

Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association

Monthly meeting

Sport for Life - 145 Pacific Ave.

December 8, 2024.

Recorded by: Jane Golovenko

MEETING CALLED BY: Trina Cimino

In attendance: Trina Cimino, Edie Parisien, Kristin Macaraeg, Meghan Stanger, Marie Speare, Laura Tymchyshyn, Patti Sabeski, Jane Golovenko, Viktoria Golovenko, Laura Tymchyshyn

On zoom: Jen Atkinson, Susan Wingert, Sonya Bernhardt

Apologies/Absent: Tania Muller, Sarah Cimino, Linda Boyd

Meeting called to order by Trina Cimino at 10:06am. Trina started with the land acknowledgement.

1. Motion to Adopt Agenda.

Edie motioned adopting agenda for MBTSA November 2024 meeting. Seconded by Kristin.

All in favour.

Motion carried.

2. Motion to Accept November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

November minutes acceptance will be voted after all revisions are reviewed by board members.

3. Round table

- **Chair.** no updates.
- **Vice Chair.** Kristin started with recognizing Trina for organizing the bus and recognizing all volunteers for their help with Santa Parade. It was a success. Kristin will provide the details of the technical committee meeting on Zoom to Secretary at a later time.
- **Past Chair.** Edie helped Linda organize flights for the judges. Lianne is confirmed to come from BC. Lauren from AB is flying from Regina, might need an extra night at a hotel due to flight scheduling. Kristin offered to accommodate at her place of Lauren agrees. All documents have been uploaded on MTBSA website, Q&A need to be updated.
- **Technical Chair.** Megan sent out Winter Classic competition registration forms last month, the deadline was yesterday. The date and location are confirmed: January 11, 2025, Winakwa CC, doors open at 9am, competition starts at 10:15am. The gym is booked until 5pm. Asked Dana to judge alongside Lianne, sending the draft contract to her. Dana also agreed to do penalties for groups at both Unicity and Provincials. Megan will update website stating where the sanctions should be sent. Jen will send a separate email. Kristin offered

help during the competitions. WTT will get back to Meghan regarding the canteen. Megan needs to purchase medals and ribbons. Patti agreed to do announcements for all competitions. Adjusted high performance gym times – managed to get UoW gym for January and February, an update has been sent to all coaches.

- **Technical Vice Chair** not present, no report.
- **Judges Rep.** Linda not present.
- **Coaches Rep.** Laura is looking into starting a monthly newsletter. Suggested that our Publicity Rep should be advertising our competitions. Laura's idea is to send updates on coaching sessions and other opportunities. All board members will be cc'd. Edie suggested when posting our updates on Instagram to tag CBTF, they would share and then other provinces will get to know about our competitions. We received a list of coaches with their credentials, there are some discrepancies, Waiting for revised list from Dana.
- **Membership Rep.** Patti received the list of members from the clubs; some are missing information if we can or cannot post their photos online. Patti suggested to check with clubs or with her if unsure before posting on Instagram etc. Patti is sending membership payment info to Marie.
- **Fundraising Rep.** Susan has access to the LGA webpage now. Provided options to consider e.g. wine draw or 50/50. Susan is signing the paperwork for funding change. The board agreed to start a 50/50 after the winter Classic competition. Will be announced at the competition and will run until end of February. Susan suggested to print cards with QR code to distribute at the competition.
- **Publicity Rep.** Sonya will start advertising our competitions on Instagram. Meghan suggested to post a list with names and dates asap followed by reminder posts. Edie suggested to create a social media calendar with all dates and deadlines.
Trina suggested to look into designing and making a couple of banners: stand up and/or flags. Sonya will come up with designs and ideas by next meeting.
- **Sanctions Rep.** New sanctions email has been created: mbtsasanctions@gmail.com Jen asked to confirm how the payment for sanctions is sent, especially with the Canada Post being on strike. Meghan and Marie advised that we normally send a check rather than e-transfer. A check number will be provided to Jen, she will send a copy of sanctions submission to Marie for her records. Jen will send an email from new MBTSASanctions email to technical members. Meghan advised there is a new sanctions form from CBTF requiring to state membership number for the person who does sanctions.
- **Treasurer.** Marie informed the board that Marie, Trina, and Edie went to the bank, Trina was added to the account and former board members were removed. 3 year GIC was coming due, a decision as made to put money with higher interest rate 3.25% until December 2025. Marie received the audit engagement form from the auditor. Marie confirmed with Trina that she was okay to sign the form. Will have a budget meeting with the financial committee soon and will look into other GIC possibilities.
- **Athletes Rep.** Viktoriia made a 'good luck' poster for the athletes during the last competition to engage the athletes. New Instagram page has been created - MBTWIRLATHLETES. Vika followed all MB clubs and will try following all the athletes incl. those from other provinces to get more exposure. For the competitions Vika is planning to run the "Athlete of the hour" nominations and a little prize draw. Meghan has some prizes like towels and bracelets that can be used for that. Meghan suggested to have a photo boost with signs like 'no drops', 'all catch' and 'I moved up'. Kristin offered a backdrop that could be borrowed.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **Safe Sport Screening update.** Meghan updated the password for the email and sent a message out to those who should have access. Will send the requirements to the new members, Sonya and Susan. Also Meghan will reach out to Susan from Sport Manitoba asking for suggestions to what happens with those who don't comply by the deadline. We have policy in place which satisfies Sport Manitoba requirements. Once Meghan hears back from Sport Manitoba, Q&A will be updated.

