

President's Newsletter:

Hello Fellow Master Bowlers! The last year and a half has been a roller coaster; back to masks and social distancing with an addition of Vaccine Passports. Fingers crossed our Bowling Centre's are able to stay open and survive the 4th Wave.

In these unprecedented times, we were allowed to keep our 2020/2021 grant and map funding monies on the condition it be spent in that financial year. As an Executive and with the help of Rhonda advising what were eligible purchases; we were able to beef up our inventory of Trader pins, YBC medals, shirts etc.; gave those Executive members the tools to reduce their costs in volunteering with the MBAS and helped some member owned bowling centers that were struggling. The MBAS is in a good financial position and a 2021/2022 Budget was presented at our AGM which was held Saturday, Sept 18/21.

There are new requirements for all coaches which is the completion of Safe Sport and Making Headway training; both courses are free to take online through the Locker. A coach will not be cleared for coaching at the National Level if they do not have these 2 required courses. The MBAS Executive has agreed to extend the deadline for reimbursing coaches the cost of courses that are required to maintain their coaching certification. We had our first in person Community Coach Clinic since March 2020 at the end of August. Also, anyone that has taken the Introduction to Competition Coaching Clinic should be evaluated within 3 years of taking it to become a Certified Competition Coach. If not completed within that timeframe, part of the fee they paid to take the Introduction to Competition course to go towards being evaluated will be forfeited and they will be required to pay for their evaluation, which is \$50.00. Anyone that should have been evaluated prior to June 2018, the deadline has been extended to June 30, 2022.

We are planning our first Master's Qualifying Competition for the weekend of November 20th & 21st in Regina; Scratch Division at The Golden Mile then Bolorama and Teaching & Senior Divisions at the Nortown then Glencairn. Registration forms will be available on the website once we have everything ironed out concerning Covid Protocols that will be in place for the Qualifying Competitions. The 2022 MBAC Nationals will be hosted by Edmonton. Early Arrivals June 27th, Arrivals and Opening Ceremonies June 28th; Closing Ceremonies July 2nd and Departures July 3rd. Saskatchewan contingent is driving to Edmonton; hotel is Fantasyland; all rooms are double queen beds.

Welcome Michelle Bolton and Gord Worona, our new Fundraising Co-Ordinator's. A motion was made and carried at our AGM for the MBAS to provide a monetary incentive to members only for each ticket sold for the Grey Cup/Super Bowl, Joker's Wild and November Elimination Tickets (March Draw). It was decided that \$.50 from each of the Grey Cup/Super Bowl tickets sold, \$1.50 from each November Elimination ticket sold and \$1.00 for each Joker's Wild ticket purchased for the 2021/2022 fundraisers would be paid out in cash in March.

Our 2021/2022 Membership link is up on the website. We ask that all Life Members, Executive and Officers complete an online membership form whether they are participating in qualifying competitions or not. Reminder that if you want to be an Associate Member to bowl Master/YBC tournaments, we require you to also complete an online membership form prior to your house rounds. The link is www.saskbowl.com click Master's tab at the top of the page and then Entry Forms and Registration.

Hope to see everyone in November!