



MANITOBA RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Report to Athletics Manitoba

- 2023 Membership is currently 345 compared to 239 this time last year and 245 in 2019. Youth membership is 56 and we have a total of 29 AM members that have taken advantage of the complimentary MRA membership.
- We are still waiting to hear back from the new **Arts, Culture and Sport in Community (ACSC) Fund** as to whether or not we will be receiving a grant. Target was to hear by the end of January, but this has been extended.
- We were invited to apply for a second grant by the Kenyan Canadian Association. They had received money through a Federal Grant Program called **Community Sport for All (CSAI)** and were looking for a non-profit that is involved with the organization of 5k's, 10k's, Half Marathon's and Full Marathon's. We had two days to write the application and were told that we should hear back from them before the end of March.
- Our 2023 Race Calendar now has 38 events on it, with a couple more considering sanctioning. The road race season will officially begin on April 2nd with the first of the April Run Series events. The Race Calendar and the three Series Calendars are now available on our website at: <https://mraweb.ca/mra-2023-events-2/>.
- All of our 2023 sponsorships have now been confirmed.
- Our MRA Timing Service now has 8 events on its schedule for 2023, with one more considering it.
- The MRA AGM is coming up on Monday, April 10th, 7:30 pm. It will be virtual as we find we get far better attendance. All 2023 members are invited to attend and should contact the MRA office to receive the Zoom link.
- Planning for the 2023 MRA Hall of Fame Banquet on April 24th is now in full swing. We have once again been able to secure Celebrations Dinner Theatre for the event on a complimentary basis thanks to the generosity of Canad Inns Fort Garry. We will be inducting 3 individuals (Bob Cook, Karl Sproll & Janice Gill) and one club (After 5 Running Club) this year. Also being awarded are Jaala Van Dongen (Female Athlete), Johnny Coffin (Male Athlete), Luke Love (Race Director), Dwayne Olson (President's Award) and Nancy Gajdosik (Excellence in Volunteering Award). Our Keynote Speaker

will be Junel Malapad. CBC is doing a documentary about Junel and will be filming part of our event. If you are interested in attending, tickets can be purchased at:

<https://raceroster.com/73016>. We are also having a 50/50 Draw with an Early Bird Prize (drawn on April 2nd) of a pair of running shoes (donated by Running Room).

Tickets can be purchased at:

<https://www.fundingchange.ca/mra/Y9GIqYMd0X8pTAcp>.

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