion to reappoint the auditor (Scarrow and Donald) by Blaine Coughlin
- Seconded by Gurmeet Jassal
- Questions or comments: NO
- Negative Vote: No against or abstained.
- Motion Passed unanimously.
- 2023-2024 Financial Statements full presentation can be found here [\[link\]](#)

Executive Director Minutes 7:01pm

- Presented by Executive Director, Corey Draper
- Reviewed status of goals for 2023/2024. Hired EB as Provincial Coach. Assisted in Strategic Planning process, Updated MBA by-laws for 2024 AGM, reviewed membership revenues and expenses. Ran Junior Regional Challenge (in alternate format). Membership has increased 2 years in a row. Several tournaments outside the city were cancelled. PlayerWeb transition delayed due to unfortunate circumstances in Badminton Canada. Increases to membership/club fees were restructured after not changing for 10 years.
- Seeking new MBA website solution, alternate/new membership platform, execute ACSC Growing the Game grant, Junior Regional Challenge planning for 2028, support coaching and officiating training/development. PlayerWeb transition planned for June 2025. Build up officials to reduce commitment requirements from few individuals.
- Reviewed 2024/2025 Goals: Action Plans related to new Strategic Plan, Execution of new Liquor and Lotteries sponsorship for 18+ programming, 1-day MBA Doubles Tournament, Re-launch of WDP in January 2025, increase pool of active coaches/officials, increase support for rural superseries, clinics and programs, complete transition to Tournament Software membership collection, completion of full tournament calendar, better presence and support for Westman and Norman, better promotion of club programs/events, completion of all current

grants, renew sponsorship agreement with Yonex, support 2025 Manitoba Indigenous Games Badminton Event in Norway House, ramp up for Manitoba Games.

- Q1: BC Why was membership up despite tournaments being cancelled.
- A1: CD Players may not play all tournaments especially if outside their region. Players signing up late has been causing concerns with registrant numbers.
- A1B: RK memberships being counted may not have been done consistently in previous years, but we have a
- Q2: BC Had Corey signed up for any training for umpiring or lessons to immerse into the sport. Or if he considers playing would be beneficial.
- A2: CD His priority was admin, but he did take referee training. Not currently looking to jump into tournaments.
- Q3: GJ with so many tournaments cancelled last season, what is being done to prevent this
- A3: RK changes to the hosting package require X days based on facility cancellation policy.
- Q4: GJ Can there be more transparency on tournament cancellation policy and notifications?
- A4: RK Yes, changing the lead-times on registrations to align with facility cancellation policies is aiming to prevent this.
- Q5: GJ Comments were made about rural communities and clinics. What is the real tangible plan to create this buy-in?
- A5: CD Understands in principle but identifies that there is money being spent on rural areas. MBA wants to work with the people already in those communities to set up the events.
- Q6:BC On a scale of 1-5 how would you rate your personal involvement in the badminton community.
- A6:CD 3, spends full time job working with the sport, but doesn't spend personal time on it?

Provincial Coach Report 7:38pm

- Presented by Elliott Beals
- Brought provincial team together of U15, U17, U19 to meet Sport Manitoba requirements. Ran Masters training program for ~ten 30+ players in preparation for Masters Nationals 2024. Did club/community clinics (some in Winnipeg and one in Notre Dame). Did coach recruitment. Ran Para program out of WWC with Yuns.
- Would like to see para competitions in Winnipeg.

- For 2024/2025: Tryouts for Team Manitoba A and B teams, Manitoba Games Team prep, Clinics, Coaching Support, Para Program Support.
- C1: Samantha, son is involved in the para program and is very thankful to Elliot and Yuns.
- Q1: BC is there funding for athletes competing out of province?
- A1: CD training is subsidized, as well as clothing.
- Q2: KD is there any funding for older athletes (national or international athletes)?
- A2: EB Is supportive of funding, but doesn't have financial control. Will advocate for funding, but funding requests would need to be before the tournament.
- A2b: CD Sport Manitoba took away athlete funding for adults who won events at national events. Senior component of High Performance program is important, but we need to establish funding in the budget. Funding might be part of a trade-off for volunteering for example coaching clinics.
- Q3: BC unacceptable that there was no awareness of funding for senior athletes.
- A3: RK policy was recently updated this year.

President's Report 7:50pm

- Presented by Renee Kunka
- Board Composition and Leadership, Strategic Plan (Outcomes of strategic plan can be found on the MBA website) and By-Laws updated (to meet Sport MB requirements), Financial and Policy updates, Community Involvement and Volunteering (opportunities available on the Board, as part of committees, or at events), Staff and Board Recognition (thanked Board members for their efforts), Leadership Transition (will not be rejoining board in the future as the Board and MBA are in a good place).

By-Law Changes/Vote 7:57pm

- There were discussions in the Town Hall and changes were made.
- Motion to accept the bylaws as written: Blaine Coughlin
- Seconded by Gurmeet Jassal
- Q1: OA Comments about typos. Questions about certain points (example 4.4.e)
- A1: SI Some of the points (as identified) are legislative requirements.
- Q2: Were parents invited?
- A2: RK many attempts were made to reach out but can't email non-members directly.
- A2b: SI Orlando, please email RK and CD about typos.
- Any opposed: None
- Any abstentions: None
- Passed Unanimously

Strategic Plan 8:02pm

- Presented by Renee Kunka
- Did initial sessions, reached out for community feedback, further sessions, and the plan was developed with Mosaic Engagement. Completion of the plan opens additional funding opportunities.

Board Nominations and Elections 8:10pm

- Presented by SI
- Three positions available.
- Jeevan and Rylan stand for re-election.
- No new nominations.
- Any opposed: No
- Any abstentions: NO
- Jeevan and Rylan re-elected.
- Retiring – Renee
- Orlando nominated Rui, seconded by
- Any opposed: None
- Any abstained: No
- Rui has been elected to President of MBA Board of Directors

Question Period 8:18pm

- Q1: GJ Why should a rural community pay the same amount as Winnipeg for a membership fee?
- A1: CD the process was that way before, but that is an interesting point. There might be an opportunity for an event fee membership for those who only play one or two tournaments. Will need to find out if Tournament Software can handle it. PlayerWeb has coupon codes.
- Q2: GJ Does the board think that there is equal opportunity for rural players vs urban players.
- A2: There isn't equal opportunity due to geographical.
- A2b: RR there likely isn't equal opportunity due to funding.
- C2: GJ you can't treat everyone equal and call yourselves a provincial organization.
- Q3: BC There are several locations that offer lessons to beginners so why haven't you taken lessons (to Cory).
- A3: RK you don't have to play the sport to run a sport.
- Q3b: Reiterates that playing the sport will establish a better relationship with the community. On that note, would you change your 1-5 answer.

- A3b: CD change that to a 3.5 because his entire life revolves around this job and seeing the sport succeed as with many other amateur sports. Just because his personal involvement isn't with badminton doesn't mean that he doesn't understand the importance to the community.
- A3c: RK points out that CD was involved in Junior tournaments.
- Q3c: OA points out that concern might be around visibility at tournaments.
- SI states that the line of questioning is inappropriate for an AGM and that any concerns with performance should be brought to the Board.
- C3: DK states that EDs are not always at every tournament.

Closing Remarks 8:29pm

- Steven Indig thanks attendees for attending.
- Renee thanks everyone for the experience and the learning that has occurred over her time. Excited for what MBA can do going forward.

Adjourned at 8:30pm