

MANITOBA FENCING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING, JUNE 15, 2022, 18:00-19:00

Location: Irish Association

Purpose: Annual General Meeting

Attendance: Sean Rathwell (Executive Director), Anthony Densmore (Secretary), Bill Johnson (VP), Maire Prokopowich (Treasurer), Alison Diacos (Member-at-Large), Ayach Bounachada (Provincial Coach/Technical Director)

Regrets: Bethany Goddard (Rapier FC), Kyle Turcotte (President), Murray MacBeath (Lightning FC), Daria Jorquera-Palmer (VP-Athletes), Neil Smith (Cavalier FC), Katy Lupien (VP-Technical), Simon Scott (Member-at-Large),

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1. STANDING ITEMS

1.1. Verify quorum – Anthony

1.2. Review Agenda – Start time 18:22

Bill proposes change: Move elections to items 10 & 11, add ratification of bylaw amendments as item 9. Also eliminate ‘New items’.

Motion to accept agenda: Zach / Noah

1.3. Appointment of scrutineers – Allison Diacos has volunteered.

1.4. Approve minutes of previous AGM (April, 2022)

Motion to accept minutes: Hope / Xavier. None opposed.

2. REPORTS

2.1. Presidents Report (attached, see Appendix A)

2.2. Treasures Reports

Question from Zach Allard: Are any Sport MB grants conditional, and if so how?

Answer from Maire: There are some. They need to be spent on what they are identified for, but they don't seem to have any deadlines or repayment stipulations.

Comment from Sean: There were some grants for school programs which we weren't able to use and may have to pay back (~ \$800, allocated in budget).

Comment from Bill: Province may forgive or extend deadline if we explain we were not able to use it until now.

2.3. Provincial Coach Report (attached, see Appendix B)

Provincial team membership has increased from ~25 to ~40 athletes. Around 25 are under-15's.

Canada games is a good group, and most of group will be eligible for next Canada Games.

Many good results (top 16, top 8). We would have better results if we hadn't stopped training.

From speaking to coaches in Toronto, they never stopped during covid, coaches were turning lights off so they wouldn't be caught.

Over 60 people competed in Nationals. Normal is 13-16.

Lots of referee and level-1 coaches certified this year.

Comment from Zach: Provincial team going well, but urges all clubs to have coaches communicate with Provincial program regularly and clearly. It can be difficult to incorporate vastly different levels into the same program. May need to solidify program requirements.

2.4. ED Report (attached, see Appendix C)

Sitting at about 116 members, almost pre-pandemic numbers. Lows were 80-90 members during pandemic years. Kudos to clubs for working hard to build the numbers up.

Work ahead is to focus on exposure, access, and quality programming.

3. Audited Financial Report and Forecast

3.1. Motion to approve: Xavier / Andy. Motion carries.

3.2. Motion to appoint Fort Group as auditors again this year, Zach / Hope. Motion carries.

4. Amendment to By-Laws

4.1. Motion "Allow electronic attendance at AGM provided attendees provide 2 weeks notice. If 2 weeks notice is not possible due to extenuating circumstances, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the board": Bill / Daria

Maire mentions COVID won't be known 2 weeks in advance. Bill amends motion to include extenuating circumstances. Daria seconds amended motion.

None opposed.

This will need to be added to bylaws via motion at AGM.

4.2. Motion to accept amendment: Andy / Noah. One abstention, none opposed. Motion carries.

5. Election of Officers (3 calls per)

5.1. Vice President 2022-2024

Nominations: Maire via Sean. Marie appointed by acclamation.

5.2. VP Athlete 2022-2024

Nominations: Daria (re-election) via Zach. Daria fills role by acclamation. Note that Daria had previously stated that she would allow her name to stand if nominated.

5.3. Treasurer 2022-2024 (Maire has reached term limit)

Nominations: None. Position will remain open, please notify office if anyone wants to take role.

5.4. Director at Large (1 year term) 2022-2023

Nominations: Simon (re-election) via Zach. Zach accepts nomination (via phone call; audible to group on speaker). Simon fills role by acclamation.

