

# meeting MINUTES



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## Summary

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm, on May 25, 2010 at the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg Manitoba
- Meeting was chaired by Patti McNeill, M.A.C. President
- M.A.C. Executive present: Patti McNeill, President; Jenn DeGroot, Vice-President & Treasurer; Kristin Thomas, Judges & Standards; Lindsay Sprange, Secretary
- Member Attendance: Krista Polowick (Aerials Elite), Rayne Graff (Cheer Xtreme), Jeff Lukianchuk (Cheer Xtreme), Shayla Kostiuik (École Selkirk Jr. High), Janelle Tallas (Sturgeon Heights Collegiate), Kristin Tallas (Sturgeon Heights Collegiate), Brittany Pederiara (Sturgeon Heights Collegiate), Andrew Recksiedler (Scorpions Elite Cheer), Tiffany Recksiedler (Scorpions Elite Cheer), Suzy Kotelniski (MB Open), Dave Roncaden, Carey Hawkins (Linden Meadows), Alexa Gray (Linden Meadows, Shaftesbury), Kelly Chin (Manitoba Mayhem)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

## Highlights... (details inside)

- MAC will be implementing full ISASF rules for open-based teams in the 2011-2012 season. MAC would also like to implement the rules that Ontario and Quebec are using for school-based competition.
- A new judging format will be introduced for the 2011-2012 season. MAC will adopt a 2-2-2-2 judging format, similar to what is used in other provinces.
- Changes to competition registration process, as well as competition scheduling.
- Changes to how Provincial Champion awards are handed out.
- Elections not needed for Executive members because no nominations were received. Elections for Competition Committee.
- On January 29, 2011, an inaugural meeting between provincial cheerleading body representatives, joined by two respected Canadian-based cheer event producers and suppliers for added perspective, took place in an effort to establish a national sport organization for cheerleading.

## Old Business

Acceptance of 2010 MAC AGM Minutes.

Motion by: Carey Hawkins

Seconded by: Kelly Chin

## President's Report

**SPORT MANITOBA|** MAC is working with Sport Manitoba on pursuing membership. Sport Manitoba says there is currently no extra funding so joining may cost MAC more than it benefits them.

**COACHES' CERTIFICATION|** This is a must for Manitoba. MAC is working with Shannon O'Conner and ISASF to certify the coaches. MAC wants Manitoba coaches to have the training along with the certification. It is not suitable to just have coaches signed off without attaining the proper coaching hours. It is important for our coaches to be knowledgeable and be able to train their athletes with the proper techniques.

**CHEER CANADA|** On January 29, 2011, an inaugural meeting between provincial cheerleading body representatives, joined by two respected Canadian-based cheer event producers and suppliers for added perspective, took place in an effort to establish a national sport organization for cheerleading in response to the need for:

- A consistent rule set to promote and ease travel between provinces/territories
- A national coaches' training & certification program
- A national judges' training & certification program that not only provides quality education, but enables the use of judges from across Canada
- Affordable and comprehensive insurance for athletes & coaches
- Eligibility and access to funding for teams
- Support for the provincial sport organizations

Read the official announcements available on the MAC website. This is a very exciting time for cheerleading in Canada and the Manitoba Association of Cheerleading is a proud supporter of this initiative!

We currently report the following:

- Have world and provincial bodies, but not national body
- Some work with Ontario and Quebec federations to get this moving
- First order of business is nation-wide coaching certification
- Would be nice to have rules that are more consistent over all provinces

## Financial Report

A financial report was made available to the membership for review. Please contact the MAC Office for details.

## Phase 3 of MAC Plan

**RULES|** MAC will implement full ISASF rules for open-based competition next year. This includes the age grid.

MAC would like to implement the rules that Ontario and Quebec are using for school-based competition – this will require all coaches to have training. Currently Level 6 training is under review and not available.

**JUDGING & SCORING|** A new judging format will be introduced for the 2011-2012 season. MAC will adopt a 2-2-2-2 judging format, similar to what is used in other provinces. This means judges each judge will be responsible for scoring different components of the routine, instead of each judge scoring the entire routine. Judges will be retrained to learn this new scoring process.

