



KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

2015 AGM Minutes– Sept 26, 2015

Location: 2629 Agricola Street, Halifax

Lower Level – Clubhouse, Italian Canadian Cultural Association

Call to order, quorum is validated

Members present:

Garrett Chase, Karen Armour, Gary Walsh, Greg Da Ros, Shannon Doane, Kevin Jones, Andrew Swiber, Milton Bourque, Russell Hovey, Mitchell German, Mathew Payne, Chris Richards, Dave Griffin, Aaron Wright, Star Deveau and Trysten Deveau, Dewayne Robicheau

Meeting called to order.

9 Dojos represented

Review Minutes of previous meeting: Karen Armour

Karen Armour reviewed the Minutes. Gary mentions he will confirm the Grant allocation notes, he feels it may be off a bit.

Motion: **Garrett Chase** moves that the minutes be passed as read.

Milton Bourque seconded the motion.

Voting Results: All in favour. Motion Passed.

President's Report: Gary Walsh

Gary Walsh reviewed the President's Report:

-We are now called "Karate NS": NKA switched to KC and the provinces followed suit. The only province who has not switched is PEI.

-Patrick Thompson is now our provincial staff person at Sport NS. He is a member of our High Performance Committee, which oversees our Performance Pathways Funding. Karen Armour and Dave Griffin are also on the Committee. Last year, KNS got Non-Canada Games Funding in the amount of \$7,900; now it is called Ns Performance Pathway Initiative... It is based on performance.



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-The Executive and Regional Directors form the KNS Board.

KNS receives core funding from:

- 1) Participation Development Grant- annual rate of \$5,000 a year for 4 years (total \$20,000). Some sports have had this funding decreased; KNS was able to maintain the existing level.
- 2) Block Funding: We received an increase in this funding over 4 years for a total increase of \$5,500.

-NCCP- KNS has two Learning Facilitators and Evaluators: Karen Armour and Gary Walsh. Gary Walsh is now a Master Learning Facilitator. Under NCCP, a coach get trained and then certified. In order to be certified the coach needs to be evaluated. Once you are certified you don't need to take the course again. Instead you take professional development to keep your certification.

-KNS hosted Sensei Antonio Oliva Seba twice in the last 3 years. He will be at the Summit this year in Toronto (October 2015).

-Sport NS recognized us as the Body for Karate in NS.

-Most of the funding KNS receives is based on results. We have done well with funding because of the performance of our athletes, coaches and officials.

-Official's promotion: Dave Griffin raised his level to World Karate Federation certification (a first for Officials in NS); Gary Walsh raised his level to National Referee A and PKF Kata C.

-A thank you goes out to the Support Staff

-We have a lot of styles represented on the Board of Directors and on the Officials Association.

-Gary Walsh is on the KC Board of Directors. Gary Walsh was also hired as Venue Results Manager at the Pan Am Games in Toronto in July 2015.

-We need volunteers to help with our Association. You don't have to be on the board to help.

Funding Summary Report: Gary Walsh

NS got to send 5 athletes to the Junior Pan Ams in Bolivia. Each athlete received \$3,000 from Sport NS. This has never happened before in the history of KNS/NSKA

Member of KNS received Community Grants: i.e. Mathew Sullivan got \$4,000 to relocate dojo, JF Charette got tatamis, Dave Griffin got a grant of \$1,000 etc.

There are also Equipment grants. Gary Walsh got a grant for a score clock. He got \$1,000.

KNS got a PSO Grant to bring Sensei Seba in. We got that grant topped up. Gary Walsh just received \$3,000 grant for a tournament- scoring system.



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Officials also got funding through Sport NS.

Atlantic- KNS got a grant to host Atlantics. We got \$3,000.

Legacy Fund- Reapplied and got some more funding

Canada Games High Performance: Report due Oct 15, 2015

Since April 1st 2014 KNS has gotten \$80,000, normally we would only get Block and Participation funding \$14,500 plus \$10,000

We need to keep applying in order to get this funding.