6. Meeting adjourned @ 18:58

APPENDIX A: PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AGM 2021/2022

President's Report

June 15, 2022

We entered this season in our continued state of COVID protocols. Clubs and the provincial team program were able to open and offer up training. We continued to provide support to clubs to ensure they were meeting the provincial health orders which included providing interpretation of the orders as they came down from the province and were explained by Sport Manitoba.

As the orders changed, we were able to run tournaments and ended the season with a well-attended Golden Boy event!

We also welcomed some new board members, Katherine Lupien joined the board as our VP Technical, Anthony Densmore as Secretary and Simon Scott as member at large. We have two board members who have now reached the end of their time with us, Bill Johnson VP and Maire Popokowich. We would like to thank both Bill and Maire for their time and energy!! We look forward to adding new members to these important roles at this year's AGM.

Sincerely,

Kyle Turcotte

APPENDIX B: PROVINCIAL COACH'S REPORT – AGM 2021/2022



A- Provincial Team Activities

- 1- Provincial Team Members
- 2- Provincial Team Training
- 3- Canada Games Group Preparation
- 4- Performances
 - a- National Team
 - b- Canadian Nationals 2021
 - c- Regina U17 Pre-Canada Games Competition Results
 - d- Canadian Nationals 2022
- 5- Provincial Team Athletes Graduation

B- Sport Development

- a- Coaching Development
 - Coaching Evaluation
 - Mentorship
- b- Refereeing Development
 - Refereeing Course
 - Provincial Refereeing Evaluation
 - National Refereeing Evaluation
- c- Armourer Course
- d- Equipment
- e- Fencing/Provincial Team Promotion

Provincial Team Activities:

- 1- **Provincial Team Members:** After Covid, we had a big concern to keep our numbers at the Provincial Team Program. At just the beginning of the season, we started getting back all our athletes, and we did not stop there, we had even increased our numbers to a level we never did it in the past. Right now, we have **about 42 athletes** on the provincial team. The most interesting thing is that we have **over 25 athletes 15 years old and under. These are incredible numbers.** We could not do that without a great job from two assistant coaches, Daria and Zach. Both deserve a big bravo for that success. With that important situation and with these numbers of young athletes and a very talented and hardworking group. We will put in place a strategy to make sure to direct them to the high level in the next 3-4 years of preparation. And the focus will be on their training process and competition preparation. **We are also pleased to report that the provincial team has a sizeable female representation, something that we will continue to improve on in years to come.**

Here are what the categories look like:

Level/Weapon	Foil		Epee		Sabre		Total/Prog		Age Category Average
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
HP						2		2	17
Intermediate	2	-	2	1	1	2	5	3	17
Youth HP	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	11
Squad	2	6	3	3	5	6	10	15	13
SP		1	-	-	-	4	-	5	NA
Total	5	8	5	4	6	13	16	26	42

2- Provincial Team Training:

With the opening after the Covid-19 pandemic, we came back to the normal training schedule, but with a separation of the Provincial Team into two groups. The training is going very well. Each group has a **1h 45 min** session and of course, it's scaffolded based on the program you registered for. With that volume, the athletes need to do individual training where they need to develop their physical skills like endurance, strength, and power that they need for the sport. The schedule looks like this:

Days /Time	7:00	9:00	4:30	6:15	6:15	8:00
Monday			Training Group 1		Training Group 2	
Tuesday	Individual Training		Training Group 1		Training Group 2	
Wednesday			One group training from 4:30 – 7:00			
Thursday	Individual Training		Individual Training			
Friday	Individual Training		Training Group 1		Training Group 2	

3- Canada Games Preparation:

- a- Canada Games Group: We do have the following athletes training for trying to get their qualifications for the 2023 Canada Games. These athletes have participated in four selection competitions. MFA 3, Golden Boy, Pre-Canada Games in Regina, and Nationals in Toronto.

