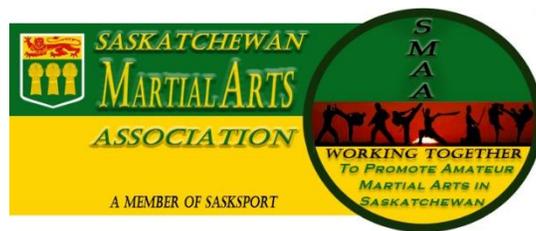


# SMAA ANNUAL REPORT



## President's Report

The SMAA has had another great year. Our provincial Championships saw an increase in participants with 80 registered athletes and 100 qualifiers for the 2019 season. Our members have seen an increase in tournament participation which is an encouraging indication that next year's Provincial Championships will be even bigger and better.

Our officials committee has been faced with the very daunting task of compiling an official's manual to further train, improve and certify our SMMA officials and we are very excited for this progress.

Our Full Contact committee has been in consultation with government organizations regarding the status of amateur full contact competitions in Saskatchewan. They are working hard towards getting full contact as a sanctioned event under the SMAA'S umbrella.

In addition, our tournament committee has done an amazing job of continually improving our non-contact rules and regulations. They put in many hours of time to get our Provincials organized and we thank them for another well-run event. And we thank all of our competitors, parents, volunteers and officials for making our tournaments and our provincials a success throughout the year.

We have had many wonderful things happening by our members:

A few of the highlights this year include Brendan Breen of Skyline Shotokan Karate who has initiated an all inclusive martial arts program to introduce individuals with disabilities to the Martial Arts. Okami Martial Arts has initiated training with seniors and promoting healthy lifestyles in local care homes. Spirit of the Dragon has made free programming available to the Autism resource centre as well as the teen health and wellness programs. These are just the tip of the iceberg of the many initiative that our members put forth every year to continually support those in their communities.

Our membership has increased this year by 3 members and we look forward to new applications again this year.

We thank all of our members for another amazing year and we look forward to many more great things in the upcoming season.

Prepared by: Wolfgang Manicke

Date: June 22, 2019

### Vice President's Report

Last year was a good year for the SMAA with many great changes in Rules adopted.

The Tournament scene was busy with numerous Tournaments and greater participations than previous years.

I would like to thank all the Board of Directors of the SMAA being great to work with during the year.

I like to Thank Dawn Oehler for her great work she had done during the years for the SMAA and wish her the best in her next endeavors in life.

I am looking forward at my job, to further the goals in making the SMAA a top notch association between all others.

Prepared by: Dawn Oehler

Date: June 22, 2019

### Treasurer's Report

See attached Audited Financial Statements and Program Report

Prepared by: Crystal Greenwood

Date: June 22, 2019

### Registrar's Report

#### Membership Numbers 2018-2019

- 24 Member Clubs in 9 Zones
- 3019 Members

Momentum Martial Arts and Complete Martial Arts did not renew

In 2017-2018, we reported 24 member clubs with 2698 members so we have seen a positive increase in membership. This increase positively affects our MAP grant allocation through Sasksport.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prepared by: Wolfgang Manicke

Date: June 22, 2019

## Officials Report

Many thanks to the members who came together to work out the final details of our Officials package, which will be present to the board and hopefully be adopted.

The Officials Committee consisted of Robert Gonda, Shawn Fisher, Zach Erber, Kelly Greenwood, Shawn Silver and Matthias Manicke.

There is still some work to be done in setting up, who is what Official Level, but we will be getting there.

I believe this is a good step in getting our officials on a road to be World class officials.

Prepared by: Kelly Greenwood

Date: June 22, 2019

## Full Contact Report

Summary email of the meeting for May 22/2019 at 9am Sask Sport Saskatoon.

Present Warren P, Nicole G, Kelly G and Kim D (call in).

The meeting was to discuss Sask Sport's view on what must be done or completed in order for the SMAA to once again host (sanction) amateur kickboxing/ muay thai/ full contact events. This meeting was a follow up from a previous meeting with Dale M from the Govt of Sask.

Warren explained the following list of items that he saw as needing to be clarified and or in place before the SMAA could host the above mentioned events.

1. SMAA to first contact the insurance provider for the SMAA, and see what concerns they may have? TBD who will make the call.

**Clarification:** Sask Sport will require SMAA to contact their insurance provider to explain SMAA's potential new role of sanctioning Full-contact Martial Arts competitions. Subsequently, SMAA will need to ensure their insurance provider will still provide insurance coverage that meets Sask Sports minimum eligibility requirements and provide Sask Sport with written confirmation from the SMAA's insurance provider.

2. Warren said that the historical concern with previous events being to professional looking was no longer a concern.

**Clarification:** The historical concerns were not about full-contact events looking "professional", but rather that in the past, the full-contact events were advertised, "hyped" and run by professional promoters. (eg. Honour Fight Promotions; Centre Ring Promotions, etc.) Lottery Trust Eligibility rules explicitly state that events run by promoters are not allowed, and if SMAA sanctions events run by promoters, then they become ineligible for SLTF funding.

3. Since WAKO (World Association of Kickboxing Organizations) seems to be in a position of being accepted in to the Olympics that the FCC meet and revisit which organization the SMAA will align with for rules set, tracking etc.... If kickboxing becomes an Olympic sport this will change the way Sask Sport and Govt view Kickboxing.

