



# Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2007  
Westwood Collegiate

## In attendance:

|                     |                               |                        |                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Kristin Tallas      | SILVER HEIGHTS/STURGEON CREEK | Adrienne Swart         | ÉCOLE GOLDEN GATE   |
| Jenelle Tallas      | SILVER HEIGHTS/STURGEON CREEK | Nicole Lécuyer         | ÉCOLE GOLDEN GATE   |
| Bailey Martinuk     | VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE     | Corinne Barrett Kutcy  | ÉCOLE GOLDEN GATE   |
| Carey Hawkins       | ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE          | Ashley Van Wynsberghe  | SANFORD COLLEGIATE  |
| Angelene Campbell   | ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE          | Marianne Paseschnikoff | SANFORD COLLEGIATE  |
| Mandy Figueiredo    | GEROGE WATERS MIDDLE SCHOOL   | Tiffany Kowalchuk      | SOUTH-EAST SPARKS   |
| Elana Spence        | EDWARD SCHREYER SCHOOL        | Amy Tuckett            | ELITE CHEER         |
| Sara St. Godard     | LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL         | Rebecca Hamilton       | WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE |
| Chelsie Hendrickson | JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE        | Kristen Garraway       | BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL |
| Sarah Tasker        | LINDEN MEADOWS/DYNAMITE       | Krista Polowick        | BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL |
| Jenn Letkemann      | OAK PARK HS / WESTDALE JH     | Angela Shiels          | ÉCOLE GOLDEN GATE   |
| Memery Miller       | ACC                           | Mel Bradeux            | ÉCOLE GOLDEN GATE   |

## Call to order

Patti McNeill called to order the post season meeting of MAC at 7:08 pm on March 21, 2007 at Westwood Collegiate.

Approval of minutes from last meeting. Patti McNeill read minutes.

Review of expenses for 2006-2007 season.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Awards will continue to be handed out in the morning and afternoon of the first two competitions for the 2007-08 season.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fees**

MAC fees will be dropped from \$100 to \$50 for the 2007-08 season. We will also offer an early bird rate and late fees will still apply.

- **Early Bird MAC fee - \$25**                      **must be received by Sept. 21, 2007**
- **Regular MAC fee - \$50**                      **due Oct. 12, 2007 (or late fees apply)**

### **Cheer Camp**

It is mandatory for one coach from each team to attend the October 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> 2007-08 MAC Stunt Camp.

- The coach attending the camp must be the coach who will be teaching stunts to their team.
- Teams that do not have a coach attend the camp will not be allowed to compete in a MAC competition during the 2007-08 season.

### **Meeting with St. James-Assiniboia School Division No. 2**

MAC recently met with representatives from St. James-Assiniboia School Division No. 2 regarding cheerleading in all Manitoba schools as set forth by MAST (Manitoba Association of School Trustees). The following decisions were made as a result of this meeting.

- Basket Tosses/tosses involving extreme height will no longer be permitted at the Youth Level.
- Double Twist Tosses will no longer be permitted at the Varsity Level. 18+ and University teams cannot do more than two rotations in a twist.
- Coaches must be accountable to the school and School Board for what goes on during their practices and at events.
- Coaches must work within MAC guidelines and school philosophies.
- Coaches must be sure to demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times. MAC communicate with the school division liaison and report both good and bad coaching they observe.
- Teams will have to work within MAC rules when creating routines to be used for performances/competitions outside of Manitoba.

### **Level 2 Coaching Certificate**

MAC will introduce a Level 2 Coaching Course for next season. Details are forthcoming.

### **Score Sheets / Judging**

There will be no changes to the current format for the upcoming season. The current score sheets best reflect MAC rules. We will continue to use qualified local judges, as well as qualified judges from outside of Manitoba to ensure that routines are judged fairly and that teams receive quality feedback on their performances.

## MAC Forms

- Teams are required to send in only one Team Waiver per year with all dates the participant will attend on it.
- It is important that all forms are submitted by the deadline provided to ensure that competitions preparations (program, trophies, etc.) can be completed on time. A late fee will be charged for late registrations. **Competition registrations received at less than six days prior to competition may not be accepted.**
- Forms will be updated for the upcoming season, so please ensure you download the new form from the MAC website when it becomes available.
- \$15 charge per athlete for a one time waiver/registration – if an athlete drops off of the team, MAC will transfer the balance to the replacement member. There will be no refund given.
- **Team Roster and Team Waiver forms are due October 26, 2007.**

## Small / Large Varsity vs. A-Side, B-Side Category

This was a trial year for using Small / Large Varsity categories for the first two competitions and A-Side, B-Side for Provincials. We will continue to use this format for the upcoming season.

- More placings will be handed out for Icebreaker and Sweetheart next season.
- Small Varsity WILL NOT be lumped into Large Varsity if there are not enough teams registered. Instead, they will compete against the Mark Standard.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

### Stunt Groups for Open Category

Open members have requested that the Stunt Routine category be opened up to include Open Teams.

The Stunt Routine category will be opened up to Open teams for the 2007-2008 season; however, **schools and open teams will only be allowed to register one stunt group per team per competition to accommodate the request.**

### First-Aid

A first-aid course will be offered in mid-October. Stay tuned to the MAC website for details.

### Admission Fees

Members have suggested MAC introduce a family rate for admission to competitions.

***This item has been tabled for discussion at the next Executive meeting.***

## **Attire**

To maintain a level of professionalism and encourage team spirit, coaches are required to ensure their team will remain in their uniforms until after awards have been handed out. Coaches will also dress professionally and if supervising stunting will wear appropriate athletic attire when spotting and follow the no jewelry rule.

## **Judging and Tabulation Tables**

Coaches, performers, advisors, and spectators are asked to stay away from the judging and tabulation tables during competition. Please direct questions to other MAC Executive members or competition volunteers. They are clearly visible and wearing MAC STAFF Attire.

**NEXT MAC MEETING:        TBA**

**MAC FEES DUE:            October 12, 2007**