Weapon	Men's Epee	Women's Epee	Men's Foil	Women's Foil
	Silas T	Cheryl C	Kevin G	Taylor S
	Isaac T	Alice E	Suryansh S	Paisley Y
	Mathias C		Felix B	Annabelle L
Weapon	Men's Sabre	Women's Sabre	Benjamin B	
	Aidan P	Kate M		
	Callum M	Khloe L		
	Elyes I	Meriem B		
	Mohamed M	Mai-Ahn		

- b- Canada Games Training: As all the Canada Games groups are provincial Team Members, they train twice a week as squad members and some of them train 3 times. On top of that, they do have two extra sessions a month with the assistant coaches. And they participate in 6 training camps where they fence, do Strength Training with **Neal Prokop**, and do Mental Training with **Paige C**.
- c- Canada Games Coaches: Daria and Zach oversee the preparation of that group. The CG group lessons are centered around the following goals:
- assuring that every athlete receives an equal amount of opportunity in bout retroaction, technique, fencing fundamentals and refereeing support.
 - assuring that the group progresses as a unit, avoiding situations that would permit certain athletes to improve at a disproportionate rate. For example:
 - ensuring appropriate amount of private lessons, equal feedback, equal bouting time, etc
 - improving and focusing on fencing fundamentals.
 - introducing competitive aspects to their training such as:
 - individualized warm-up and drills (transferable to competition environment)
 - practice competition with poules, eliminations, etc.

4- Performances:

1- National Teams: We had two Manitobans who succeeded to make their national teams.

Junior/Cadet Zonal Championship:

- a- **Jordan Diacos:** Jordan was selected to represent Canada at the Zonal Pan American Championship in Lima Peru from March 19 to March 24, 2022. **He finished 9th** in the individual event and **Bronze Medal in the Team Event.**
- b- **Zacharia Bounachada:**
- Zach was selected to represent Algeria at the African Zonal Championship in Lagos Nigeria from February 22 to February 29, 2022. **He finished 8th** in the individual event and **Silver Medal in the Team Event.**
 - Also, Zach is selected to represent Algeria at the **Senior African Championship** from June 13 to June 20 in Casablanca Morocco. It will be a great experience as he will be fencing very strong athletes at the world's level.

Junior/Cadet World Championship:

- a- **Jordan Diacos:** Jordan represented Canada at the Junior / Cadet World Championships in Dubai Arab Emirates where he is right now. The competition was from April 1 to April 6, 2022

2- Canadian Nationals 2021: 6 top 16 and 4 top 32

Sabre	Foil	Epee
Jordan D SMS 9/56	Noah M SMF 47/67	Hope J SWE 36/66
JMS 14/54	JMF 31 st /55	Cheryl C JWE 20/60
Xavier S SMS 16/56	Sabre	CWE 20/40
JMS 10/54	Aidan P CMS 13/35	Shahiban S SME 53/77
Zach B SMS 19/56		
JMS 15/54		

3- Regina U17 Pre-Canada Games Competition Results: At that event, we had 15 athletes participate in that regional competition.

Sabre		Foil		Epee	
Aidan P	Gold	Kevin G	Gold	Mathias C	Gold
Khloe L	Silver	Suryansh S	Silver	Silas T	Silver
Elyes I	Bronze	Taylor S	Bronze	Isaac T	Bronze
Kate M	Bronze	Paisley L	10th	Alice E	7th
Meriem B	5th			Ella D	8th
Mai-Ahn	9th				

4- Calgary Regional Results:

Sabre			Foil	
Khloe L:	SMS	Gold		
	CMS	Silver	James H SMF	8th
Elyes I	U15 MS	Gold	Suryansh CMF	11th
	CMS	Bronze	Kevin G CMF	16th
Mohamed A	U13 MS	Silver	U15	13th
Kate M	CWS	Bronze		

5- Canadian Nationals 2022: It was a great success at these nationals, Manitobans came back with the following performances: **One medal, one top 8, 8 top 16, and 8 top 32.** And it was a very good experience for all; our athletes had clear information about where they are and what they need to fix and what they need to improve.