Block Funding and Participation Development Grant is the core amount that KNS receives. KNS still needs to apply for this funding and needs to do follow up reports. The information in the report for Block Funding extends beyond the Team. All the extra things that a dojo does gets factored into the funding formula (i.e. Style tournaments, birthday parties) so we would ask any dojo who is doing anything extra to please let us know so that we can report that in our funding document.

-KNS has a good working relations with Sport NS. That helps.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Lantz

We do not have a completed Financial Report. Once we receive one we will put it online.

The Treasurer Reports that the current balance for KNS and the Team is over \$17,000.

Our Treasurer has had to resign due to work commitments.

Membership Report: Andrew Swiber

We had a lot of late registration this year. Getting registration dues in on time would be helpful.

Andrew Swiber corrected two mistakes in his report and indicated that he will send out a corrected updated report.

We have 988 Members.

Registration should be sent to Andrew Swiber rather than the Treasurer. Fill out the form please. Andrew locked the spreadsheet to make it easier. Only the cells should be locked. KNS would like to move the registration to the website in the future.

New people:



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Garrett Chase: CASK Karate– Wado

Shannon Doane: SMU Karate Club- she is at the meeting to observe.

Membec has the biggest membership.

Membership Fees Proposal, Timelines & Process- Gary and Greg

Background to Motion:

NS has had the same fee rate for many many years. KC has been increasing their fees and changing the fee structure and changing the timing of the payment. In NS, if we keep the current fee structure we will have no money, however, we need working capital. Thus, NS needs to change their fee structure and the timing of the collection. KC doesn't distinguish anymore between a Dan and a Kyu. All members will pay the same amount. Also, we now owe KC in January but traditionally we do not collect our fees until after January. The collection time has been causing a problem. Most club start in September and we need to start collecting in Sept/Oct. To have the dues collected by October also makes sense because our insurance is due in October.

Some members present wondered when dojo were informed, Greg informs 40 days prior as per constitution.

When Gary Walsh attends the Summit he will get an update on the membership rates.

KC will be finalizing the Governance at the Summit.

Motion: Karate Canada has been increasing their fees over the years and now for KNS to sustain our association based on our current numbers, roughly 100 Dans, 800 Kyus and 25 Clubs, the board would like to adopt a 5 year plan to increase fees that have not been adjusted since the 1980's. The board would like the membership to adopt the follow proposal for adjustment to annual dues and submission date (registration date). The proposal is to make changes gradually over a period of 4 years.

Motion: Milton Bourque makes the motion.

Dave Griffin seconds the motion.

Voting Results: All in favour. Motion Passed.

Jeff Murphy and Cherry Whitaker sent an email and said they read the motion and they also had no problem with the Motion. They are not able to attend the AGM.

NCCP Report: Karen Armour

Karen Armour reviewed the NCCP report. She outlined briefly what the NCCP program was and what KC is doing in relation to NCCP. This year at the Summit, KC will be offering a CompDev course on "Analysis Technical and Tactical Performance". Also, KC has a 5 year plan to have Head provincial coaches CompDev



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certified by 2018 and to have one male and one female coach certified by 2018.

NS has two Learning Facilitators and Evaluators. NS plans to put on an Instructor Beginner course and a Competition-Introduction course in the Spring of 2016 if there is enough interest, need at least 6 people.

The hope is to to have many in attendance, Karen discusses the differences with coaching karate and other sports, where some Karate Instructors do not see the value in taking NCCP trained, due to how they elevate through their ranks of traditional karate.

Comp Dev courses are not all sport specific and are put on by SportsNS, Karate Canada, et ...

Karen thinks in future that we as an association should be requiring that the coaches sit in chair, close to ring, etc ... this is a decision to be looked at in the future.

Karen discusses the benefits of Gary being on Karate Canada board and the alignment with NCCP at National Level.

Coaches Report: Karen Armour

Karen Armour reviewed the Coaches Report.

