MANITOBA POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION

# Annual General Meeting

# November 4th, 2017

## OPENING

The regular meeting of the MANITOBA POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on November 4th, 2017 by Brock Haywood.

## PRESENT

Brock Haywood, Susan Haywood, Krista Sanger, Amanda Burg, Mathew Bowen, David Gurvey, Robert Snow, Jannelle Van Den Bosch, Kurtis Tallaire, Janet Loesel Sitar (arrived at 1:15 p.m.), Henry Guzman (arrived at 1:25 p.m.), Nhan & Jessa Nguyen (arrived at 1:27 p.m.)

## APPROVAL OF SCRUTINEER

Jannelle Van Den Bosch was appointed scrutineer

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared. COI declaration re-requested at 1:34 p.m. late attendees, none declared.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Motion to approve brought forward by Susan Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg. **MOTION** **CARRIED**.

## BOARD, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

* 2017 Presidents Report given by Brock Haywood discussed increasing membership, Western Canadian Championships, volunteer support.
* In 2017 the MPA invested in the future of the sport, with the purchase of a trailer to house our current equipment, new ER competition rack, additional Eleiko competition bar, new collars plus additional calibrated plates.
* We are presently pursuing the purchase of a new competition light system.
* The Western Canadian Championships turned a small profit for the MPA.
* We are encouraging Meet Directors to operate independently and increasing referee base.
* The CPU Coaching Certification to be run in Winnipeg this December.
* An Individual tested positive for banned substance(s) at the MPA Provincials and has been suspended according to CPU guidelines.,
* All MPA members have completed WADA certifications and are up to date
* Brock Haywood is stepping down as president of the MPA.
* Went over the financial summary for 2017.
* Noted that the balance does not include t-shirt sales, or monies earned from fundraiser held in January 2017 so it will be slightly higher.

## No other staff reports given. Reports & Appointments of Auditors

* None to report

## BUSINESS AS SPECIFIED IN THE MEETING NOTICE

**Proposed Constitution Revision to Article 16.1** put forth by Brock Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Article 16.1 (existing):

"MPA lifters wishing to compete in Provincial Championships must meet qualifying totals in order to qualify and compete at the annual Provincial Championships. The member must have competed and secured a total at a previous CPU sanctioned Powerlifting competition."

Article 16.1 (revised):

"Institute Provincial Qualifying totals based on the CPU Qualifying totals. Propose that the MPA Provincial Qualifying Totals are set at 82.5% of CPU National Qualifying Totals as per the provided attached tables."

Rationale:

The MPA Provincial Qualifying Totals are presently minimum at best. The MPA Provincial Powerlifting Championships is the premiere local competition and should showcase our finest lifters. These totals are attainable and provide a tiered qualifying total strategy for our lifters as they progress to Regionals and Nationals.

Discussion: 82.5% of National Qualifying totals across all age and weight classes to be adopted as the provincial qualifying standard of the MPA. We will examine the effects of the new standard in 2017, and discuss at the 2018 AGM whether a time period needs to be put in place for qualification (ie. must qualify within 1 or 2 years vs. have previously qualified no matter the date).

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Proposed change to Bylaw section 4.2** put forth by Brock Haywood, seconded by Mathew Bowen

Proposal: Propose that an additional Executive Position be added to the Directors. Add the position of “Past President” for the period of one year of the three year elected period. The Past President will serve as an advisory position to the Directors in order to provide historical context, guidance and advice on procedures and policy. The Past President will provide continuity of leadership when there is a change in the Directors. The Past President will remain as a signing authority for financial matters during the one year term which will end with the subsequent AGM.

Rationale: With the growth of the sport continuity and support of subsequent leadership is important to maintain a level of professionalism within the organization.

Discussion: Changing over signing authority to new positions. Past-President, President and Treasurer to organize change in signing authority and access to financial information.