Sabre	Foil	Epee
Jordan D SMS 15 th /45	Noah M JMF 15 th /61	Hope J SWE 20 th /59
JMS 23 rd /46	James H JMF 50 th /61	JWE 27 th /65
Xavier S SMS 14 th /46	Suryansh CMF44 th /52	Cheryl C JWE 28 th /65
JMS 16 th /46	Kevin G CMF 44 th /53	CWE 29 th /69
Zach B SMS 10 th /46	U15 40 th /46	Lein-A JWE 69 th /69
JMS 8 th /46	Taylor S CWF 38 th /48	Mathias C CME 64 th /88
David A SMS 35 th /46	U15 23 rd /46	Silas T CME 68 th /88
JMS 26 th /45	Paisley L U13 12 th /28	
Aidan P CMS 10 th /50	Sabre	
U15 SILVER/39	Khloe L CWS 13 th /34	Kate M CWS 33 th /34
Elyes I U15 28 th /39	JWS 31 st /34	JWS 29 th /34
U13 9 th /46		

Long and short terms objectives

- Turn 2 to 3 top 16 to top 8 at the national level.
- Looking for at least 3 medals nationally
- Turn 2-3 top 64 to top 32.
- Increase the participation of these nationals of the youth categories for all weapons.
- The provincial team has accepted a large number of athletes. This is a good thing for the provincial program. Different athletes arrive at the program at very different levels of ability. We need to develop a standardization of ability for the squad athletes that guarantees a strong foundational fencing ability. This should be designed to encourage young athletes at the club level to succeed and provide a clear path to the provincial team. At the moment, many athletes join throughout the season at different points in their development.

- We need representation at local events from all clubs. Many events are dominated by single clubs, and this lack of representation devalues these local competitions. A healthy balance of new opponents, styles, and abilities is necessary to keep local events engaging and interesting for club athletes to want to participate.
- With the restrictions becoming more relaxed, it is important that the MFA finalize next year's competition schedule as soon as possible. Many events were only advertised days or weeks ahead of time. The event schedule needs to be clear in order to guarantee maximum participation across all weapons.

6- Provincial Team Athletes Graduation: I have to congratulate the following athletes for their graduation and wish them success in their studies and fencing as they are willing to keep training towards their dreams.

- David Antymis, Jordan Diacos, Hope Johnson, Zacharia Bounachada and Xavier Slocombe
- And also, I have to highlight that Jordan Diacos got a fencing Scholarship at Wisconsin University.

B- Sport Development: It's one of the best years in terms of development.

a- Coaching Development:

- **Coaching Evaluation:** The evaluation was done by the Coach Evaluator **Ildemaro Sanchez**. The evaluation was based on video and was filmed at the Sport Manitoba facility. We sent the 18 videos to Ildemaro. All these coaches passed their Instructor Beginner Level.

Candidates:

Candidates	Weapon	Club	Status
James Hussmann	Foil	Cavalier Fencing Club	PASS
Jordan Diacos	Sabre	Lightning Fencing Club	In Progress
Haden Laudin	Foil	Cavalier Fencing Club	PASS
Noah Merz Lakser	Foil	Lightning Fencing	PASS
Sean Rathwell	Sabre	Independent	PASS
Xavier Slocombe	Sabre	Rapier Fencing Club	PASS

- **Mentorship:** At the provincial Team Training, we do have three assistant coaches working with me. Daria J, Zach A and Noah Merz. These coaches are working under my supervision, they are having feedback on a regular basis. They are doing really a great job with the PT. Extremely happy with their work.

- b- Official Development:** It's our ongoing challenge, even though we are running every season clinic and evaluation sessions and we still have problems organizing our local tournaments. That because of different reasons behind it:
- Several good referees moved to a different province or outside the country; just an example, in the last 6 years we lost 4 national referees. Plus, we are losing another two provincial referees who got their certification this season and both are leaving for Ontario and USA for University.
 - A few others just could be around to come ref because of the work commitment or University.
 - Others are either coaches or athletes. Many local competitions required coaches to referee the events, at the expense of time that could have been spent coaching club athletes. This is a situation that needs to change, as coaches are necessary for the development of young athletes.

We already raised that concern at the board level, and they decided to put a committee to review the scale of the honorarium and put a strategy of development and competition organization. At the current pay scale, many officials are averaging 10\$/h or less, based on the time commitment necessary to be part of a day-long competition.

- 1- **Provincial Refereeing Course:** This season saw 1 refereeing course, with a modest number of candidates. 5 people undertook the course, all of whom were professionalized in sabre refereeing.
- 2- **Provincial Refereeing Evaluation:**
 - **December 2021 Evaluation:** That evaluation was for those who could have a chance to take it after a course they took on Zoom last year.