- 8 workouts
- ½ open for folks to gain experience
- After team selection goes to closed workouts
- Jake Bird is missing from 2015 team list
- Correct Brooklyn's Club, wrongly identified.

At the 2015 Nationals, NS had 16 athletes. NS received 3 gold medals, 5 bronze medals, and 5 fourth place finishes. Trysten Deveau was also awarded the Junior Sportsmanship Award at Nationals.

Five athletes from NS attended the Junior Pan Ams in Bolivia. Sean O'Neil missed training camp so he became excluded. Trysten Deveau got a bronze medal for Team Kumite and Brooklynn Rutherford had a 7th place finish. Karen also attended at Junior PanAms as a Canadian Coach.

Two athletes from NS will be attending the Junior World Championships in Jakarta: Trysten Deveau and Alex Comeau.

Nationals will be in Richmond, BC from January 29-31, 2016.

Questions on floor on Nationals from same place for a 4 year period, timing of calendar, lots of work. Karen/Gary feel this is coming to an end.

Weight maintenance for junior athletes is noted by karen as an issue for success in nationals and then moving to Pan Ams.



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Karen talks about 12-13 year old divisions at Nationals officially now as divisions, as internationally all events have this.

Officials Report: Dave Griffin

Dave Griffin reviewed the Officials Report:

- Over the last 12 months we have made steady process with our officials program. The skill level of our officials continues to improve.
- We generally have enough officials to run tournaments, however, this year in Yarmouth we could only run two rings rather than 3.
- The changes we made to Kata (2 competitors at a time) seem to be working out well.
- We had 3 provincial Clinic over the last year: Jan 2015- new rule changes, April 2015, and June 2015
Oct 2014- Sensei Yaro Tarana conducted the Atlantic Regional official's clinic.
- Upgrades: Gary Walsh got Pan Am Kata judge "C" license and Dave Griffin got his WKF Kata judge A license.
- In October 2015 Sensei Yaro Tarana will be conducting the Atlantic Regional officials clinic in PEI.

Open floor for New Business

1. Atlantics: Kata- there does not appear to be a category for athletes under 10 years.
 - Kumite for 9 years olds may be ninja turtle.
 - Everyone needs chest and headgear
 - There are different rules depending on province hosting the Atlantics so you need to read their rules.
 - Head gear is needed for ninja turtle

Greg Da Ros will clarify the rules with Collin Affleck.

2. In NS we do three tournaments a year. It will be hard to put on more unless we have more referees and volunteers to consistently help.

2. Bushino Ki Karate Tournament- to raise money for Trysten Deveau and Alex Comeau is:
Oct 17: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Kata, Nina turtle, Kumite

3. Tournament in December 2015:

There was an assumption that it would be in Halifax, however, Digby has space booked.

Digby has always supported the team. If we are unable to locate a reasonably priced venue in Metro then we will have the tournament in Digby. KNS wants to spread the tournaments around so that everyone has an opportunity to attend.

Bridgewater (Nov 14), Horton (Apr 2016), Atlantics (Oct 2015)



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KNS can try to host the tournament on Dec 12, 2015 rather than Dec 19, 2015.

Kata- Dave Griffin needs to check with KC about the date of the Kata Workout as it is currently scheduled for Dec. 12, 2015.

Digby can host the tournament Dec 12 or 19.

Election of Officers: Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Regional Reps, & President

2nd Vice President: Karen Armour

Gary Walsh nominated Karen Armour

Milton Bourque seconded the nomination

Vote: All in favor

Treasurer: Chris Richards

Star Deveau nominated Chris Richards

Karen Armour seconded the nomination

Vote: All in favor

We will now need to appoint a new Athlete Representative

Secretary: Garrett Chase

Gary Walsh nominated Garrett Chase

Milton Bourque seconded the nomination

Vote: All in favor

Motion: **Dave Griffin** motions to close the meeting.

Chris Richards seconded the motion.

Voting Results: All in favour. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourns at 4:04 pm