

Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association

Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Integral School 1080 Waverley St.

Present: Caitlyn De Jong, Linda Boyd, Olga Orlov, Tammy De Jong, Kristin Macaraeg, Meaghan Stanger, Laura Tymshychyn, Jennifer Atkinson, Edie Parisian, Kerri Doherty

Regrets: Yonatan Orlov, Rhaychelle Tan, Sherry Brodie, Marie Speare

1. **Approval of last minutes April 24, 2022** – Linda made a note that she wasn't sure if she was in attendance last meeting. The board seemed to agree that she was present virtually. Kerri made a **motion** to accept the previous meeting minutes. Kristin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Chair Report

- a. Canadians – Manitoba sent 9 athletes. Yonatan won the men's Grand National Solo, Male athlete of the Year, and Ron Kopas Award. The MBTSA board won the President's Cup. Caitlyn De Jong won the spirit of twirling award. Next Canadians will be in Edmonton. Starts July 2nd. **ACTION:** Tammy will forward on the CBTF minutes.
- b. Worlds – Yonatan placed 12th. Canadian athlete, Julie Stewart received the silver medal – first in 20 years. This was the last World Baton Twirling Championships and will now be combined with IBTF. This year's international competition will be in Liverpool in August. The Canadian qualifier will be May long weekend in Oshawa, Ontario.
- c. CBTF meeting report
 - i. Membership fees will be increasing in the following year.
 - ii. Cantwirl app will be increasing in price.
 - iii. Deardra Leslie Challenge Cup Award – MBTSA is going to continue to use the Unicity competition to collect points for this award.
 - iv. Canadian Tire Jumpstart grant – MBTSA received another grant of \$3390. The previous grant was used to start up the R. A. Steen program which has been successful. Looking to do the same with this grant.
- d. AGM – will be held October 30th at the Winter Club at 3:00pm. Plan is to be in person. Kristin can get the room for free and would also like to offer a dinner after. Cost would be around \$20 to attend for dinner. Could do Grand Aggregate awards at dinner. Olga brought the idea forward to include more fun awards.
- e. Newcomer Sports Academy – added another location. Purchased batons.
- f. Child abuse and vulnerable sector check – talk about adding policy to require this for our coaches. Coaches/clubs will have to pay for it. This is different from the Safe Sport policy from CBTF. Check if Sport Manitoba has policy that we can follow. Could be added into the Respect in Sport requirement policy.

- g. Brenda from Sport Manitoba is retiring.

3. Vice-Chair

- a. Policy Manual update – Kerri is working on updating and then it will be added to the website.. Edie proposed to create a policy update committee. Edie, Kerri and Laura volunteered to be a part of the committee.

4. Treasurer

- a. Budget update – after updating budget we are sitting under forecasted deficit. No coaches submitted for funding for NCCP course. Cheques went out for board member reimbursements.

5. Publicity

- a. Report on outreach events since April
 - i. 8 school visits in June – Yonatan, Jen, Hailey, Caitlyn, and Tammy coached. Olga connected with gym teachers to organise the full day classes. MBTSA flyers were given out to classes.
 - ii. 2 family fun nights in June – Tammy, Hailey, Kristin & Yonatan coached.
 - iii. 8 summer camp outreach events at daycares/kid group events.
 - iv. Summer sizzler – ran by Linda. 29 kids signed up. Wendy Narozniak, Caitlyn, Sydney, Maddy, and Jennifer Papadopolus coached. TNB, Sakura, WTT had registrations that came from the camp.
 - v. Family Fun event at Assiniboine park.
 - vi. Girl Guides – saw around 400 kids.
 - vii. La Salle community day – Yonatan & Olga organised. Saw around 150 kids
 - viii. St. Amant Free the Spirit event.

6. Technical

- a. New coaches – Manitoba has 10 new coaches. Kerri made a **motion** to extend the funding for NCCP course to January 31st 2023 for the new coaches. Linda seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. This will need to be updated in the budget. **ACTION:** Kristin to send out an email to the new coaches to let them know about the change.
- b. Provincial Team – Kristin sent out an email regarding interest in a team to compete at the qualifiers and received 5 interested athletes. Minimum requirement is 6.
- c. Fall clinics:
 - i. Alberta Baton is offering a clinic on October 14th.
 - ii. Saskatchewan is holding a clinic October 22 & 23 in Regina.
- d. High performance declarations are due October 31st as well as intent to compete at the new IBTF World competition 4th- 13th of August.
- e. Qualifier – federations have come to no formal decision about how the competition will run. CNBTA wants 50/50 but memberships between both associations are not even. CBTF would like to send best of best regardless of associations.
- f. Competition dates:

- i. Winter Classic – Jan 22
- ii. Unicity– March 19
- iii. Provincials May 6 & 7 – option to still have judges virtual to save on costs.
ACTION: Kerri to find gym that works for athletes.
- iv. Pre-Competitive Challenge – could be combined with provincials. Will decide once we have memberships from this season. Linda offered gym for pre-comp challenge. **ACTION:** Linda and Kristin to come up with a date before AGM.
- g. Mini U – interested in doing a baton program for the entire summer.
- h. Santa Claus Parade – November 19th. Routine has been recorded and will be sent out to members. Looking to get vehicles for honorary guest.
- i. CPD hours are due Sept 31st for technical members.

7. Fundraising

- a. 2022-23 plan – recommendation to do a wine raffle. **ACTION:** Sherry and Kerri to work together on this idea. Kristin will send templates of what she did last time. Would offer cost-sharing for clubs. Could do merchandise during Christmas.

8. Membership

- a. Financial support for new members – Manitoba is expecting about 55 new members. We pay around \$13 for recreational memberships. Linda made the **motion** that MBTSA will cover the cost of all recreational athlete’s membership fees for the 2022-2023 season only. Meghan seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
- b. Membership fees for 2023-2024 – tabled until we get affiliation fees numbers.

9. Goals for 2022-23

- a. Try to continue two days of provincial practice as long as we can afford it. May need to charge for athletes. Need to update policy to reflect this continuation.
- b. Create more community between clubs – more athlete events.
- c. Try to create less formality between group.
- d. Parade of Champions – performance opportunity with different levels.
- e. Create more open discussion with coaches/clubs.
- f. Focus on clubs that are trying to start out.
- g. Short program/compulsory classes and critiques.
- h. Sharing information – coaches’ meetings, newsletters, members at large at board meetings – 1 representative from each club. Need to present constitution changes at AGM to go into effect for next year. For this year have Jen send minutes to technical members. **ACTION:** Edie and Kerri to look into constitution change.

10. Next Meeting – TBD

Action Item	Responsibility	Due Date
Forward minutes from CBTF meeting.	Tammy	N/S
Email new coaches about change in funding dates for NCCP courses.	Kristin	N/S

Find gym for provincials	Kerri	N/S
Come up with a date for pre-competitive challenge.	Kristin & Linda	Before AGM
Organise wine raffle	Sherry & Kerri	N/S
Look into constitution change for allowing members at large for board meetings.	Kerri & Edie	N/S