**Executive Director’s Report – 2015 MWSA AGM** – Submitted by Angela Lloyd:

Below is a summary of MWSA’s activities/member achievements in 2014-2015:

1. I would like to recognize and thank our funding partners: Sport Manitoba, Coaching

Manitoba, Manitoba Lotteries, Wheelchair Basketball Canada, and Canadian Wheelchair Sport Association (Bridging The Gap, Podium Club). Their support remains an essential component to the growth of MWSA.

2. Member/staff accomplishments on a national level: Angela Lloyd and Jared Funk - Board members Canadian Wheelchair Sport Association, Bill Johnson – Head Coach National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Ryan Van Berkel – Team Manager for National Para-Archery Team.

3. MWSA junior athlete Spencer Lambert invited to U19 National Junior Wheelchair Basketball training camp July 2014. MWSA Junior athletes Spencer Lambert and Joshua and Joshua Brown invited to U19 National Junior Wheelchair Basketball training camp May 2015.

4. MWSA certified Jarrett Yaworski and Chantelle Horel as level 3 wheelchair basketball coaches.

5. MWSA awarded Canada Summer Jobs grant which enabled Association to hire summer student: May 11 – August 7, 2015 – Ara Irvine.

6. MWSA awarded City of Winnipeg Urban Green Team Grant which enabled Association to hire second summer student: July 2 – August 31, 2015 – Jennifer Kowalson.

7. Mini-Paralympian Camp in August 2014 huge success. Junior/Mini Paralympic Camp program is seeing steady growth. Expecting 15-20 participants at camp this summer (July 2015).

8. Monthly Junior Wheelchair Sports - October 2014 – May 2015. Very successful. Camp had an average of 8 participants monthly.

9. MWSA hosted a number of member development initiatives for both athletes and coaches between September 2014 – May 2015: wheelchair basketball 2 day clinic, wheelchair rugby 1 day clinic, junior wheelchair skills & drills, Wheelchair Basketball Canada Coach Mentorship clinic.

10. MWSA school presentations & demos – visited approx. 25 schools and the U of W this past school year.

11. MWSA partnered with Changing Minds, Changing Lives (Canadian Paralympic Committee initiative) and presented on wheelchair sports to various organizations throughout the year.

12. Partnerships with: Sledgehockey MB, Basketball MB, Cerebral Palsy Association Manitoba, Canadian Paraplegic Association Manitoba, Tennis MB, Fencing MB, Volleyball MB.

13. MWSA’s monthly e-newsletter continues to be an effective tool of communication. Facebook page updated regularly.

14. MWSA in partnership with the Winnipeg Wheelchair Rugby Club hosted the Murderball Classic in April 2015.

15. MWSA recipient of RBC Learn To Play Grant $6000.00 towards the ongoing growth & development of Junior Wheelchair Sports.

16. MWSA partnered with RBC Day of Service – received $1000.00 grant in support of Murderball.

17. Regional Awareness 2014-15 – Morden, MB, St. Anne, MB, Brandon, MB, Lac Du Bonnet, MB, La Salle, MB, Alexander, MB, East St. Paul, MB, Headingley, MB, Warren, MB.

18. Bill Johnson, Head Coach of National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team named Canadian Wheelchair Sport Association’s Coach of the Year at annual awards dinner November 2014. Bill also honored with a Coaching Excellence Award from the Coaching Association of Canada in November 2014.

19. Media Exposure – Winnipeg Free Press, Shaw TV, CJOB, Global News, Winnipeg Sun, Paratracks quarterly issue, Pembina Valley Radio (Morden), Herald and Headliner (community newspapers).

20. Certified Wheelchair Rugby Classifier that will be based in Winnipeg.

21. Grants awarded to MWSA – ParticipACTION, Special Initiative Bingo grants, Sport Manitoba Regional Development grants.

22. Wheel-a-thon Fundraiser September 20, 2015 – event raised $5761.13 for MWSA.

23. 2015 Canada Winter Games – February 2015 – 2 coaches, 1 team manager, 9 athletes. MWSA proud of everyone involved to get team to Games. Team revenue included 2 fundraisers – Rumor’s Comedy Night and Applebee’s Flapjack Breakfast. Refer to 2015 Canada Games Report for a more detailed report.

24. MWSA membership fee increase $10.00 child, $15.00 adult, $25.00 family.

25. MWSA Board implemented a $50.00 program registration fee effective 2014-15.

26. Creation of committees within the Board: Officials/Coaching, Junior Wheelchair Sports, Program/Athlete Development.

27. Updated MWSA By-Laws, approved by membership at June 2014 Special General Meeting.

28. Created Team Travel Policy and Waiver – approved by the MWSA Board October 2014.

Goals and Challenges for coming year:

* Funding – MWSA must work hard on fundraising initiatives.
* Policies – Must be updated per Sport Manitoba, a requirement in order to maintain funding levels. Privacy Policy, Code of Conduct Policy, Appeals Policy, Respect in Sport Policy – all to be updated in coming year.
* Continue to work closely with other para-sports in the building to build relationships.
* Encourage Board involvement.
* Ensure continuity of grassroots programming including junior wheelchair sports.
* Grants – source out grant opportunities to assist with funding of programs.
* Recruitment of Officials for both wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.
* Sport Manitoba new funding model – Integrated Funding Framework – application due to Sport Manitoba September 14, 2015. Lengthy process that will require Board and Program stakeholders engagement, [www.sportmanitobafunding.ca](http://www.sportmanitobafunding.ca). Development funding for next 4 years will be dependent on submission.
* Must ensure capable individual is in place to manage the MWSA finances.
* Continue to build on momentum & growth that the Association has experienced in the past 2 ¾ years.