The two candidates were:

Candidates	Weapon	Club	Status
Hope Johnson	Epee	Lightning Fencing Club	PASS
Jordan Diacos	Sabre	Lightning Fencing Club	PASS

April 2022 Evaluation:

On April 30, 2022, at our Provincials, we had 5 candidates who took their refereeing evaluation and all of them challenged only Sabre.

David Anthemis LFC, Elyes Iddir RFC, Mohamed Mezouar RFC, Kate Melvin RFC, and Sasha Solomon LFC. 3 candidates were excellent, and two others did not finalize it.

Candidates	Weapon	Club	Status
Sasha Morton	Sabre	Lightning Fencing Club	PASS
David Antymis	Sabre	Lightning Fencing Club	PASS
Elyes Idir	Sabre	Rapier Fencing Club	PASS
Kate Melvin	Sabre	Rapier Fencing Club	In Progress
Mohamed Mezouar	Sabre	Rapier Fencing Club	In Progress

- 3- National Refereeing Evaluation:** Two candidates went to Toronto to challenge for the National Refereeing Level. This is the greatest news that both candidates succeeded in their National Exam.

Candidates	Weapon	Club	Status
Noah Merz Lakser	Foil/Epee	Lightning Fencing Club	PASS
Sean Rathwell	Sabre/Epee/Foil	Independent	PASS

Now, we have to work to prepare more candidates for the next evaluation.

BRAVO TO ALL OUR OFFICIALS AND COACHES FOR THEIR SUCCESS!!

- C- Armourer Workshop:** As it's such an important job for our competition's organization, we succeeded to convince four great candidates to take it. The candidates will go over all the curriculum requirements and will get a final evaluation toward their certification.

Course Conductor: **Robert Hornford** - A Certified National Armourer

Candidates	Club	Status	Evaluation
Anthony Densmore	Lightning Fencing Club	In Training	TBD
Neal Smith	Cavalier Fencing Club	In Training	TBD
Noah Merz Lakser	Lightning Fencing Club	In Training	TBD
Zach Allard	Rapier Fencing Club	In Training	TBD

- 4- Wheelchair Program:** Coordinated the Manitoba Wheelchair Sports Association, we run a 10-week wheelchair program. We had 6 athletes participated in the program. To run it, the MFA purchased a Portable chair and fencing equipment. The first 10 sessions were in Sabre. The classes went very well, and we had at least 3 athletes who showed a desire to learn other weapons and even thought to compete nationally.

Fencing Promotion: Two Activities were organized for beginners to promote the sport and the provincial team programs.

- 1- **Beginner Camp:** On March 29, a camp was organized day at sport Manitoba, and we got around **14 kids to participate**. Our beginner coaches were the ones who took charge. it, and it went well.

Head Coach: Daria Jorquera Palmer.

Coaches:

- Noah Merz Lakser LFC
 - Zacharia Bounachada RFC
 - Xavier Slocombe RFC
- 3- **Girls Multisport:** In coordination with Sport Manitoba, we succeeded to include fencing in that great event just for girls. The activity was run by Anna Muzeleva from RFC and Noah Merz from LFC. There were approximately **80 girls** who tried fencing on March 18.
 - 4- **Fun Laser Activity:** Besides training, our fencers had an opportunity to attend a laser Tag activity that was organized for all the provincial Teams only. The athletes got food and gifts and it was opportunity for them to have fun and play with each other.

7. Challenges and recommendations.

8. Development:

- a- Increasing the MFA memberships and trying to bring it to over 250 fencers in the next two years.
- b- Increasing the number of our officials and especially referees.
- c- Developing more Epee coaches.
- d- Promoting our tournaments to get fencers from outside the province.
- e- Targeting more kids under 12 age categories in our school program demonstrations.
- f- Organising at least one regional tournament in Winnipeg with coordination with Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- g- Increase the local competition number for youth categories.
- h- Organising our own summer camps **for beginners**. It's easy to organize them at our actual facility.

