



MANITOBA RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Report to Athletics Manitoba

- **Membership:** We have closed out the 2024 membership year with 926 members, as compared with 764 last year. Youth membership was 254 and we had 31 AM members that took advantage of the complimentary MRA membership. 2025 memberships went on sale November 1st, with a total of 137 purchased as of November 18th.
- **AM/MRA Affiliation Agreement:** Alanna, Kathy, Derek and myself have met again and are in the last stages of ratifying this agreement. The last item to work out is the membership structure/payments, and Alanna and myself will be meeting to work this out.
- **MRA Events Coordinator:** We have hired a new Events Coordinator-Christa Rusk. Christa is very well known in the Manitoba Triathlon and Cycling world and has hit the ground running (no pun intended!). I have a very good feeling about our new staff member!
- **MRA Track Club:** Winter Session registration is about to go live. I've already had many inquiries about when it starts. I have confirmed Gavin Maxwell, Matt Van Shepdael and Dan Heschuk as coaches which will rotate according to who is available. We are confirmed for Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm at the U of M indoor track.
- **Race Calendar:** Our 2024 Race Calendar ended the year with an amazing 48 events on it (2 were canceled)! We timed 8 of those events, as well as the Run the North Face Trail Race near Brandon. We also sanctioned our first trail race: Suffer on Centennial Trail Provincial Championships went well despite a wet and windy day. According to my records, participation in MRA sanctioned events increased by 46% this year (from 16,575 in 2023 to 24,253 in 2024).
- **2024 MRA Awards Celebration:** We are now in the last stages of planning for our annual event, being held on Sunday, December 1st 3:30 pm this year, at the Caboto Centre. We are presenting a total of 57 trophies in the Classic Series, 107 participation medals and 17 competitive trophies in the Youth Series, 64 medals in the Celebration Series and 12 medals in the Indigenous Run Series. We've also decided to move the Road Runner of the Year awards from the Hall of Fame to the Awards Celebration, to take some of the time pressure off of the Hall of Fame. It will be a busy event!

- **2024 Race Directors' Meeting:** our annual meeting was held on November 16th with 19 Race Directors, 4 Board members and 2 staff in attendance. The meeting was recorded and will be sent to those that weren't able to attend, and will be posted on the MRA website.

Kathy Wiens

MRA Executive Director