

Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association
CBTF AGM 2018 Report
(Submitted by Edie Parisian, Chairperson)

This past season was a busy one for Manitoba as the host Province for a successful Canadian Championship. Our small team of extraordinarily dedicated volunteers carried out an event that we are all very proud of.

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 have increased with our program in Riverton and outreach in Lac du Bonnet.

We changed the format of the delivery of clinics this year as a trial, providing some instruction for competitive athletes through local clinicians and strength and conditioning through our Sport for Life Centre at Sport Manitoba. We held a recreational and pre competitive clinic during other events. Many of our Competitive athletes took advantage of the Saskatchewan clinic held in Regina. A summer camp was offered in August, hosted by MBTSA with local coaches and athlete assistants, with 27 campers, many new to baton. We hope many of them return to one of our clubs in the fall.

Our annual awards banquet was also changed this year, and we presented awards during the opening ceremonies of our January competition. This format change allowed more people to be in attendance to celebrate the accomplishments of our athletes and volunteers.

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 3 local competitions.

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

Respectfully submitted

Edie Parisian