

Manitoba Baton- Board Meeting
November 27, 2022
Sport for Life- Sport Manitoba
12:30 pm

In Attendance- Tammy DeJong, Linda Boyd, Rina Orlov, Olga Orlov, Caitlyn DeJong, Meghan Stanger, Laura Tymchyshyn, Marie Speare, Edie Parisian, Tania Muller

Regrets- Kerri Baxter, Kristin Macaraeg, Rhaychelle Tan

1. Welcome of new board members- Rina Orlov, Tania Muller.
Leaving board members- Yonatan Orlov, Sherry Brodie, Jennifer Atkinson
Assistant Technical Rep- remains vacant
2. Review of minutes from September 25, 2022
Edie noted following changes
For #4- Treasurer report- should note the board member reimbursements were to cover for CBTF membership fee reimbursement
For #9- Goals for 2022-23- These were generated as a round table. Included ensuring good governance and board communication.

As amended- motion to accept previous meeting minutes by Linda, seconded by Edie
Abstain- Marie, Rina and Tania

Further to the September minutes, Edie provided update on constitution change, comparing to other Provincial boards. The update was not available by the AGM, therefore had been tabled. Edie and Kerri working on this and will provide findings to the board

3. Membership- Caitlyn
27 – Type “A” Members
52 – “BR” Recreational Members
6 – “G” Members
22 – Technical Members (note some may be counted twice as another member category)
19 – Volunteer Members
12 – Board Members

Some recreational athletes not accommodated for (ie- Yonatan’s LaSalle group, SPIN program participants not registered, only a few of Legacy registered)
It is ok if they are only working on white ribbon, beyond white ribbon, need to be registered as members.

Based on numbers, not enough athletes to run Pre-Competitive Challenge.

In lieu of this, discussion about organizing an event for the recreational athletes to include them and get them excited about baton.

Plan to invite the recreational athletes to attend a competition to watch, and add a fun event for them. Decide to add onto the January competition as it is a shorter day. Plan baton games after the competition. Olga volunteered to be in charge of the Rec athlete event.

4. Treasurer report – Marie

On review, will have a budgeted deficit, however due to carryover, will be less of a deficit. Initial deficit of \$14,000 looks to end up being \$1,000, but Marie will double check.

No carry forward

Discussion of having a regular budget update at board meetings.

Discussion of submission of expenses, use form to provide enough information to allow Marie to allocate funds from correct budget lines. To now, many times, not enough information to properly determine budget lines. Recent grant funds complicate situation as are required to go towards specific expenses. Google Form use discussed and Olga advised will help set up. Marie asked that attachments be converted to pdf as jpeg files will not work.

Marie working on year end/ audit information, including membership fees to CBTF.

Wendy Narozniak needs to be paid for her SPIN coaching.– Funding through Manitoba Government. Discussion of separate budget line to accommodate alternate coaching costs (ie. related to a specific program or grant).

Sport Manitoba gym time- 2 hour/week designated for Freestyle/ Nations Cup athletes (Sunday) 2 hours on Monday for all baton athletes (one hour added last year)

Manitoba Baton has been covering expense of all gym time. Unsure able to cover it all. May cancel the extra hour or charge a fee. To be discussed in budget meeting.

5. Sport Manitoba strategic priorities

Tammy needs to report these to Sport Manitoba annually.

Last year priorities were grassroots and keeping existing athletes.

Discussion on topic- Grassroots important, need to keep working on incoming athletes into program. Also need to focus on keeping the athletes already in the program and supporting them.

Based on discussion suggested- continue to work on grassroots to maintain membership, develop young coaches and developing/ supporting all clubs.

6. Past-Chair/ Vice-Chair report- Edie in attendance, Kerri was unable to attend board meeting.

Creating funding handbook. Plan to provide to coaches at beginning of the year. Discussion of adding to website for broader access. Uses a points system, overhauling prior system.

Forms require updating for reporting

Draft sent via email.

Policy updates- including tracking changes. Continuing to work on this.

