



2020-2021

CBF Annual Report

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CBF President

President's Report

George Brown

March 15, 2021

As the 2020/2021 season concludes, I look back as CBF President and recognize it as the year that was not. Not only from a broomball perspective, but in many ways, life in general. Covid 19 has certainly had a crippling effect on most of our lives.

As a repeat of the 2020 Championships that were lost due to Covid, we once again experienced the same in 2021. As I reflect back to March 2020 and I come forward, I realize we have lost most of our league play with a few exceptions due to some outstanding efforts from organizers working diligently with Municipalities and Health Boards. I thank you for this. So many local, Regional, Provincial, National and International events that we so look forward to annually, could not be hosted.

As I look back to my report of 2020, this is where I summarize last years Nationals and would have acknowledged the 2020 Worlds and looked forward with much anticipation, to this years Nationals. But, alas, this is not to be. One of my comments from last year's report, was that, "time certainly does not stand still". Perhaps, I was wrong in this as related to events?

Despite our situation, we at CBF continue to represent you in looking forward to try to map out our future.

The operation and development of the High Performance Program continues under Pascale Gauthier's leadership and we maintain our High Performance Status. Congrats to all involved.

Your P/TSO representatives continue to be supportive and on the occasion when the call goes out, whether it be, for some information or perhaps a conference call that can be challenging within the different time zones, the response is routinely very positive.

As mentioned previously we have met Sport Canada's demands for High Performance status. While we have gotten there, this is an ongoing work in progress to maintain these requirements. Thanks to Pascale and to Cathy Derewianchuk and others who contribute as required. I believe we all understand the importance of this program as without it, drastic changes are imminent.

This was to have been our 6th year with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, Anti-Doping Policy in place. Although we have not been active with them this year, it is expected that when we reconvene at our championships, whenever and wherever that may be, that our athletes will pick up where we left off and continue to comply with program as directed. We have made great strides and I fully anticipate we will continue to do so.

This is where I would discuss this year's upcoming National events, but as we all know, we can only look ahead in the hopes that our present issues get resolved and that the World rights

itself. Now becomes the moment that we look ahead to the 2022 Nationals, both Juvenile and Senior. I believe that our 2020 Hosts should be forwarded every opportunity to stand as 2022 Hosts. If either or both wish to do so, I request that they make this known immediately and proceed with event planning. If either or both choose not to accept this role, we will require other potential candidates to step forward as soon as possible. All of that being said, there are numerous things that need to happen with our present health situation. The assumption seems to be that if we all get vaccinated and continue to test negative, the task of hosting can be undertaken. This is what we wish for, but we still must succeed.

I would like to thank each of our Executive Members and P/TSO representatives for their continued effort and support. To our staff, Cathy Derewianchuk, Pascale Gauthier, Veronique Cayer Larocque and our committee leaders Conrad Morneau,(Coaching Coordinator) Doug Galt(RIC) and Cynthia Wever(Athletes Rep). We are all indebted to you and we applaud your efforts.

One of our Sport and Community Development Coordinators, Cendrine Lavigne has decided to move on and we all wish her well. Cendrine has been instrumental with Veronique and with Pascale's assistance in completing Special Initiatives program where 14 different groups across the country have received financial assistance for their broomball programs. Through this group and our Web Master, John Dalgity we are moving forward with improvements to the site. In addition, our Hosts, Chad Schneider and Cameron Muir with the assistance of the previously mentioned ladies have been instrumental in bringing to you, podcasts on the Broomball Canada YouTube page with guests from across the country covering numerous topics. We look forward to more of these and wish you continued success.

Also at this time we reflect on the loss of our long time former RIC, Don Sims. Don was a great in his RIC role and was probably an even better person. Rest in Peace my friend.

One of the continued questions, is where do we go from here? Seems to be a simple enough question, but not one that can be solved without patience and planning. All we can advise is that we make the required efforts to make our world safe again. We pray that the vaccine roll out is successful and our economy recovers to where we have the ability and confidence to pursue our broomball dreams.

Thank You

George Brown

President

2020-2021

VP Technical

VP Technical Report

Gerry Wever

March 17, 2021

This is a very short report for 2021.

It has again been a difficult year with regards to the Covid 19 pandemic. We were forced to cancel our Juvenile & Senior Nationals last year and then this year in 2021. We are hoping to be able to run these events in 2022, however than will depend on how fast the vaccines are rolled out the public. We might also be faced with looking for new hosts if the current hosts are not able to secure the venues. Most provinces did not play this year due to restrictions that were put on them by their Provincial governments and Health units .