Jeny will be offering judges training this summer. Watch for details. Please contact the MAC Office if you are interested

New score sheets. MAC is reviewing their score sheets to bring them inline with what other provinces are using. A judging grid will be provided online.

**AWARDS|** This year, MAC found that by offering so many levels there was a lack of competition between teams. For example, 10 Provincial trophies were handed out at Prairie Provincials. It felt as though winning that title had

lost its value. It was also very costly to order so many major trophies. MAC proposes to the membership that we look at combining some of the levels for this award next season. The following items were discussed:

- Going back to using a Mark Standard *MAJORITY votes in favour of using Mark Standard.*
- Proposed use of marks from both Icebreaker and CheerFest, combined with Prairie Provincials, to determine Provincial Champions. This would really motivate teams to attend all competitions.
- Award Provincial Champion to one overall high school and one middle school, using only Cheer scores. – *UNANIMOUS vote in favour of removing Pom Routine scores from Provincial Champion awards.*
- *MAJORITY votes in favour of eliminating a Provincial Champion award for Pom Routine.*
- *UNANIMOUS vote in favour of handing out Provincial Champion awards for each Level on the open-based side.*
- Membership agreed that the Grand Champ award was a good and exciting addition to the Prairie Provincial competition; however MAC will review when this award should be handed out (possibly during a post-event awards banquet).

## 2012 Prairie Provincials Competition

- MAC will introduce a new fee structure for next year. Level packages will be offered at different price ranges. Registration packages will be available ahead of time. Packages will include wrist bands, competition time, etc. so that teams can arrive at their own leisure.
- There will not be a 2-hour lunch break next year.
- Discussion about the possibility of having a team (awards) banquet after the competition instead of before. This is when the Grand Champ and Provincial Champion awards could be handed out. This eliminates teams having to sit through the competition day to wait for awards at the end.

## All Competitions

**REGISTRATION FORMS|** There will be different registration forms for school-based and open-based teams. Coaches should ensure they are using the correct form for EACH event.

**REGISTRATION PACKAGES|** Registration packages will be available prior to competition. Packages will include wrist bands, competition time, etc. so that teams can arrive at their own leisure.

**SCHEDULING|** Routines will be scheduled at 5-minute intervals to. Floor-time will also be scheduled. These schedules will be available in the registration package prior to competition.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES|** For this new competition format to work and for MAC to be able to provide registration packages in advance, deadlines MUST be adhered to and coaches must take care to fill out forms correctly. Late Registration: Teams whose registration is received less than 6 days before competition are NOT eligible for trophies. Teams whose registrations are received 10 days before competition will not be printed in the event programme. Registration packages might not be available for advance pick-up for teams who register late.

*UNANIMOUS VOTE in favour of accepting new competition format.*

## Dance Competition

**COMMITTEE|** A Dance Committee needs to form to work on the hip hop competition division:

- Call for nominations for committee must have dance backgrounds and connections. Committee formed: Suzy K, Kelly Chin, Shayla Kostiuik, Alexa Gray
- Member suggests MAC consider adding a Duo Tumbling Competition. This would also require judges with a strong gymnastics background.

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## Survey

Handed out evaluation survey to membership.

## Special Orders

**ELECTIONS|** Introduction & Election of Executive Members. No other nominations received, so current Executive stands. Acclamations to:

- President – Patti McNeill
- Vice President – Jennifer Degroot
- Secretary – Lindsay Sprange
- Judging Director – Kristin Thomas
- Safety & Rules Director – Jeny Bailot

Six nominations were received for the Competition & Event Planning Committee. The following will form the committee:

- Jill Christie, Committee Chair
- Andrea Jams
- Jennifer Roncadin
- Stephanie Muller
- Dave Roncadin
- Allison Shaw

## Questions

**When is Credentialing?** Credentialing will be held during Stunt Camp. Stunt Camp will be October 1-2, 2011.