



MANITOBA BATON TWIRLING SPORTIVE ASSOCIATION

MBTSA Report to CBTF July 2010

It has been a year full of ups and downs for the Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association, but overall we are happy to report that we are now at a point where we are strong and ready to move forward!

Some challenges that we have had to overcome in the past year include vacant positions on the Board of Directors and lack of a quorum at our Annual General Meeting. We were without a Chairperson when our Vice-Chairperson submitted her resignation just prior to the Provincial Team Trials and Championships. It was also at this time that our four-year funding application was past-due to Sport Manitoba. The remaining Board Members gathered together to complete the application and we were more than excited to receive notice from Sport Manitoba that we had been categorized as a base-funded sport for the next four years (we have been without base-funding for the last four-year cycle). The cherry on top was receiving additional funding for two levels of our athlete development programs (Developing Physical Literacy and Developing Talent) and qualifying for four bingos.

In May, we appointed a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Fundraising Rep to the Board. This leaves only one vacant position (Secretary), and we are confident that we will have a quorum and full slate of positions filled at our next AGM in October.

Over the past year, the MBTSA has hosted an Athlete's Clinic (recreational to elite level) with guest instructor Gregory Thinet. We also participated in U of M Homecoming and the Santa Claus parade with athletes from all of the various clubs coming together to perform as one. Our Freestyle and Pairs athletes (Level B and Level A) were all invited to perform at the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg during half-time at two basketball games.

Two clubs hosted open competitions this season – Magic 'n Motion in January (a new critique format recently trialed in Ontario was used and gained positive feedback from the athletes), and Greendell Baton hosted the Valentine's Open Competition in February. MBTSA hosted the Ucity competition in March and we were thrilled to have a club from Regina attend this competition. The Provincial Team Trials and Championships were held in April, and our favourite event for the pre-event athletes, The Pre-Competitive Challenge, was also held in April. This event sees our Level A and B Freestyle and Pairs athletes perform their routines, as well as volunteer for various competition duties (lane running, music playing, tabulation, awards table).

The MBTSA also hosted two certification courses in the past year – Module 3 Judges Certification in February and Level 1 Coaches Certification in March. We are currently planning to hold the Level 2 Coaches/Module 2 Judges Certification course in September. The Athlete's Banquet and Athlete's Clinic are being planned for October and we are looking forward to a busy and productive year in Manitoba for the 2010-2011 season!

Respectfully submitted,

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