



Manitoba Association of CHEERLEADING



Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2006
Westwood Collegiate

In attendance:

Sarah Tasker	LINDEN MEADOWS SCHOOL	Tammy Burke	TRANSCONA
Chelsie Hendrickson	JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE	Jen Roncadin	WINNIPEG WOLVES
Kelly Chin	WESTDALE JR. HIGH/OAK PARK HS	Carey Hawkins	ST. JAMES
Krista Polowick	BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Kerrie Garraway	BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Jeny Beaulieu	MAC (VIA PHONE)	Bailey Martinuk	VINCENT MASSEY
Jenelle Tallas	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE	Kristen Hildebrand	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE
Kristin Tallas	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE	Tara McLauchlan	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE
Patricia McNeill	WESTWOOD/MAC STAFF	Jenn DeGroot	MAC STAFF
Nicole Lécuyer	GOLDEN GATE	Adrienne Swart	GOLDEN GATE
Lindsay Sprange	WESTWOOD/MAC STAFF	Kristin Thomas	MAC STAFF
Angela Shiels	GOLDEN GATE	Tammy Stone	ELITE CHEER (ARILALS)
Lise Léveillé	ÉCOLE EDWARD SCHREYER SCHOOL	Memery Miller	ACC
Elana Spence	ÉCOLE EDWARD SCHREYER SCHOOL	Nessa Richard	DAKOTA

Call to order

Patti McNeill called to order the post season meeting of MAC at 7:00 pm on May 10, 2006 at Westwood Collegiate.

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

Review of expenses for 2005-2006 season.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance

Insurance costs have largely increased and we expect further increases for next year. As a result, the following changes will be in place for the 2006-07 season:

- New team waiver form will be introduced. There will be a \$15 per person, one time charge. This information will be found at the bottom of the form.
- Cheerleaders will still need to also complete and submit the individual form.
- \$2.00 per person, per competition insurance fee has been removed.

This is liability insurance that covers teams, volunteers, etc., at any MAC event during the MAC season. Club teams must ensure they have insurance to cover them during practice and non-MAC sanctioned events.

Fees

In addition to rising insurance costs, MAC must rent the gym and curtains, hire the music man and judges, order trophies, etc. for competitions. As a result, the following changes will be in place for the 2006-07 season:

- Instead of paying an entry fee for each routine entered in a competition, teams will be charged \$15.00 per person entering the competition. The number of routines entered will not affect the total charge.

NOTE: This charge is in addition to the waiver charge mentioned above. For example, if a cheerleader were to participate in all three competitions, his/her total charge for the year would be: \$15.00 waiver

\$15.00 x 3 competitions

\$60.00 Total for the year

- MAC fees will remain the same for the 2006-07 season.
NOTE: 2006-07 MAC fees are due Friday, October 6, 2006.

Cheques

MAC continues to receive NSF cheques, therefore we will no longer accept individual cheques from parents. Instead, cheques must come from the school or club. Have your team pay the coach or the school and then submit one cheque from the school.

Forms

- All forms are available on the MAC website, www.cheermanitoba.ca. MAC not accept substitutions.
- Teams must submit a team roster for each competition.
- ALL forms must be completed in full. Incomplete forms WILL NOT be accepted.

Late Fees

If all necessary forms and fees are not received by the MAC office at least two weeks prior to competition, teams will be charged a late fee.

REMINDER: School Secretaries usually need one week's notice for a cheque request.

If a team pulls out of competition before competition fee due date, they will receive a 50% refund. If a team pulls out after the entry deadline, they will receive no refund.

Volunteering at Competition

Teams who provide volunteers to work the doors and help with set-up at competition will receive an honourarium.

- 15 – 20 people are needed to work the doors. 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Teams help by setting up mats, chairs, curtains, and other equipment on the floor.

To apply, MAC must receive a written request from the Principal of the school or the head of the organization (Club Teams). The request should also include which competition they would like to work at.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ideas & Suggestions

1 - Is it possible to present awards after every category?

****MAC will look at the possibility of presenting awards throughout the day.***

2 – Is it possible to designate some chairs at the front for coaches to sit in while their team is performing?

****This idea will be implemented for the 2006-07 season.***

3 – FYI for coaches – There are gyms in Winnipeg who teach adult gymnastics on a drop-in basis.

4 – Discussion about MAC staff coaching teams. Membership felt even though the staff were doing a good job there is a perceived bias.

****After a short discussion The MAC staff that was coaching had planned to announce their retirement from coaching and did so at the meeting. It was announced that MAC Executive will no longer coach or be affiliated with teams while serving on the Executive. A unanimous acceptance from the membership implemented this starting in the 2006-07.***

Judging

There is currently no appeal process and MAC will not consider implementing one at this time. MAC empowers their judges to make decisions and will not discredit or questions their ability.

There is a difference between difficulty and execution. Difficulty is rewarded but execution is also considered.

Coaches may contact the judges for help or opinions on routines. More information is available on the MAC website. (www.cheermanitoba.ca)

A / B Side vs. Large / Small Varsity

This year, on a trial basis, MAC switch from dividing teams into A-side, B-side to dividing them into Large Varsity and Small Varsity. Based on their experience this year, coaches agreed that there are benefits to both ways of dividing teams.

MAC proposed that teams are divided into Large Varsity and Small Varsity for the first two competitions and into A / B Side for Provincials. Small Varsity would also be changed from 15 team members and under to 16 team members and under.

Vote: PASSED

NEXT MAC MEETING: Wednesday, October 4, 2006

MAC FEES DUE: Friday, October 6, 2006