This past year has been difficult for the National teams since there are no competitions. This coming year there will be a Special Selection Camp to make up the National teams for 2021- 2022 season. This will permit other players from teams across the country to experience what it is like to be on a National team.

I have decided to not submit my name for the upcoming elections for VP Tech. I have been in this position for the past 9 years and I feel that it is time to step down.

I would like to thank our National team director Pascale Gauthier for all the work that she has done in working with the National teams this past year. I would also like to thank Doug Galt our Referee in Chief, Conrad Morneau and Veronique Cayer as well as all the rest of the executive for all the work that has been done this year and during my term as VP Technical.

Sincerely yours in Broomball,



Gerry Wever

2020-2021

HP Director

High Performance Director Report

Pascale Gauthier

A full Year of Pandemic gave me and us, time to reflect on our development and different programs we have at the CBF, but it was also the first full year of the new employees: Sport and Community Development Coordinators, Cendrine Lavigne and Véronique Cayer-Laroque. One of the biggest dossiers with Sport Canada was to complete a Report Card by December 15th 2020. Not an easy task, big thank you to Cathy, Gerry, Véro and Cendrine for their help with this.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

- Yearly Training Plan (YTP) for all 3 National Teams and set up the BNTFU for Season 2020-2021
- Planned and organized a 3 hours Zoom meeting with the 3 National Teams (athletes and coaches)
- Planned and organized 2 small videos for the National Teams: Stretching (Thank you Véro!) and Nutrition (Thank you Chloé Perreault)
- Follow ups with the BNTFU website and resumé of all athletes and coaches
- Post of all National Team athletes and coaches resums on the CBF Facebook Page. (Thank you Véro!)
- Individual Weekly training plans (home training)
- Planning and development of Next Years Special National Teams Project. (Selection Camp)
- Zoom Meetings with the HP Program Committee (Jan. 2021 and March 2021)

BTE EVALUATIONS and BF2 ONLINE WORKSHOP

- 3 BTE Evaluation-Interview was done online (Claudette Bergeron, Normand Perreault and Ian Mandersheid) Thank you Conrad, George and Chad BTE Evaluator in training, for your help with those.
- Tina Lock-Setter took the challenge of developing an Online version of the BF2 Coach Workshop. We are at the stage of doing a pilot. Translation is done! (Amazing job Tina!)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sport Canada Report Card. This was a big undertaking and a lot of work.
- Applied with the Canada Games Council to become a Winter Canada Games 2027 sport. I can happily confirm that for the first time, we did pas the first step. We were selected to officially apply. I will send the form before April 15th, 2021.
- Budget readjusting for “Until March 2021”
- 2021-2022 Budget previsions draft that was discussed on a Finance Committee and Members Zoom Meetings.
- Overseed Cendrine and Veronique’s job. At least once a week we did Facetime to discuss what should be done and how.
- Managed Cendrine’s Departure, from her position with us. So sad, I wish her the best and say thank you for a full Year.
- Mid-December 2020 I did the Girls (Cendrine and Véro’s) Job Assessments. Reports of those was sent to President and VP Marketing

- With Cendrine and Melodie, we designed and ordered the Reusable Grocery Bags and designed the CBF Masks.
- Order with MNM, Hoodies for the CBF Executives and Coordinators
- CCES conference call to finalize our contract with them!
- Did assist to different Zoom meetings with Sport 4 Life, CAC, and Sport Canada.
- Sent Broomball Swag (2 masks and 2 Grocery Bags) to key helping person from: CAC, Sport 4 Life, Sport Canada, Canada Games Council, CCES and Women in Sport. They all loved it! Thank you, George for your note, Véro and Cathy for addresses.

It was a Year of World Pandemic without actual broomball on ice but a lot was done. Big thank you to you all and lets hope 2021-2022 Season will be better.

2020-2021

Coach Education Coordinator

Coach Education Coordinator Report

Conrad Morneau

As you all know 2020 has been a very quiet year for the coaching department. BF2 trained coaches is still at 658.

In order to be able to move forward in the future Tina Locke-Setter was mandated and produced an on line version of the BF2 workshop that can be taught in the Zoom format. The presentation has already been translated and approved by CAC and a pilot should be run soon. Congrats to Tina fantastic job!

BTC # at 144 only one eval in 2021. There is 29 coaches that need recertification before 1 Jan 2022, all the ones that have already 20 PD points will be automatically extended 5 years, but everyone due will be notify by CAC in the fall. It is every coach responsibility to monitor their PD points progress.

BTE we have 15 coaches that have taken the training, 1 is fully certified and 4 only need their behind the bench on -ice-eval to get certified.

Funding needed for next year \$5000.