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Location of future Provincial Championships** put forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Amanda Burg

Discussion: Location of where future Provincial Championships should be held in terms of city and venue. Schools are difficult to hold powerlifting meets in, as there are numerous rules that must be followed. A gym is the best from a financial perspective as access to them is generally without cost to the meet director. It was suggested to keep it consistently at the Victoria Inn (Winnipeg) (or at least a central location),at the same time every year. That was questioned on account of the financial investment that would be required on the part of the MPA, as we lost money this year. However, Provincials were pushed to the early summer from the fall, and it was only eight weeks after a large, successful meet in Shilo. It was suggested that we implement a bid system for Provincials, and that the location be decided 1 or 2 years in advance, and the executive would vote at the end of each Provincial Championship on where the next would be held based on bids received. Regardless of the location, we agreed that the event should be held at a hotel, and shouldn't necessarily be restricted to Winnipeg but that the new executive should establish some criteria. It was agreed that Provincials should be held the first weekend of June each year. Moved to discuss with new executive.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Provincial Uniforms for representation at Westerns or Nationals** put forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Amanda Burg

Discussion: Whether it should be mandatory (or not) for athletes and/or coaches to wear Team Manitoba uniforms while representing the province at National Championships.

Apex Elite has offered to produce these for athletes to purchase, but no further information is available (ie. time, cost, etc).

Many suggestions on the table surrounding starting with only a t-shirt or jacket, when this should be implemented and having a fundraiser to help subsidize the cost.

Regardless, legwork must be done in terms of design and cost. It was proposed that Henry Guzman look into this further and propose some designs and cost so that fundraising can be done accordingly. Moved to discuss with new executive.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Club System** put forth by Brock Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: Continued from last years' AGM. No groups came forward with their club within the past year. Suggestion was made that a club should not be able to affiliate with a commercial business, and that we should have a fee structure for clubs associated with a commercial enterprise, and clubs not associated with a commercial enterprise. Moved to discuss with new executive so that we can get a feel for what people thing is fair for an annual fee.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Nationals Bid for 2020** put forth by Brock Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: Westerns was very organized, well run,, and the volume of help we had volunteers was outstanding. CPU President Mark Giffin stated he would support our proposal for a 2020 Nationals based on Westerns. Agree as a group that we will put bid in. Mathew Bowen and Susan Haywood will be Meet Directors, and suggested that we have a subcommittee. For discussion with new executive.

**TABLED FOR DICUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Self Run Meet Standards** put forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Robert Snow.

Discussion: Brock Haywood brought up point that CPU already has published standards for running meets. Sanction fee should be agreed upon, and also equipment rental. Was suggested that the rental of equipment be free, but with a damage deposit. Sanction fee should cover costs for officials (gas, etc). It was suggested that the MPA should purchase a square reader, which would allow for payment of sanction fees as well as merchandise.

After discussion, sanction fees decided as: $100 for sanction fee, $200 for equipment rental/contents of trailer, and $10 per entrant. Square reader purchase to be discussed with new executive.

Sanction fee as discussed:

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

Square reader purchase:

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Meet Entry Limit** put forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: Provincials to have no entrant limit. Other meets should be up to the MD whether they would like to cap, it should not be the decision of the MPA. Cap should depend on venue size, time, etc. After much discussion, it was decided that the MPA in conjunction with the meet director will determine meet standard and size of all MPA sanctioned events.

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Proposal for implementation of provincial referee "practicum"** - removed from agenda

**Proposal to apply to have Sport Manitoba recognize Powerlifting as a sport** put forth by Mathew Bowen. Moved by David Gurvey to table for new executive, seconded by Robert Snow.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Proposal to have a mandatory member service contribution to the MPA in order to compete at Nationals** put forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: Brought forward that the President of the MPA must approve all entries to compete at Nationals, and this is already in place. The definition of "member in good standing" was discussed at last year's AGM.

**Proposal to create volunteer coordinator chairperson** brought forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: Will be created within structure, and voted on during nomination/voting on executive positions.

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Proposal to create a process/guidelines for MPA outreach** brought forward by Mathew Bowen, and moved to discuss with new executive. Seconded by Brock Haywood.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Proposal to use system other than Facebook for** **MPA** **announcements** put forth by Mathew Bowen, and moved to discuss with new executive. Seconded by Robert Snow.

