

Director's Report
2023 MWPA AGM – September 13, 2023



On behalf of the MWPA Board of Director's, we are submitting a combined Director's report highlighting our activities over the past sport season.

Membership:

440 members as of August 31, 2023

- Our short-term goal was to rebound our membership numbers to pre-Covid 19 numbers of 600+ for the 2022-23 season. We fell short on this target which did have an impact on our financial bottom line.
- Long-term membership goal of 1000+. To access increased funding from Sport Manitoba, 1000 members could potentially move us into a new funding level.
- Membership fees were reduced during Covid-19. 2023-24 membership fees have been increased to pre-Covid \$s.

School League Water Polo:

143 HSL participants

94 MY participants

- A modified program delivered - water polo 4s.
- Gender specific play at the HSL level, co-ed at the MY level.
- 16 participating schools.

Programming

- School league delivered
- Winter League delivered
- Provincials delivered
- Sport development camp delivered

Coach Education:

- Community Coach Workshop offered – 10 certified | Course fees supported by PSO.
- New coaching requirements established for 2022-23 with screening policy.

Officials Education:

- Regional Referee evaluations – 7

- Provincial Referee evaluations – 2

Annie McIntyre participated as a referee in the NCL.

Grants:

A total of \$30,500 in grants paid out to supporting Clubs, leagues and membership to assist in program and athlete development in Manitoba.

Policies:

Ongoing work on PSO policy structure and framework. Approval of several new policies: whistleblower policy, safe sport policy, athlete protection guidelines.

Coaching requirements for 2022-23 updated with screening policy.

Bylaws presented at 2022 AGM and approved. Bylaw revisions – to be presented at 2023 AGM.

Committee Work

NSO Participation:

- MWPA President – WPC President’s Council
- MWPA ED – WPC Operations Council
- MWPA Technical Director – WPC OWG Committee
- MWPA Delegate – WPC HP Committee

PSO Participation:

- MWPA ED - Manitoba Aquatics Group
- MWPA ED – Sport Manitoba ED working group
- MWPA Board (Jon and Stella) – Bylaws Working Group

Database:

Ongoing work with RAMP database.

Sport Manitoba:

- Ongoing monthly meetings with other sport PSO Executive Directors.
- IFF submission approved with Sport Manitoba to secure another year of base funding.
- Sport development funding from Sport Manitoba for 2023-24 reduced due to new parameters introduced. (i.e.: funding cannot exceed 50% of revenues generated from sport activities, lack of Clubs, lack of Clubs outside of the city, and etc.)

Finances:

- 2022-23 financials submitted as part of AGM documentation for approval.
 - Deficit of (\$1398)

- Deficit mainly due to short fall in membership numbers
- Net assets at end of year - \$76,365

Website:

- Ongoing updates to website
 - Revamp of school league pages
 - Revamp of safesport pages
 - Revamp of Coaching pages
 - New MWPA Logo introduced
 - Ongoing outreach on Facebook

Opportunities for Growth:

- Increased participation in MWPA sanctioned events
- Accessing new pool space to accommodate potential membership growth
- Ongoing collaboration with member Clubs and Schools
- Board of Director recruitment
- Increased exposure at pools across the province
- Increased exposure in NCL
- Increase capacity to host competitions
- Athletes participating in AGNT programs

Let us continue to be committed to our vision: **Developing leaders and striving for excellence, in and out of the pool.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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