Conrad Morneau

2020-2021

Referee in Chief

Referee in chief 's Report

Doug Galt

Not much to report as Covid 19 has cancelled all national championships. Have been in contact with most of the facilitators and have encouraged them to keep reviewing the material so they are ready to roll out the new training program.

Rowans law (Concussion Safety) policy will be ready for June 1 2021. This policy will bring the CBF into compliance with federal law. Have been reviewing material from CCM who have developed a data bank program and I think we should look at for CBF.

I would like to hold a course for the facilitators on the subject of conflict management.

Have spoken with Pascale and we will be asking MNM to help with the design of a National Jersey for the officials.

Doug Galt

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Athlete's Rep

Athlete's Rep. Report

Cynthia Wever

2020-2021

VP Marketing and Communication

VP Marketing and Communication Report

Hello my Broomball Friends,

To be honest COVID-19 has been quite a drag and I have been blessed with Veronique, Cendrine, & Pascale and their powering forward attitudes and work ethics to develop many ideas and bringing them to the forefront. I have been in contact with them a few times over the past several months having discussions about things that they are working on, but they have been doing everything and it has made my position with the Broomball Canada extremely easy. They pretty much contact me with new and amazing ideas. They are the ones doing the work and I feel that I have been letting them down with my lack of checking in or communication when asked or just in general period.

They have developed and put together a collage of pictures for the reusable shopping bag and did all the legwork on getting quotes to get them put into production. Did you get yours to sell or to just give out?

Véronique has contacted me about a Broomball Canada Podcast hosting job and I'm happy to tell it was and is a blast to host with Cameron Muir the "Between the Pipes" Broomball Canada Podcast, for the past 6 months. I hope you like it as much as I like doing it.

I personally have not been focused on broomball as much as I would like to be, but let us hope with the vaccine and Spring at our doors we will be fine and back on the ice to play Broomball.

Thanks

Chad Schneider

2020-2021
Sport Development

WEBSITE

We have had a meeting with John, our webmaster, a few weeks ago with a specific plan and details on where we would like our website to be updated by summer. We are confident that we will be able to show you all the changes in the next few months.

12 STEPS PROGRAM

The 12 Steps Program is still being used and will be put forward on the website. We will promote it this summer on the Facebook page and the website, since the 12 Steps is mostly used to start new leagues and will be important post-COVID. We will also find a way to properly filter the comments that are being posted on it.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

For the Special Initiatives' projects, we will establish a new application procedure and criterias to be able to receive funds. This year, we helped 18 projects from 6 different provinces. We gave out a total amount of 35100\$ in funds and equipment. [See Appendix B for list of recipients.](#)

INDEPENDENT 3RD PARTY

We have been working with LeeAnn Cupidio who is acting as our Safe Sport Officer. She has reviewed our bylaws and policies and we have received P/T's acceptance of her proposed draft. the Third-Party ombudsman is necessary in case of a dispute or problematic that may arise with respect to discipline and expected conduct from our members.

OTHER

Multi-Year plan: The multi year plan was reconfigured last summer but will have to be looked at after our upcoming meeting with Sport Canada in regards to our latest scorecard.

Grocery bags: We had grocery bags designed and made for the CBF this past fall. We were very happy with the final product. Still available to purchase through Veronique. [\(Appendix D\)](#)

Masks: We had a face mask design for the CBF this past summer and it was a great addition. Still available to purchase through Cathy. [\(Appendix D\)](#)

Promotional videos: In October, we were able to film three promotional videos to be used for marketing purposes. You can view them on our YouTube channel.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: Since March 2020, we have gone from 883 to 1192 followers. Through over 100 posts this past year, we have been able to connect with our followers and promote the sport, even through a pandemic. Contests, virtual breakout rooms and our Women & Sport campaign ([Appendix C](#)) were amongst favorites from our followers. We have also been promoting our HP athletes, the BNTFU and our other CBF programs.

Instagram: We now have a total of 668 followers since creating the account in January 2020. We are continuing to connect with the younger generations through this app.

Podcast: We have had 7 podcasts segments this year. It was of great success! We will definitely be continuing them next Fall! Our most popular podcast segment with goalies being the topic, had 548 views on our [YouTube channel](#).

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Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Greg Mastervick

2020-2021

Province of Alberta

Alberta's Report

The season of the Covid-19 was an eye opener for broomball in the province of Alberta and across Canada. With no provincials, Canadians and even the Worlds cancelled.

Edmonton and Lethbridge were on the ice for about 2 months, Calgary, central and eastern Alberta were not able to start at all due to the government closing all rinks in Alberta.

Alberta Broomball headed up by George Paleniuk are staying positive and have the ice booked for our provincials in March 2022 in Sylvan Lake.