Discussion: Not everyone uses Facebook, and the MPA needs to come up with a more efficient way to disseminate it's information. Forums, the MPA website and an email system were suggested.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Proposal to create an Instagram account for the MPA** put forth by Mathew Bowen, and moved to discuss with new executive. Seconded by Robert Snow

**TABLED FOR DISUCSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Proposal for Apex Elite to sell photo pagckages at meets** put forth by Mathew Bowen, seconded by Kurtis Tallaire

Discussion: This is something that should be a meet to meet situation, discussed with meet directors and not voted in at an executive level.

**Proposal for MPA to purchase a new light system** put forth by Susan Haywood, seconded by Mathew Bowen

Discussion: This is already in progress. Cost would be approximately $900 USD plus $300 for shipping. The MPA should also think about investing in a tv/monitor for display.

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Proposal to purchase 3 drape panels and pipe/stands** put forth by Susan Haywood, seconded by Janet Loesel Sitar

Discussion: Purchase would be a good idea so that we don't have to continually rent for meets. Quote obtained from a Special Events company in Edmonton for the purchase of pipe/stands and 3 opaque heavy drapes. Perhaps not this year, but in 2018 this should be purchased.

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Proposal to store trailer in storage facility** put forth by Susan Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: Two quotes were received: 1) Cedar Acres @ $45 per month, insured. Owners live on property but you only have access within certain hours, and you have to let the owners know you are coming. Insured. 2) Butlers @ $36.75 month, assigned spot, electronic access with set hours but uninsured. Both locations are out of Winnipeg. Mathew Bowen moved to vote to store trailer in Winnipeg, then table location for discussion with new executive.

Storage of trailer in Winnipeg:

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

Location of trailer storage:

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXEUCTIVE**

**Proposal to make an inventory of all MPA equipment** put forth by Susan Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg.

Discussion: This is already done, per Brock Haywood. MB moved to table for discussion with new executive.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Proposal to have online record application** put forth by Susan Haywood, seconded by Amanda Burg

Discussion: To have people apply for the record in order to receive it, and charge $5 for the actual paper certificate to cover printing, mailing costs etc. It was discussed that if a record has been broken, you must apply online to the Records Chairperson within 7 days. Any current record certificates must be requested by January 1, 2018. After that, the 7 day rule will take effect.

**ALL IN FAVOR CARRIED**

**Proposal that the MPA logo be redesigned** put forth by Susan Haywood and moved to discuss with new executive. Seconded by Robert Snow.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**Proposal to insure contents of trailer** put forth by Susan Haywood, seconded by Mathew Bowen

Discussion: Insurance for trailer contents is over $400 per year, and should be in the president's name. The rental fee from meets (part of sanction fee) can go towards this cost. Moved to discuss with new executive.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXEUCTIVE**

**Proposal for yearly events calendar** put forth by Mathew Bowen, moved to discuss with new executive. Seconded by Amanda Burg.

**TABLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH NEW EXECUTIVE**

**ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS**

**Voting Positions:**

**President** - Mathew Bowen nominated, with no nominations from the floor. Mathew Bowen accepted.

**Vice-President** - Susan Haywood nominated, with no nominations from the floor. Susan Haywood accepted.

**Treasurer** - David Gurvey nominated, with no nominations from the floor. As David Gurvey had to excuse himself from the meeting at 4:10 p.m., he declared his acceptance at that time, should he be voted in.

**Secretary** - Amanda Burg nominated, with no nominations from the floor. Amanda Burg accepted.

**Athlete Liaison** - Krista Sanger nominated, with no nominations from the floor. Krista Sanger accepted.

**Non-voting Positions:**

**Officiating Chairperson** - Janet Loesel Sitar nominated, with no nominations from the floor . Janet Loesel Sitar accepted.

**Records Chairperson** - Kurtis Tallaire nominated, with no nominations from the floor. Kurtis Tallaire accepted.

**Registration Chairperson** - Henry Guzman nominated , and accepted.

**Volunteer Chairperson** - Jannelle Van Den Bosch nominated by Amanda Burg. Jannelle Van Den Bosch accepted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.