

Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association

Board Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Online meeting via Zoom

Present: Tammy De Jong, Jennifer Atkinson, Rhaychelle Tan, Olga Orlov, Karen Reynolds, Kerri Doherty, Meghan Stanger, Edie Parisian, Yonatan Orlov, Kristin Macaraeg, Laura Tymchyshyn, Caitlyn De Jong,

Regrets: Sherry Brodie, Linda Boyd

1. **Welcome New Members** – the board welcomes Meghan as Sanctions officer, Caitlyn as membership registrar, Rhaychelle as coaches rep, and Sherry as fundraising rep.
2. **Accept previous meeting minutes** – Kristin made a **motion** to accept the September meeting minutes. Kerri seconded the motion. Edie requested the minutes reflect that some of policy changes will be voted on by e-vote, that her name is added to the abstention in the policy regarding the Provincial A team, and that Sarah and Trina have resigned. The motion was carried.
3. **Correspondence**
 - a. Sport Manitoba update – anyone over 18 needs to be vaccinated to participate. Beginning December 21, 2021, 12-17 year olds will require one 1 vaccine or provide a negative Covid test 24 hours before.
 - b. CBTF – lots of webinars are available to watch with new updates. Changes for the SDP and pre-comp program are effective January 1st.
4. **Chair Report**
 - a. Jumpstart Program – the grant received paid for a 6-week program (facility, coaches, batons). Robert A Steen asked to run a program out of their gym starting in January.
 - b. Newcomer Sports Academy – MBTSA participated in an opportunity to show baton to newcomers in Canada with Leisha, Kristin and Caitlyn. Participants had four weeks of lessons. Tammy requested to do a holiday hamper and is looking for volunteers.
 - c. MBTSA policy manual – Tammy connected with Brenda from Sport Manitoba and she suggested taking chunks of the policy to revise and proposing to the board.
 - d. Mask mandate update – other sports are allowing athletes to remove masks during physical activity. A request was made from Aerial Fusion to not require masks for practices. Kerri made a **motion** to remove mandatory masks during activity for Return to Play following Public Health orders. The motion was seconded by Kristin. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- e. Women in Sport – MBTSA received a \$1000 grant for the Gender Equity Same Game Challenge. Kristin and Edie volunteered to participate in this program. The program requires meeting once a month, going through the modules, creating a plan, and connecting with other sports. Tammy would like to put \$500 of this grant towards publicity.

5. Treasurer

- a. Budget report – Marie can send reports to members from the AGM. The 2022-23 budget is due to Sport Manitoba January 17.
- b. Changes to signing authority – Sara Sabeski and Trina Cimino will be removed as signing authorities and Kristin Macaraeg and Kerri Doherty will be added. **Action:** Marie to send the info to Kristin and Kerri.

6. Publicity

- a. Diversity Photo Shoot – Olga organised a photo shoot and Yonatan did a baton session for the kids. The photographer will be sending the pictures soon to use for promotional material
- b. Merchandise – no updates.
- c. Added the linkt.ree feature on Instagram.

7. Technical

- a. Provincial Team update – Jen Atkinson, Yonatan Orlov, Caitlyn De Jong, Emma Baker, Alexandra Reformado, Laura Tymchyshyn and Sara Sabeski attended the tryouts. Alexandra, Jen, and Sara withdrew from the team. Kristin has been contacting other potential members and there is a team meeting tomorrow.
- b. BC Provincial Qualifier – request to run for one athlete for B.C. Edie made a **motion** to offer to run B.C.'s Provincial qualifier. Kristin seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
- c. Coaching Clinic – there is the possibility of running a coaching clinic with LeeAnn Wilson who is judging the Winter Classic competition.
- d. Other Updates
 - i. Yonatan is working on collecting coaches Respect in Sport certifications. If certification expires in January coaches will still need to update it. A request was made to make the course available to board members.
 - ii. La Salle Community Centre is booked for Provincials. Universities are not available.

8. Fundraising

- a. Ornament fundraiser in progress.
- b. Rhaychelle offered to donate Jets tickets for a raffle. Look into doing online versus physical tickets – would need a different licence. Kerri offered to help organise. Use same prices and and profit share as last raffle. **Action:** Kerri, Olga, Sherri, and Rhaychelle come up with a plan to present this week.

- 9. **Membership** – low numbers. Look out to clubs and see why they're struggling. Need to focus on the transition of grassroots programs into club registrations. Programs should be put in place where clubs/coaches already exist.

- a. A: 27 last year -> 27 this year
- b. B: 11 last year -> 6 this year
- c. Rec: 24 last year -> 6 this year
- d. G: 21 last year -> 17 this year

10. **Athlete's Rep** – idea to have a Christmas party – ideally not zoom. **Action:** Laura to reach out to competitive athletes for interest. Kerri suggested using the Sunday gym time. Can request to use one of the small rooms after practice to not give up any gym time. **Action:** Laura to pick a date and work towards setting something up.

11. Round Table

- a. Secretary – request for baton buy & sell
- b. Past Chair
 - i. high performance grant **ACTION:** Jen.
 - ii. Has taken role on CBTF in the marketing and communications committee and they are looking for other members.
- c. **Treasurer** – all board members should have paid full board fees. Suggested giving refunds back at the end of the term. Marie made a **motion** that if a board member with two memberships leaves within four months of their term, they will be required to pay the remainder of their membership fees. Meghan seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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12. **Next Meeting** – January 9th at 3 p.m. The second Sunday of each month was suggested for meeting times.

Action Item	Responsibility	Due Date
Send signing authority info to Kerri and Kristin	Marie	N/S
Come up for a plan for Jets raffle	Olga, Rhaychelle, Kerri, Sherry	This week
Christmas Party organization	Laura	N/S
High performance grant	Jen	N/S