Some people that deserve a big 'Thank You' for working to keep broomball alive in the province are Tom Krewenchuk, Joe Fisher, Adam Pelley, Eric Haapa-aho, George Paleniuk, Wayne Neigel, Greg Mastervick, Gary Jones, Don Markewick and Gloria Gouthreau.

Special Thanks to Broomball Canada, the support staff and Board of Directors who are working hard to keep on top of issues that still need to be done even though we are not playing broomball in these times of Covid.

Thanks,

Brian Gouthreau

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Province of Manitoba

Manitoba's Report

These past 12 months have been challenging for us all regardless of how we were affected by the pandemic. All athletes, coaches, and delegates preparing for the 2020 Nationals were shell shocked as National Competitions were suspended. The Juveniles, our Men's team, and the Nelson House Cree Nation's Mix team have confirmed to attend Nationals when these events are permitted.

With Provincial restrictions in place, Broomball activities have been virtually non-existent for the 2020-2021 season in Manitoba. Before the total lockdown in early November, athletes participated in 6 practice/scrimmages at the St.Claude Haywood arena. Over 30 registered players, ranging from juniors to seniors enjoyed mixed activities starting October 10th, until November 4th. Then, due to rising Covid numbers, the Provincial government ended indoor activities until March 5, 2021.

Once the restrictions eased, Manitoba Broomball booked some ice at Stride Place in Portage la Prairie enabling athletes to return to action. Once again strict guidelines limited the structure of the activities. Cohorts of 10 were allowed at each end of the ice surface for practice drills only. Scrimmages or fun games were not permitted. Twenty-nine athletes took advantage of this opportunity to step back onto the ice on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th of March. Other pockets of the province, such as the Glenella - Riding Mountain area did engage in some Broomball events. The Glenella / McCreary areas also have a promising future with youth numbers on the rise.

As the coordinator for St.Claude Broomball, I'd like to THANK the Special Initiative Funding grant program for providing us with funds to purchase 20 pairs of shoes for our Drop-in program. This new equipment will be appreciated by those unable to purchase shoes or trying out the sport.

I've received positive feedback from our membership regarding returning to play. Even though this season was virtually a loss, everyone is eager and looking forward to some BROOMBALL when permitted. I strongly believe our memberships will increase and surpass recent numbers.

Yours in Broomball,
Raymond Massinon

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Provinces of the Maritimes

Maritime's Report

We didn't have much of a program this year but here is what we had:

Adult men: 45
Adult women: 10
Youth boys: 0
Youth girls: 2

There were some open ice times and a youth program run by one of the communities, but no membership paid to us, and those numbers are as follows:

Adult men: 1
Adult women: 6
Youth boys: 32
Youth girls: 6

Plus a teacher (3 schools) borrowed our gear and introduced broomball to about 120 students (mix unknown).

All things considered, we introduced broomball to quite a few new players. The returning players were eager to get going but most never got a start.

We started the NS Broomball Association and found a great social media guy. He has been increasing our presence and we plan to grow with him next year. We didn't have many nominations (2; him and I) but some people agreed to participate so now that we have a council we'll get started next year.

We will be running alongside the Maritime Association for now, and using the NSBA mostly for provincial funding.

Next year we hope to get everyone back on the ice.

Matt

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Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland & Labrador's Report

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Province of Ontario

Ontario's Report

2020-2021

Province of Quebec

Quebec's Report

In these pandemic times, it was impossible for us to play Broomball most of the season. Activities have been stopped since the beginning of October until today (March 15th). Only the region of Temiscouata has been able to practice Broomball during a part of the season.

After this "ghost" season filled with uncertainties, we will be ready for the reboot of Broomball the moment we will be able to practice the sport in our arenas again. With the help of the government, we will be also ready to support organizations that need help to recruit back their players.

Fortunately, our Podcast "2-18 Chrono" was going on all season long, people had a bit of Broomball in their life! We worked on building a guide to help new and experienced coaches with training sessions, with new groups or teams. It will be available soon for everyone, and can be used by everyone (English and French).

Things will be a bit complicated for us concerning representatives at the next 2022 Nationals, as we already had our 2019 and 2020 Senior Provincials winners that were waiting to go to the 2020 and 2021 Nationals. Broomball Quebec would like to start new qualifications for the next season, but this will be complicated, as we have 2 years of qualified teams waiting for Nationals.

We also have a new platform called "I file a complaint" which is directly linked to a professional government system which could really help people that are victims of violence, abuse, harassment, etc. in Broomball.

Finally, though the year has been tough for Broomball, we feel ready for the next season and we think people can't wait for broomball to get back in action!

