**Executive Director’s Report – 2014 MWSA AGM** – Submitted by Angela Lloyd:

Below is a summary of MWSA’s activities/member achievements in 2013-2014:

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 accomplishments on a national level: Jared Funk - Board member Canadian Wheelchair Sport Association, Bill Johnson – Head Coach National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Aaron Moseley-Williams – member of Men’s National Wheelchair Basketball Team, Ian Crowe – member of National Wheelchair Rugby Team.

3. MWSA member Joey Johnson inducted into the Basketball Manitoba Hall of Fame in October 2013.

4. MWSA member Arin Smith awarded with Sport Manitoba’s Volunteer of the Year at the annual awards evening April 2014.

5. MWSA member Jon Burzuik invited to attend the national team prospect camp for wheelchair rugby February 2014.

6. MWSA junior member Spencer Lambert invited to attend the junior national wheelchair basketball training camp to take place in Toronto in July 2014.

7. MWSA awarded Canada Summer Jobs grant which enabled association to hire summer student: 2013 student – Sam Unrau, 2014 student – Sam Unrau.

7. Mini-Paralympian Camp in August 2013 huge success. Junior/Mini Paralympic Camp program is seeing steady growth. Expecting 15 participants at camp this summer (August 2014).

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

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

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

11. Membership increase of 50% from last year.

12. CANADA GAMES 2015 – See Wheelchair Basketball report.

13. MWSA Bingo Policy updated. Code of Conduct Policy created. Revised the Constitution & By-laws to reflect present state of association.

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

15. MWSA in partnership with the Winnipeg Wheelchair Rugby Club hosted the Murderball Classic in February 2014.

16. MWSA in partnership with Tennis Manitoba hosted the Prairie’s Cup Wheelchair Tennis tournament August 2013.

17. MWSA hosted two Wheelchair Basketball Canada coaching courses & clinics: Introduction to Competition (Jan 2014) and Introduction to Competition Advanced (May 2014).

18. MWSA recipient of MTS Future First grant $10 000.00 for the ongoing growth & development of the Mini-Paralympic Camp program.

19. MWSA recipient of Canadian Paralympic Committee Recruitment grant $7500.00 for the growth & development of regional wheelchair basketball.

20. MWSA hosted regional Mini-Paralympic Camp in Selkirk MB in April and May 2014.

21. Media Exposure – Winnipeg Free Press stories, Shaw TV 30 minute show on wheelchair rugby and MWSA, CBC French Radio, CBC Radio, Winnipeg Sun story, CTV News.

22. MWSA selected by Tabs For Wheelchairs to receive brand new junior sport wheelchair.

23. MWSA awarded grant to purchase junior sport wheelchair from the Goldeyes Field of Dreams Foundation.

24. In partnership with the Canadian Paralympic Committee, MWSA organized the first ever Parasport Expo that was held at the U of M on October 26, 2013.

Thank you to Debbie Paul for her support throughout the year. Thank you to Ryan Van Berkel for his continued dedication and commitment to MWSA.

Goals and Challenges for coming year:

* Funding – funding cuts are inevitable, MWSA must work hard on fundraising initiatives.
* Policies – Must be updated per Sport Manitoba, a requirement in order to maintain funding levels.
* Continue to work closely with other para-sports in the building to build relationships.
* Maintain Board involvement.
* Continue to build on the success of the Mini-Camp and develop a permanent Junior Wheelchair Sports program.
* Grants – source out grant opportunities to assist with funding of programs.
* Recruitment of Officials for both wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.
* Recruitment of physical disabled athletes for Canada Games 2015 Team (Wheelchair Basketball).