

Board meeting - May 15, 2025, Minutes

Start time: 7 pm

Adjourned: 8:40 pm

In attendance: Meghan, Marie, Edie, Kristin, Jennifer, Sarah, Patti, Trina (need 7 for quorum)

1. Sakura Funding Concerns

Edie discussed how the points spreadsheet works for the qualifier/choreography grant and international travel and showed how changing the figures in the funding spreadsheet affects the funding to be received by high performance athletes.

It is important to uphold our policies and our requirements for funding.

Acknowledged and recognized that some of the practices may not be used by all athletes as they are too late or too early, but we have accepted what was/is available from the gyms. Both Sundays and Monday's have been offered in recent years, though we do attempt to get Sunday gym time whenever available. Full points for funding has a range of 80%-100% of practices attended to allow athletes to miss some practices throughout the year while still receiving full points. An alternative to removing the offered Monday gym times from the funding requirements would be reducing the percentage for full points to 75%-100% for practices attended. This would allow all athletes more choice to miss practices that were not their ideal times and did not align with their schedules.

Could concede on the qualifier requirement of the performances to 1 and remain it as 2 for the international travel funding. We have a few events coming up from now until the Nations Cup in August that athletes who still need to attend an additional event to receive full funding may take advantage of.

An alternate motion was put forth in response to the request from Sakura regarding gym times:

Motion 1:

For the 2024-2025 season, adjust the funding percentages for full points to 75%-100% with all the subsequent percentages to follow in accordance with this 5% change.

- Motion: Patti
- Seconder: Edie
- Abstain: 0
- All in favour

- Passed

An alternative motion was put forth in response to the request from Sakura regarding performances for funding:

Motion 2:

For the 2024-2025 season, reduce the performance event requirement to one for the qualifier and high-performance claim and keep the 2 total requirements for the year for performances for the international travel claim.

- Motion: Meghan
- Seconder: Kristin
- All in favour
- Passed

2. Additional requests for discussion brought to the board from Sakura

- *Commit to booking gym times that are accessible to the majority of athletes, avoiding 5:00 PM week night start times and practices that end at 10:30 PM.*
 - respond by referring to the policy on gym time - we do our best to get the best available gym time as is available
- *Commit to providing a minimum of one month's notice for all MBTSA-sanctioned performances and outreach events.*
 - we will do our best as determined by the situation. We will always try to give as much notice as possible, though understand that while it is a good goal to provide notice 30 days in advance, it is not always possible.
- *Commit to releasing the full competition and clinic schedule by September.*
 - we strive to have our finalized dates and announce to all members at the AGM
- *Commit to offering short program and compulsory classes, as these are tied directly to athlete funding criteria.*
 - if we do not offer the compulsory/short program classes as we didn't this year due to lack of interest from the previous year, it will not impact the funding.

3. Screening policy

- Need specific wording about coaches that haven't been screened for non-compliance - members not in good standing if non-compliant
- Need to have the website state that we have screened coaches in our organization to encourage compliance. good information to have available to current and potential participants and members. Meghan to add to the website.
- Add a post on social media (Instagram) as well. Sonya to post on Instagram.