**Clarification:** Olympic inclusion would change the way Kickboxing is viewed under Section 83 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Then – by extension – the way in which sanctioning of kick-boxing could happen. HOWEVER, Kickboxing is not part of the 2020 Olympic program and probably not part of 2024 Olympics. As such, 2028 may be the earliest it becomes an Olympic event, so sanctioning rules relating to Section 83 would not change for at least 9 more years. Furthermore, Muay Thai is not being considered for the Olympics– as far as we know – at this time.

Tracking of Athletes was a concern by Sask Sport and Govt, however when we last spoke to Dale M, the govt was willing to allow the SMAA to use the athlete tracking system already in place for the pros. Additionally WAKO or WKA also provide tracking.

**Clarification:** Sask Sport’s position on this is that the Gov’t of Saskatchewan will set the standards for Athlete Tracking, Fight/KO history, etc. AND Sask Sport presumes that ALL safety (including fight history tracking) and medical standards will meet or exceed the standards that the Provincial Commission has in place, currently.

4. \*\* Sask Sport has a concern that once events are operational again that there could be a shift in the SMAA’s focus and funding to members, i.e. Sask Sport does NOT want to see all the funding and support shifting to Elite or FCC athletes. Sask Sport wants the funding and resources to stay at the grass roots or non-elite and kids level. Sport for all not just the elite.

**Clarification:** Sask Sport wants member PSGBs and their clubs to support a ‘balanced approach’ (ie. introductory through elite) to overall sport development.

5. Based on previous concerns and legal actions, Sask Sport wants the SMAA to review its requirements for membership. I.e. Black belt requirement for kickboxing. Sask Sport does not want SMAA to drop the requirements for a Black belt however not all martial arts give or have “black belts” So the question to the SMAA is how will members join the SMAA who do not have a black belt? What requirements will they need to meet for membership. This will need to be discussed by the SMAA, as well it was suggested that the SMAA also include how the applicate club or member would promote the growth of martial arts in Saskatchewan at the grass roots/ kids level?

**Clarification:** If the minimum standards established by the Gov’t of Saskatchewan are met (ie. equal to or exceeding Commission standards) Sask Sport expects only the SMAA or registered member clubs of SMAA will be running full contact events... not promoters, whose interests lie in commercial gains/profits from running events. Additionally, it was confirmed that SMAA already has club membership eligibility criteria that includes the requirement for a Martial Arts club to have a SMAA recognized Black Belt instructor, to be a member of SMAA. Sask Sport is not asking SMAA them to review this eligibility criteria, only to confirm that there are criteria in place that are consistent for all clubs AND that the clubs that want to hold full-contact events meet the criteria and are members of SMAA. (Black Belt instructors was just one of the club eligibility criteria that SMAA has in place... along with others.)

**Clarification:** Officials Training, Qualifications and Experience: An important item that is missing from these notes is that Sask Sport would be concerned if there aren’t required standards (ie. a training and certification standard) for officials that would be refereeing at full contact competitions. We believe the Sask Gov’t ‘Commission’ does have some rules/requirements about who can officiate full contact Martial Arts events, and Sask Sport would expect – for the safety of the athletes – that appropriately trained and experienced officials would be officiating.

Warren was clear the concern being that “outside” promoters come in and put on events etc.. there must be a promotion of martial arts for all levels not just FCC. This was also in the previous meetings with Dale M- the Govt does not want to see outside promoters making money off of Sask Athletes.

**Clarification:** Sask Sport’s concern relates to ALL promoters, whether they be from outside Saskatchewan or within Saskatchewan. This includes ‘promoters’ that are associated with Martial Arts

clubs in Saskatchewan. (A “promoter” is any individual or group of individuals who personally profit from the revenues generated at an event. Sask Lotteries Trust Fund rules explicitly state that promoters cannot benefit as a result of support (direct or indirect) received from the Trust Fund. In other words, individuals associated with Martial Arts clubs (ie. Club owners) cannot profit directly as promoters of events.

Also, Lotteries funding is intended to support all levels of sport development ... introduction to sport, athlete skills development, high performance athlete development, coaching development, officials development, etc. ... which should be the mandate of all PSGB members of Sask Sport.

# SPORT DISTRICT REPORTS

Prepared by: Pam Gunnlaugson

Date: June 22, 2019

South East Connection District for Sport, Culture & Recreation Report

Zone 6 is located in the Southeast corner of Saskatchewan. Vilcu's Karate Klub trains in two that included demonstrations from various clubs in the region such as Rooks Karate, Bordertown Martial Arts, and CA TKD Academy as well as students from both Estevan and Weyburn. It was an evening of camaraderie and learning as all students enjoyed seeing the various styles taught within our region. Vilcu's also hosted a tournament in March that had over 100 competitors and included clubs from Manitoba and North Dakota. Our students have competed internationally as they traveled to the US and interprovincially attending tournaments in Alberta and Manitoba. We were able to send 2 students to Quebec to compete at the National level with the World Karate Commission as well.

Prepared by: Zach Erber

Date: June 22, 2019

Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture & Recreation Report

The Prairie Central District includes the communities that surround Saskatoon. We have members in Dalmeny and Martensville.

There were no new clubs joined from this zone.

We hosted several good tournaments this season. There were a few new faces at some of the tournaments that were held in zone 5 and hopefully we can get their clubs as full members for next season.

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