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PRESIDENTS REPORT

First and foremost, I would love to acknowledge the hard work of everybody from the Executive Director, Board of Directors, Coaches, Clubs, Players, Parents that tirelessly support their kids to achieve a betterment of their kids in Badminton and everyone that made this season 2024/2025 a moderately successful season.

We have been able to successfully launch a subsidized tournament this year, the Yonex Doubles Classic with the help of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. A grant that did not help this tournament happen but was able to help rural outreach for Manitoba Badminton Association that funded clinics, tournament and support. The grant has also helped for the Senior Provincials Championship to bring the cost of the most expensive tournament of the year. For that I am grateful.

We have been able to see the growth of the children and the hard work of the coaches that work along side with them either their growth throughout the season or the competitiveness that was displayed in the tryouts for the 2027 Canada Winter Games. With the Canadian Junior National Championship for 2026 and 2027 being held here in Manitoba, I am sure our young athletes would be able to hone their skills, overall competence and the pride to represent our province in the national stage.

I would like to extend my Gratitude to the following athletes that keeps our province represented and stately in either a national or international level, Anson Chen, Kiren Deraj and Kevin Barkman may your efforts be rewarded of your diligence and never stop to elevate your skills and may your presence be an inspiration to our athletes and future athletes here in Manitoba

Last, I would like to thank the community in trusting me to be your president I may lack of in-depth knowledge of everyone, but I did try my best to be as present in every event that we have our calendar. Tried to work alongside with people for as much as I am proud to have brought back banquets (2024 and 2025) in the Senior Provincials to have a nice cap to the season. May the future of badminton in our Province stays brighter and hoping for a brighter future.

Rui Mercado

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