Funding for Nations Cup. To use Points system for year.

5 athletes attending: Laura Tymchyshyn, Meghan Stanger, Kaitlyn Doherty, Emma Baker and Caitlyn De Jong.

Funding through Manitoba Baton is only available to athletes representing Manitoba in individual or Provincial Team, not on TransCanadian teams.

Part of points system to involve attendance at some volunteer events (require attendance at least 3 events. Also require attendance at a minimum of 2 hours Sport Manitoba gym time per week.

Dawn Kamfoley award- Edie will send information about the award to the clubs.

7. Publicity- Olga

Have additional programs on the go (SPIN program, LaSalle)

Santa Claus Parade. Handed out 750 flyer and 500 free class coupons. So far had 5 responses for free class. Linda has taken one free class to date. Discussion of difficulty accommodating free class in club when gym time already filled.

Trying to plan program with Ukrainian refugees, however logistics are difficult. Located in a handful of airport hotels. Hotels want to charge \$200/hr for space. Otherwise, need to transport the kids to gym space. Not working out.

Indigenous/ inner city program. Before Santa Claus parade, ran class in the Hydro Building for the Rossbrook House.

Meghan Stanger was asked to put together and publish a newsletter for Manitoba Baton, preferably monthly. To put on website and distribute over social media. Meghan agreed.

8. Technical- Kristin not in attendance.

Noted issues with Jot form, accessing calculation information. Meghan to reach out to Dana Peteleski as may have more clarity into this issue. Marie to help figure out. Discussion- issue is that calculations may not be part of free version of program and that CBTF only pays for 3 months/year to have technical information when needed.

Discussion re: Manitoba competitions.

Winter Competition- January 22, 2022- no gym yet.

Kristin/ Linda to plan/organize. Marie and Tania volunteered to help as needed. Laura volunteered to take care of medals for competition (and other competitions this year).

Unicity - March 19, 2022 – Kristin to plan/ organize, Tania volunteered to assist. Location still in works. Laura to handle awards.

Provincials – New date April 29-30, 2022. Currently gym booked in Morden, MB. Discussion about possibility of booking gym space in Winnipeg.

Require 3 judges? One needs to be USTA qualified (X-strut). Potential for virtual judge?

Marie volunteered to help with score sheets

Rina volunteered to help with logistics

Laura to handle awards

Olga also volunteered to help.

Athlete's rep term up December 31, 2022. Nominations open to athletes over 15 years of age. Tammy will ask Kristin to organize vote.

9. Fundraising – Rina

Working on some ideas

Rhaychelle has generously donated 2 Jets tickets for March 2023. Raffle to be arranged.

To consider additional fundraising.

Kristin- to work on charity number for CBTF

NSTF application

Sport Manitoba- targeted donation program to allocate funds.

Donations can be made through Sport Manitoba for Manitoba Baton.

To be discussed further at finance meeting for funds under Sport Manitoba umbrella

Fundraising ideas: mugs/ ornament for Christmas (running out of time)

Winter classic- tshirt add on to competition fee, optional

Performance fundraiser, possible space at U of Manitoba. Linda to work on idea. Some time before recreational classes end.

Discussed public appearance opportunities of Teddy Bear Picnic and Kidfest.

10. Sanctions

Form needs to be filled in today for Winter Classic

Linda to handle form for Unicity

Discussion regarding completion of top information portion of sanctions form. Meghan has been receiving some forms without the top part completed. Meghan has requested that this part of the form be completed before sending to her as she does not feel she has the appropriate information to fill this part in. Kerri has been helping some people complete this part of the form for our MBTSA events. This will continue at this time.

11. New Business/ Round table

Edie brought up potential of reintroducing a parent liaison for each club. The parent would receive information from the Board about events and information as would the coaches. The parent would be responsible for sending information through to members of the clubs. To survey coaches/ clubs to see if they agree with this suggestion.

Next meeting January 8, 2023 12:30pm- Sport Manitoba

Following meeting February 12, 2023 12: 30pm- Sport Manitoba