5. **Introduction** of all members. Everyone who were present in person and on Zoom introduced themselves.
6. **Inventory Spreadsheet** – Meghan/Marie – ongoing. Jen sent badges inventory to Sarah. Marie should be informed about any transfers of equipment.
7. **Board Calendar** – Trina – ongoing. Hoping to finish the grant application and the calendar soon.
8. **CBTF – Coaches credentials** – Deferred to the next meeting until we hear back from Dana.
9. **Fundraising** – Meghan will let Rachel know that we won't use Jets Tickets.
10. **Safe Sport Course** – All board members must take – waiting for mor information – ongoing.
11. **Santa Parade**. Kristin will present at the next meeting.
12. **Athlete's Banquet** Trina will present at the next meeting. We had 30 attendees. Hall of Fame was a great venue. Trina suggested to have more awards like 'club of the year', 'volunteer of the year' etc to increase interest in attending. We MB Hall of Fame award was well received, Kritin has a video that she will send to the Publicity Rep. Kristin will reach out to Lucinda to follow up. Grand aggregate winners will be announced on MBathletes Instagram page and will tag Manitobabaton page. Viktoriia is on it.
13. **Strategic Planning Session**. Carolin came to talk about what we need to do as a board and what we should have in place for the members by fall. The date will be set closed to that time, aiming for September. Edie and Jen will team up and review the old document. Laura and Vika will review the survey. Patti and Jane will review mission, vision and values. Will be reviewed on March 2 at 10am, zoom link will be sent by Kristin.
14. **Coaches Credentials** – no updates, Laura is on it. Laura is looking into how other clubs and sports deal with similar situations. Laura will reach out to CBTF Coaches Rep Maureen.

NEW BUSINESS

15. **Inventory**. T-Shirts need to go to Storage and inventory needs to be sent to Marie and Meghan. Kristin will collect all t-shirts and put into storage.
16. **Winter Classic**. Meghan will send a spreadsheet of the duties to sign up for. Every club will be assigned with responsibilities.
17. **Agenda Items** for CBTF Winter Meeting. Trina will bring up the situation with coaches not compliant with the requirements. Meghan wants to bring up again that CBTF solo events being separate for male and female athletes don't fit with the new inclusivity policies. Edie asked to clarify requirements for technical members vs coaches.

NEXT MEETING

January 5, 2025 – Sport MB 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.