

Mercantile Badminton Association

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Being the President of Mercantile Badminton Association (MBA), it gives me a great pleasure to place before you the Annual Report for the administrative year 2018.

We, MBA successfully completed another year with regular tournaments and activities. At the outset, I wish to thank the Office Bearers and Committee Members for their cooperation and valuable time spent for the activities of the MBA.

The Office Bearers for the year 2018

Mr. Roshan Fernando	President	SINGER SL PLC
Mr. Dinusha de Costa	Secretary	SINGER SL PLC
Mr. Pubudu Mallikarachchi	Asst. Secretary	CDB Finance PLC
Mr. Jayan Madusanka	Treasurer	Commercial Bank
Ms. Indika Gunasena	Asst. Treasurer	Standard Chartered Bank
Mr. Sampath Happawana	Vice President	ICM Micro
Mr. Hareendra Jayasundara	Vice President	Standard Chartered Bank
Mr. Mohan Fernando	Vice President	Hayles Group
Mr. Moditha Jayasekara	Vice President	Hatton National Bank
Mr. Madura Jayasekara	Vice President	Vallibel Finance
Mr. H B Chandana Nilantha	Tournament Secy	HBC Family Tea
Mr. Suneendra Thennegedara	Asst. Tournament Secretary	Lanka Orix Leasing Co.

During the year under review, we had 8 General Committee Meetings at which attendance was satisfactory. I wish to thank all committee members for their active participation.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Mercantile Badminton Association increased to 328 in number at year end from 323 at the beginning of the year a net increase of 5 members.

AFFILIATION

The Mercantile Badminton Association continues to be an affiliate of the Sri Lanka Badminton Association and was one of the most active affiliates with an established program of activities and regular council meetings.

SPONSORSHIPS

We are very much thankful for below listed companies for their valuable event sponsorships. Also other advertisers who contributed for the MBA events.

1. Flex Sportware Pvt Ltd became the main sponsor for the year 2018 - Monetary sponsorship of Rs.300,000/- and mainly sponsoring the annual Shuttle consumption as below;
Total Plastic Shuttle Cock - 80 Bins
Total Feather Shuttle Cock - 450 Bins
2. Special thanks to Mr.Rohan De Silva, Group Chairman of Mc.Larens Group for Rs.50,000/- donation and Mr.Sanjeewa Akuratiya - Director of Flex Sportware Pvt Ltd. of Rs.50,000/- donation for the tour expenses at the Novices Tour to Malaysia 2018. Mr.Rohan De Silva, Group Chairman of Mc.Larens Group for Rs.100,000/- at the Individual Tournament 2018 being prize money. Below listed companies/personnel who have donated/sponsored for MBA activities during the year;

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Akbar Brothers, Akbar Pharmaceutical(SALONPAS), Ceylon Biscuits Ltd., Nestle Lanka, Hatton National Bank, Seylan Bank, Douglas & Sons Pvt Ltd, ABANS Group, Hayleys PLC, HDDE Extracts, Vallibel Finance, People's Leasing PLC, Hirdaramani Industries, Browns Group, Hemas, Commercial Bank, Mr.Lalith Perera.

Mr.Dulip·Wijetilleke from ICICI Bank, Mr.Vasantha Gunawardena from Akbar Brothers and many other well-wishers donated goods for the school children at Holy Family Convent, Kurunegala which was co-ordinated by MBA committee members.

FINANCIAL STATUS

The MBA commenced the year under review with a bank balance of Rs.1,347,452/- as 30th Sept 2017. However, due to the substantial sponsorships and prudent financial management we were able to carry out all our activities and post a healthy financial status as you would observe.

ACTIVITIES

During the year under review the MBA conducted below activities;

(1) YONEX 35th MBA Novices Badminton Championships 2018

The championship was held from 19th to 25th March 2018 at the MBA Head Quarters & GT Jayasuriya Stadium, Col 7. The Chief Guest was Mr.Sanjeewa Akuratiya, Managing Director of Flex Sportsware Pvt Ltd. along with Sales Consultant of YONEX Sunrise & Co Pte Ltd., Singapore. 247 Men's Players and 46 Women's Players participated from 50 members companies. Totally 339 matches played at the main event and 18 matches played at the newly added plate event. Event successfully ended as scheduled.

