

2019 ICQ Report

2019 ICQ was again a rather large event, hosted by MBTSA and headed up by Host Province Coordinator Edie Parisian, Competition Director Leisha Strachan, Entry Processor Dana Petesleski, and Head Tabulator Cindy Dietrich. The local organizing committee from the 2018 Canadians remained largely the same for ICQ, picking up where we left off in the planning. We were fortunate to also be able to work closely with the same host hotel and venue, so preliminary planning was easy.

The online registration process worked extremely well. Even with the option to submit a paper entry, 100% of the people entered online. This process decreased errors in the entry process as well.

Special T Group declined to participate in our event, so merchandise was handled locally. The decision to offer only pre orders made the best sense, leaving no chance for left overs, and requiring less work for our limited volunteer base at the event. Orders were placed with the online entries and went fairly smoothly. No other vendors were available or interested mainly due to the timing of the event being on a long weekend. We were able to come close to our fundraising goal with merchandise as well as snack and 50/50 sales.

From a budget perspective, it is noted that the original budget did not include the required number of judges. This was revised, but created a large budget pressure as the judges fees, travel, meals and accommodation make up the biggest expense for this competition. More detailed information regarding judge requirements should be made available prior to the bid process to ensure Provinces are accurately forecasting these costs in their bids and budgets.

Our facility costs were also higher than originally budgeted, as the hourly rates increased after we submitted our bid. This was partially offset by a healthy hotel commission and comp rooms. Thank you to all for honoring the stay to play rules.

From a technical perspective, the competition ran very smoothly and the declarations really helped with the medal count, so we didn't have many left over. To note, we followed the new IC rules and regulations for the competition, but it was noticed that at IC, these rules were not followed. CBTF should mention this at the WBTF level and inquire as to why the written rules were not adhered to at IC. In our opinion, each country should be mandated to follow the written rules at their qualifiers and these same rules should be followed at the IC competition.

Thank you to our fantastic tabulation team of Cindy Dietrich, Terry Stewart and Trina Cimino. We would also like to thank the many volunteers from other Provinces who helped during the event with video taping requirements. We would definitely recommend this to become a required practice for future events. Having extra hands available from other Provinces throughout the event frees up local volunteers to keep the competition running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted:

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