

Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association
CBTF AGM 2016 Report
(Submitted by Edie Parisian, Chairperson)

Manitoba continued to focus on our Strategic Plan and the board engaged in several initiatives, building on previous year programs and introducing new pieces to complement existing programs.

We continued with year one initiatives, and focused on communication at the club level with club parent liaisons and athlete reps and a contact on the board for each.

Promotion of the sport through displays and performances continued this year, as did the use of our Website, Twitter and Facebook page which highlights club registration, Provincial events, competitions and accomplishments.

Work continues with our year two initiatives to develop a Coaches mentorship program, and a revamped Recreational stream. An adult recreational class was piloted in one club, which gave past competitive athletes the opportunity to train together in a recreational setting. One other club features a class for young adults who also competed in the Dance Twirl event at one competition. This is part of the Sport for Life model, and we hope to build on this in the future to ensure athletes can continue with the sport beyond the competitive stream.

We held a Coaches L1 course last fall with 8 new coaches in Manitoba who took advantage of the new upgrade to technical membership for the year. We hope to see these coaches continue in the coaching stream.

Membership

Our membership numbers have remained somewhat steady, although we did lose some of our senior athletes. Our Provincial Team is in a rebuilding mode and we saw several new junior athletes try out for the team that competed at Canadians. We had 2 athletes compete at Team Trials this year, and are proud to have Yonatan Orlov (Jr Men's Freestyle) and Laura Tymchyshyn (Jr Women's Freestyle alternate) be chosen for the Canadian Contingent to the World Championship in Sweden.

Clinics, Competitions and Camps

We held our annual "Reaching for the Stars" competitive athlete clinic in October, with guest clinicians Jenna Jemieff and Sarah Black. In conjunction with the clinic, we held our AGM and Banquet. Jenna was the keynote speaker, providing inspiration to athletes and coaches alike. Our AGM was well attended and all positions were filled during elections.

MBTSA provides weekly Provincial gym training time as well as a Compulsory/Short Program class with instruction provided by a rotation of our L2 coaches. MBTSA held a badge workshop and testing day in the Spring. We held a Summer Clinic/Camp in August, where a group of instructors and assistants taught the basics to new athletes and prepped the returning athletes for the season ahead. This was a wonderful opportunity not only for the new athletes, but for many of our new coaches and senior athletes who assisted during the camp. Manitoba hosted 5 local competitions, including a new competition for us in November, where Wendy Cruikshank officiated and held a compulsory and short program clinic at the end of the competition to provide feedback. This was a great way to start off the season and begin their training.

Awards and Recognition

2015 Provincial Team Toba was nominated for Team of the Year and Dana Peteleski was nominated for Volunteer of the Year at the Sport Manitoba Night of Champions.

Yonatan Orlov was nominated for the 2016 Max & Indy Nusgart Jewish Athlete of the Year at the Annual Rady JCC sports dinner. Yonatan was also the recipient of the Ron Kopas award at the 2016 Canadian Championships in Edmonton.

Joyce Ormshaw received recognition in the legislature from MLA Christine Melnick for her many years of service and dedication to baton twirling in Manitoba.

MBTSA provided scholarships to top placing athletes at Provincials, as well as financial assistance to the contingent to attend Team Trials and the World Championships.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for the many hours they have contributed to the sport in our Province and around the country, and look forward to another successful year.