

# Mejlans Bollförening r.y.

## Annual Report 1.1.2022 - 31.5.2023

### Summary

MBF has had a successful extended fiscal year. New rules were adopted and we organized men's and women's Finnish Championship competitions in 2022 and 2023. We have continued to offer quality coaching for girls and boys as well as adults, won Finnish Championship medals, succeeded in raising a team to the first division, one team to the second, and three teams to the third division. We gained 38 new members, which compensated for the 26 members who resigned. At the end of May 2023, our membership was 89 players, and our junior activity is expanding thanks to significant support received, making the fiscal year 2023-24 look promising.

### Coaching

We regularly coached young people and adults during the fiscal year. Lauri Hakaste, Sebastian Abaijon, and Alexander Dyroff coached 7-17-year-old girls and boys on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, assisted by Frank O'Connor. Six of our advanced juniors participated in Wednesday practices with TiP-70 and PT-Espoo juniors. MBF junior coaching involved around 20 girls and boys.

We also continued coach education to ensure members receive quality coaching and development opportunities, which occurred at various training events. Sebastian Abaijon and Alexander Dyroff coached a group of about 12 adult players on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On Mondays, adults played against each other in a "kingis" tournament.

### Competitions, Leagues, and Events

MBF players participated successfully in various regional and national table tennis competitions in 2022-23.

Kamilla Kadar won the 12-year-old class Finnish Championship in singles, and in doubles with KoKu's Emily Turin in May 2023. Ildiko Kadar won the women's Top-8 in the 40-year-old category in April 2023. In January 2023, Thomas Hallbäck won Finnish Championship silver in men's singles in the 65-year-old category, and Heikki Järvinen bronze in men's doubles in the 60-year-old category. Andreas von Köhler won Finnish Championship silver in boys' doubles in the 15-year-old category in March 2023. In the same competition, Onni Farin, Andreas von Köhler, and Sisu Sammalkorpi won bronze in boys' team competition in the 15-year-old category. MBF won two medals in the veteran team Finnish Championship in November 2022. In the 50-year-old category, Jon Eriksson, Thomas Hallbäck, and Andrei Räisänen won bronze, as did Thomas Hallbäck and Heikki Järvinen in the 60-year-old category.

Under the leadership of Måns Holmberg and Jon Eriksson, MBF organized men's and women's Finnish Championship competitions in 2022 and 2023, as well as the Arf Cup in May 2023.

MBF's 13 teams performed well in the leagues. MBF 1 (Mattias Bergqvist, Thomas Hallbäck, Heikki Järvinen, Thomas Lundström, and Matti Vainio) advanced to the 1st division, and MBF 3 (Ildiko Kadar, Andreas von Köhler, and Andrei Räisänen) to the 2nd division. MBF 6 (Maris

Jansons, Petri Rantatulkkila, John-Axel Stråhlman, and Petteri Vartiainen), MBF 7 (Peter Eriksson, Onni Farin, and Sisu Sammalkorpi), and MBF 8 (Levente Kadar, Touko Lohilahti, and Petteri Nieminen) advanced to the 3rd division.

## **Membership Development**

MBF's membership increased in 2022-23. We have strived to offer a comprehensive and appealing trilingual (Swedish, Finnish, and English) environment for all those interested in table tennis. MBF is an international table tennis club with players from 10 countries.

Unfortunately, during the fiscal year, 26 members (18 juniors and 8 adults) stopped playing at MBF. By marketing our club and collaborating with local schools and associations, we successfully gained new members and spread interest in the sport: 38 players (20 juniors and 18 adults) joined MBF. In total, MBF's membership increased by 12 players (or 16%). There were 89 members at the end of May 2023.

## **Administration**

At the annual meeting on March 28, 2022, MBF's revised rules were approved. The Patent and Registration Office's association register approved them on June 15, 2022.

The rules, among other things, changed the fiscal year from the calendar year to the period June 1 - May 31, so that the annual meeting is held in August before the start of a new season 2023-24. The administrative period was therefore exceptionally five months longer this time and covered the period from January 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

In the annual meeting, Matti Vainio was elected as Chairman of the Board, and Alexander Dyroff, Jon Eriksson, Pihla Eriksson, Måns Holmberg, and Frank O'Connor as members. Berndt Johansson was elected as the auditor, and Göran Paul as a deputy. The board elected Måns Holmberg as Vice-Chairman, Jon Eriksson as Secretary, and Risto Karvonen as Treasurer at its meeting on March 28, 2022. Members of the board were Pihla Eriksson, Frank O'Connor, and Alexander Dyroff. The board met 14 times.

In 2023, MBF signed an agreement with Pingiskeskus, allowing MBF members to purchase table tennis rackets and other equipment at a discount. In 2022, MBF also acquired practice shirts, sold to members at cost price. MBF also purchased 10 beginner rackets to facilitate new players trying out table tennis.

## **Communication**

MBF actively used the sporttis.net site for member registration, practice and table reservation calendars, and member communication. MBF's website mbf.fi and Facebook had many visitors.

## **Economy**

MBF's finances were stable in 2022-23. We have actively applied for grants and responsibly managed finances. In spring 2023, MBF received a total of 17,644 euros in support from the City of Helsinki, the Southern Finland Sports and Recreation Association, and the Ministry of Education and Culture. Of this, 300 euros were used during the fiscal year to support our juniors in

competitions and purchase beginner rackets. The rest will be used during the fiscal year from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 (see the action plan). The fiscal year's result was 348.83 euros.