9. Provincial Team:

- a- Increase the High-Performance athletes from the results based.
- b- Start the individual training starting from the squad program.
- c- Force the HP and Intermediate athletes to respect the training requirements regarding either present at the club or the provincial team.
- d- Look to reorganize our training programs to get more control over what our fencers are doing during bouts.
- e- Develop a habit that our fencers participate in camps out of the province.
- f- As we do have big groups of athletes under 15 years old, we have to build awareness to compete outside the provinces at the early development stage.
- g- Open the intermediate and HP programs for those who want to challenge the regional and national levels.

Facility/Equipment:

- a- The MFA is working to make the flex at Qualico Center a permanent training center for fencing.
- b- We have purchased two benches for our scoring machines setup.
- c- Stop the volleyballs coming to our area. We already raised the issue a couple of times.
- d- The provincial Team members need a uniform like any team. We went to Regina for the pre-Canada Games Competition, Calgary Provincials, and nationals in Toronto, we were the only group with a multicolor tracksuit.
- e- Planning to draw a complete line on the floor to make a real strip.

APPENDIX C EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – AGM 2021/2022

9.1. MFA Executive Director's Report

9.2. 2021-2022 Season

ADMINISTRATION

	Membership	10 Week	Associate	Full
2019-2020	122	7	20	97
Jan-22	90	4	19	67
Feb-22	105	6	19	80
Apr-22	110	12	19	84
May-22	112	5	20	87

-Anti-Racism in Sport (ARiS)- The MFA has signed on to the ARiS Accord on April 21, 2022. This commits to the MFA, over time, becoming an anti-racist organization through policy and practice.

-Call for board members or committees – Thank you to all the volunteers for your tremendous efforts this year! We have stars that continually rise to our challenges, but we do not want to burn them out. Much work is required on policy/bylaw revision. Tasks can be delegated into bite-sized pieces to assist in completion.

Documents to revise.

- Policies
- By-laws

-Letters of Support- Written for four athletes applying for travel visas to the US for competitions.

-Return to Practice (RTP)- Over the course of the fall and winter, the province loosened restrictions on sport; vaccination status was to be checked by facilities and facility tenants. The MFA worked with clubs to help communicate requirements and carry out the mandate of the provincial health orders.

-Social Media- Regular posts to Instagram. Currently, averaging of 45-60 views per story post. Generally, stories are shared as follows:

Monday- Motivational, Tuesday- Technical (armoury, referee, coach, etc), Wednesday- Epee, Thursday- Break; Friday- Foil; Saturday- Break; Sunday- Sabre.

-Sport Insurance – Insurance premiums increased again this year. Contact the MFA office if your club requires an insurance certificate for regular operations or for special events.

Registration System- We experienced a few hiccups this year, but the system seems to be working fine now. Added feature of upgrading membership from 10 week to full, only paying the difference.

CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION (CFF)

-**CFF AGM-** Held online August 22, 2021; this year's tentatively booked for September 11, 2022 online.

- **CFF events** had resumed in limited capacity on a touch-and-go basis in the fall of 2021.

- **CFF and Ontario Fencing Association** offered free footwork and conditioning sessions to all CFF license holders, as well as yoga, strength training (for youth athletes), which was promoted on our website.

CLUBS

-**Club Packages-** Implementation of club packages -this is general information that should be always kept available at head office for insurance purposes. Assistance from the MFA office as always available to complete this task. Please provide an updated list of directors after your AGM.

COACHING

-**Background Checks-** Standard background check and vulnerable sector check are covered by the MFA office. Coaches with completed Respect in Sport (RiS) will be reimbursed after confirmation.

-**First Aid-** All coaches should have Emergency First Aid, CPR A, & AED training or similar. Clubs to send a list of interested coaches (paid and volunteer) for approval to the MFA office. Coaches with completed Respect in Sport (RiS) will be reimbursed after confirmation.

-**Respect in Sport** MB expects 100% of our coaches (even volunteer) be Respect in Sport certified (free, 3 hours).

-**SafeSport-** Available for free online and is mandatory for to coach at CFF events.

-**Sport Manitoba** – We have a new Sport Consultant, Kylo Harris, and new bookkeeper Peter Grenfell.

