



# Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports

2023

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday October 23, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Torque Brewing, 330-830 King Edward Street

## IN ATTENDANCE:

AJ Hunter, Adam Day, Aidan Dutka, Amy Tran, Andrew Ridd, Anthony Slater, Bailey Jabloinski Armstrong, Brad Preyma, Brenda West, Brendan Poloway, Brian Forrester, Chad Falk, Charlotte Thrift, Daniel Plourde, Daphne Peng, Darren Quiring, David Froese, Dean Wright, Deborah Forrester, Dennis Lu, Eric Loewen, Eric Robert, Isanne Goldberg, Jason The, Jasper Arthur, Jennifer Campbell, Jennifer Stark, Jessica Benoit, Joann Lui, Jonathan Lam, Josh Kerr, Kari Bergmuller, Keanna Johnston, Keira Bulloch, Kendra Borgford, Kensie Simpson, Kenton Noble, Kevin George, Kristina Hunter, Lee Crierie, Lindsay Walker, Mara Berube, Meghan Marsland, Michael Mose, Niel Jaikaran, Stephen Chesnut, Peter Lu, Randy Villaverde, Robert Borges, Robin Merasty, Senmin Luo, Serena Vandersteen, Nigel Batchelor, Shea Stratton, Simon Haywood, Stefan Berube, Steve Jones, Tim NikkeL, Trevor Johnston, Trinh Nguyen-Lu, Victoria Dodge, William James, Jacob Love, Shayla Powell, Colin Mcdonnell, Claire Falgui, Kyle Scott, Jianning Li, Adam Knibbs, Eric Reder, Millie Cardinal

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Daniel Plourde (DP).

## 1. Consent Agenda

DP moved to adopt a consent agenda that includes the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and the 2022 AGM meeting minutes.

No objections were raised.

## **2. President's address**

DP reviewed the roles of membership, the board and staff, and provided a summary of staffing. Peter Manastyrsky is no longer employed with MODS, and filling staff needs is the board's top priority.

DP asked members to consider how they can contribute to MODS in a volunteer capacity and noted that there will be a volunteer appreciation event to celebrate volunteer of the year and lifetime member.

## **3. Staff Reports**

Nigel Batchelor (NB) reviewed MODS' membership numbers, noting that a registration issue with Juniors led to a decline in overall membership, and participation in MODS' programs. The number of teams in summer leagues stayed similar to the previous year. Beet the Skeeters will be run again in 2024, participation in Manitoba Cup was similar to previous years, and two new tournaments (winter hat tournament, and Pull for Pride) were successful.

NB also reviewed successes for 2023, and priorities for 2024:

Successes:

- Maintained status quo through transition year
- Front facing Waitlist function for programming
- Launched two new annual proof of concept events
- Return of a third Women's program
- Juniors Prospect Camp
- Launch of MODS Sub Forum
- Streamlined & improved newsletter engagement

Priorities:

- Regain lost indoor field space
- Expand juniors programming
- Continue website redesign and functionality
- Explore the re-launch of additional programming

## **4. Committee Reports**

- a. Financial Review

Eric Robert (ER) provided a treasurer's update. ER noted that the audited financials will be shared with the membership after the AGM, and that he will be available to answer questions from membership.

*Eric Robert motion to accept Scarrow and Donald as the auditors for the 2023-24 fiscal year.*

*Second: Jeff Yuen*

*No concerns raised. All in favour.*

**b. Conduct Review**

Serena provided an update on incidents reported to the Conduct Committee in 2023.

**5. Current and outgoing members**

KB thanked outgoing members, Francine Chartier\*, Serena Vandersteen, Daniel Plourde, and Nigel Batchelor\* (\*stepped down mid-term).

**6. Board election and results**

There were six vacancies on the board, and ten nominees. The two female candidates were acclaimed, Kari Bergmuller and Trinh Nguyen-Lu, and 8 male nominees competed for four vacancies. Brad Preyma, Steve Baria, Dennis Lu, and Josh Kerr were elected to the board.

**7. General Q&A**

Membership discussed and shared a range of concerns including:

- volunteer opportunities and involvement in committees
- programming and events (e.g., improvements to tournaments)
- communications from MODS staff and board
- interest in online options for participating in the AGM
- the timeframe for hiring, and
- gender in disc sports and difficulties in recruiting and retaining women.

**8. Adjourn meeting**

- a. Charlotte Thrift motion to adjourn. All in favour.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm