

Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association
CBTF AGM 2017 Report
(Submitted by Edie Parisian, Chairperson)

This past season was a year of change on the technical side of the board in Manitoba. Our long time Technical Chair position, previously held by Dana, transitioned to Leisha, who is not new to the sport, but new to the role. We also had two young coaches step into technical positions this season and take on leadership roles under Leisha's guidance. This has been an excellent move, and wonderful for the future of the sport in our Province.

The adult recreational class continued this season, giving past competitive athletes the opportunity to train together in a recreational setting. One other club featured 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.

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.

Our membership numbers have remained somewhat steady, although we continue to lose some of our senior athletes. Our recreational numbers increased with the outreach program in Riverton. Our Provincial Team, as well as many individual athletes, competed at the International Cup qualifier in Saskatoon, and were part of the Canadian contingent at the International Cup in Porec, Croatia.

We held our annual "Reaching for the Stars" competitive athlete clinic in October, with guest clinician Ginette Groom. In conjunction with the clinic, we held our AGM and Banquet. Manitoba also held a Coaches L2 and Judges M1 course.

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 and hosted 5 local competitions.

MBTSA provided scholarships to top placing athletes at Provincials, as well as financial assistance to the contingent and their coaches to attend ICQ and International Cup.

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.