FINANCIAL

-**Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)** - 75% (and decreasing) of full-time staff wages for eligible periods was collected from the start of COVID in 2020 until December 2021. We are now collecting Hardest Hit Business Recovery Plan (HHBRP) in lieu of CEWS.

-**Grants** - Continuing to receive HP Coach Support Grant, Program Support Grant, Base Funding from Sport Manitoba. Recently we also received grants to support wheelchair/para fencing, KidSport, and Women to Watch.

-**Internal Funding Framework (IFF) Submission-** was completed and submitted to Sport Manitoba. This extensive series of documents outlines key elements of our growth strategies, financial plan,

stakeholder demographics, etc. Working with clubs to grow and supporting coach development will be crucial to our operations these next few years.

-IFF Presentation to Sport MB - Overall, Sport Manitoba was pleased with our business plan and presentation. A reminder that they are looking for 100% Respect in Sport certification from coaches and promotion of Concussion Awareness materials. Our focus will be coaches and clubs.

-Kidsport- Funding was dispersed from KidSport to MFA to fencing family.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Media- Two of our Provincial Team athletes: Jordan Diacos and Zacharia Bounachada were featured in the news and media for being on the Canadian National Team and Algerian National Team respectively.

-Social Media Starting with regular postings to Instagram. Currently, the action has been well-received, with an average of 45-50 views per story post. This is just the beginning to building a Social Media presence that will hopefully be leveraged for upcoming events and communication with members.

Generally, story posts are as follows:

Monday- Motivational, Tuesday- Technical (armoury, referee, coach, etc), Wednesday- Epee, Thursday- Break; Friday- Foil; Saturday- Break; Sunday- Sabre.

- **Newsletter**- frequency changed to quarterly. Any ideas to help engage, inform, and inspire our membership are always welcome. The newsletters are continuing to be distributed and are well received, averaging 64% click rate.

- **Outreach** – last season, a dozen clinics/sessions were booked with coaches lined up to facilitate but were put on hold due to COVID. This year, we have several outdoor and indoor camps tentatively booked. Very positive feedback was received from outreach clinics we have done so far.

-Wheelchair Fencing- Application for funding was co-submitted with Manitoba Wheelchair Sports Association to run a program at Sport Manitoba. With the funding we received, we were able to run a 10 week program. We are currently waiting for the results of another grant application to continue the program.

TOURNAMENTS

-Overall, there has been growing participation and interest in tournaments.

**See attachment

APPENDIX D TOURNAMENT ATTENDANCE VALUES – AGM 2021/2022

MFA 1				Foil						Sabre	
				U13	U15	U17	Open	U20	Open	U13	Open
Totals	3 5	Gender	Total by event	4	5	6	3	6	5	5	9
		male	27	1	4	4	3	4	4	5	8
		female	8	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	1
			Total by weapon	18				11		14	

MFA 2 Pizza Party				Foil		Epee	Sabre	
				U11	U15	U15	U11	U15
Totals	3 2	Gender	Total by event	14	5	3	4	5
		male	22	8	5	2	3	4
		female	10	6	0	1	1	1
			Total by weapon	19		3	9	

MFA 3					Epee			Sabre			
				U15	U17	U20	Open	U13	U15	U17	Open
Totals	2 7	Gender	Total by event	4	3	3	3	6	7	5	5
		male	21	2	2	2	3	5	5	2	4
		female	7	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	1
			Total by weapon	4	9			23			

MFA 4				Foil				Epee				Sabre			
				U13	U15	U17	Open	U17	U20	Open	Veteran	U13	U15	U17	Open
Totals	4 9	Gender	Total by event	5	3	7	6	7	3	8	4	9	6	6	6
		male	34	2	2	4	6	3	2	6	4	8	3	3	5
		female	15	3	1	3	0	4	1	2	0	1	3	3	1
			Total by weapon	21				22				27			

Provincials				Foil				Epee		Sabre			
				U13	U15	U17	Open	U17	Open	U13	U15	U17	Open
Totals	5 3	Gender	Total by event	11	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	9
		male	36	6	2	3	4	3	2	7	5	4	7
		female	17	5	2	2	1	3	4	0	2	3	2
			Total by weapon	25				12		30			