2020-2021

Province of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan's Report

Well, this year was like no other for us, just like it was for all of you I would imagine. We started off our season in the fall with hopes of a somewhat normal season, but early into the season we were told we could only function within mini leagues of 50 or less people and no tournaments. This pretty much sent our province into scramble mode due to all our members being all over the province, and with no travel within the province recommended it made things difficult to function within the guidelines. However, several of our minor teams and a few senior/mixed teams decided to give it a go under their restrictions. Our affiliated minor teams took to the ice for practices only, with hopes for potential competition down the road, and 4 mixed teams took to the ice in Regina with the goal of some sort of season. Due to COVID 19, our season did start a bit later than normal, but in early December we were halted. There was no sport allowed for people over the age of 18, and absolutely no competition of any type. Only minor teams could practice with 8 players on the ice, and everyone had to be socially distanced at all times. With a team sport like ours with 8 players it made it difficult to practice, and for the Juvenile teams that cut out all your senior players who were over 18. Several our teams decided to call it a season due to no competition, and lack of interest in practicing only. The few that hung on for the last few months were able to keep practicing with the 8. In late February, we were able to have our ice surface deemed as two areas, so a team could practice with 8 on one half and 8 on the other with no interaction between the two except for the coaches, as long as they were socially distanced on both sides. Again, with no competition, the desire to be on the ice just simply isn't there.

We did not have any player clinics due to too many touch points with our loaner kits, and schools not allowing any outside groups in, or any sports in general at the schools. So, we suspended our loaner kit/player clinic program until next year. We plan to update some of our loaner kits so that when we are up and running again, our equipment is in better shape.

There were no coaches or officials' clinics this year, but feel if there was something available virtually, we would have had people attend. Locally the Coaches Association did a great job of hosting a lot of virtual courses for coaches to stay engaged and earn PD points. The two officials we had registered this year, only did so to help the Mixed league that only ran for two Sundays this season.

We plan to host a couple webinars in the next month on sport nutrition, sport supplements and concussions.

Hopefully, this summer we can plan like normal, are able to hit the ice and are able to see some sort of competition this year.

Stacey Silzer
Executive Director
Saskatchewan Broomball Association

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North West Territories

NWT's Report

2020-2021

Territory of Yukon

Yukon's Report

Consequent to COVID-19 arriving in Canada in mid-March, the following events were affected from mid-March to fall of 2020:

- 2019-2020 league season & playoffs were not completed
- Out of town fun tournament (in March) was cancelled
- no youth broomball clinics (ie: Lace to the Top) were provided
- no YBA facility rentals/use
- no broomball equipment rentals were provided

The YBA's 2020-2021 seasonal league successfully started in the November 2020, in majority because:

- the YBA was able to retain a similar number of registered members vs previous years
- the YBA has its own sport rink, which is outdoors, mitigating any risk of transmitting COVID-19
- the Yukon Territories had very low case counts of COVID-19 and no community transmission of COVID-19 at the time.

Appendix A: National Teams

Men's National Team



Women's National Team



Mixed National Team



Appendix B: Special Initiatives Recipients

Initiatives/project leader	P/T	Equipment	Given \$
George Paleniuk	Alberta	36 brooms + 18 balls.	1400
Blair Anderson	Manitoba	30 Brooms and 12 Balls	
Raymond Massinon	Manitoba		2500
Sarah Wile	Nova Scotia	24 brooms + 12 balls	
Jonathan Reid	Nova Scotia		720
Heidi Caldwell	Nova Scotia		2000
Bernard Boulerice	Ontario		3000
Nadine Bourdeau	Ontario	24 brooms + 12 balls	500
Connie Dick	Ontario		2500
Gail Henry	Ontario		2000
Isabelle Lévesque	Québec		3000
Manon Caux	Québec		1500
Joanie Bourque	Québec		3000
Alain Dugas	Québec		5000
Chloé Perreault	Québec		3000
Isabelle Boivert/Claudette Bergeron	Québec		3000
FQBG Officials Project	Québec		480
Peter Grundmanis	Yukon		1500

Appendix C: She's got it all Campaign



**SHE'S
GOT
IT ALL:
PASSION,
DETERMINATION,
AND THE MESSAGE
THAT SHE'S AN
INCONVENIENCE.**



On co-ed broomball teams, there must be at least 3 women on the ice. Women are accepted by male teammates, but often seen as a liability. Many get stuck playing goalie, where they're kept farther from the action. It's time to value women athletes and give them the chance to shine on the ice.

Let's change the game at yourrole.womenandsport.ca

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Appendix D: Masks and bag