(2) LINING 8th MBA Inter-Firm Doubles Badminton Championships 2018

The event provided an opportunity for players to combine as mixed team event. The championship was held from 21st to 29th July 2018 at the MBA Head Quarters & GT Jayasuriya Stadium, Col 7. There were 44 Companies represented more than 650 players through 60 Teams that resulted 570 matches in the tournament. Brand:LINING, was sponsored by the main sponsor Flex Sportsware Pvt Ltd. Played the tournament under 5 Division (Novices, Bowl, Plate, Cup, Grand Slam). The chief guest was Mr.Maxwell de Silva - Secretary General, National Olympic Council of Sri Lanka.

(3) LINING 35th MBA Inter-Firm Team Badminton Championships 2018

The championship was held from 15th Sept 2018 to 28th Oct 2018 at the MBA Head Quarters & GT Jayasuriya Stadium at No.28, Malalsekera Mawatha, Col 7. 24 Divisions totalling around 2000 Matches, more than 2000 players from 59 companies participated at this championship which turned out to be one of the biggest tournaments conducted so far in the history of the MBA. This event was graced by the Hon.Minister of Sports - Mr.Faiszer Musthapha being the chief guest and Guest of honors as; PR Officer to the President, Ministry of Defence - Mr.W.G.S.Thilina Wewelpanawa, Mr.Sanjeewa Akuratiya, Director - Flex Sportsware (Pvt) Ltd. being the Principal Sponsor of MBA 2018 with LINING brand and along with other distinguished delegates. Mc.Larens Group shutters secured the group win whilst the Group Runner up was MAS Holdings.

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(4) LINING 35th MBA Individual Badminton Championships 2018

The tournament is ongoing according to the plan and commenced on 2nd December 2018 and the Finals & Award ceremony will be on 9th December 2018 at MBA Head Quarters & GT Jayasuriya Stadium, No.28, Malalsekara Mawatha, Col 7. The Chief Guest will be Mr.Sanjeewa Akuratiya, Managing Director of Flex Sportsware Pvt Ltd. along with Ms.Rajni S. Jayatilake, CEO of Revival Physical Medicine Centre.

48 Companies registered at this event for 22 Divisions with 230 Men's players and 63 Women's players. Mc.Larens Group secured the overall championship in 2018.

MERCANTILE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION TRUST FUND

We thankful to MBT Chairman, Patron & Trust members for their efforts to keep the MBA Headquarters & GT Jayasuriya Stadium alive by way of coming forward and running day to day maintenance & functions of the stadium. This year with the great efforts by the President - MBA, Mr.Roshan Fernando brought Outdoor Banners worth 1Million which was sponsored by Flex Sportsware Pvt Ltd. and made MBT to purchase shop complex and lease at a cost.

PLANS FOR 2019

- Badminton to village
- Conduct regular tournaments & activities in much more professional & effective manner
- Find more Sponsors for tournaments & activities
- Adhere with more suitable technologies & techniques at all events

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The AGM 2018 is scheduled for 28th December 2018 at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC), No.35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to gratitude the MBA Principal Sponsor for 2018, Mr.Sanjeewa Akuratiya - Managing Director of Flex Sportsware Pvt Ltd. and all others sponsors for their valuable contributions.

Also, Mr.Dinusha de Costa (Secretary), Mr.Jayan Madusanka (Treasurer) for their energetic support and Mr.Moditha Jayasekara (VP & Chairman, Tournament Committee), Mr.Chandana Nilantha (Tournament Secretary), Mr.Suneendra Thannegedara (Asst. Tournament Secretary), Mr.Pubudu Mallikarachchi (Asst. Secretary), Ms.Indika Gunasena (Asst. Treasurer) and all the other members of the tournament committee.

Special gratitude to Mr.Nirodha de Costa (Past President, MBA), Mr.Izme Laxana (Past Treasurer, MBA), Ms.Ruvini Ekanayake (Past Asst. Secretary, MBA) and Mr.Adrian De Lima (Mc.Larens Group) for their continuous active efforts, energetic & motivational contribution for MBA activities.

Also the other Vice Presidents; Mr.Modhitha Jayasekara (Chairman, Tournaments), Mr.Hareendra Jayasundara (Chairman, Developments), Mr.Mohan Fernando (Chairman, Administration), Mr.Madhura Jayasekara (Chairman, Finance & Membership Development) who were taking the leaderships in many activities for the betterment of MBA and all other Executive/non-Executive committee members for their exceptional contribution in carrying out various activities which was our MBA team results of success. Let me appreciate all member firms who have regularly attended General Committee Meetings, all members who actively participated at the various MBA tournaments/events, all Media Institutions for their publicity provided and last eventually to all the players who actively took part in all tournaments.

Roshan Fernando
Hony. President - MBA