



KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT– JULY 2015

KNS Executive, Board of Directors, Dojo Representatives and Members:

Good Afternoon Everyone: On behalf of the KNS Executive and Board, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2015 AGM - and to the follow-up of another very important year for Karate in Nova Scotia. In addition, I would like to give you an indication of the exciting road ahead for the 2015-2016 Season.

**First and foremost, a reminder that we are now officially
.... "Karate Nova Scotia".**

Patrick Thompson is now our provincial staff person with Sport NS. He replaces Candice Petten, who moved home to Newfoundland last year to work with the provincial school system. Patrick has been instrumental in helping us to secure funding, and to organizing various operational meetings - as well as the necessary documentation. In addition to this he has also been a member of our High Performance Committee overseeing our Performance Pathways Funding. A special thanks to Patrick for this.

Thanks as well to our dedicated Executive Members and Regional Directors, which make up the Board of Directors for Karate in Nova Scotia. Working together as a Team has made it possible for us to once again achieve some great successes, and accomplish some very high profile standards over the past season.

Meetings were held to complete the new Participation Development Grant, which has an annual rate of \$5000 for Karate Nova Scotia. In times where many of these grants have often decreased, or have even disappeared, KNS was able to maintain a standard whereby we will continue to receive a total of \$20,000 over the next 4 years.

We completed the Block Funding Application, which funded KNS with \$6000 annually. This was a very in-depth process, which resulted in an increase of \$1000 the first year, and \$1500 for the remaining 3 years - which results in a total increase of \$5500 over a 4 year period.

Regarding NCCP for KNS - We now have 2 Learning Facilitators in the province as well as 2 Evaluators recognized by Karate Canada. Karen Armour and Gary Walsh were able to put these qualifications to use last season by running an Instructor/Beginner Course, as well as a Competition/Introduction Course at Kings-Edgehill School in Windsor. More courses will follow this coming season. Gary is now a Master Learning Facilitator with the National Coaching Certification Program.

Nova Scotia hosted Sensei Antonio Oliva Seba twice during the past 3 years. Sensei is one of the greatest tacticians and strategists in the World of Sport Karate, and has worked individually with more World Champions than anyone.

In a time where tournaments are under scrutiny by numerous provinces for sanctioning guidelines ... KNS received support from Sport Nova Scotia by recognizing us as the Body for Karate in the Province. Some provinces are presently going through difficult times - coming to an understanding within each of their regions. Following my request, I received confirmation of this recognition from Health and Wellness Nova Scotia.

With regards to Major Tournaments:

The results of the various local and major tournaments, as well as awards received by Team Nova Scotia, will be discussed during the Coaches Report. However, it must be pointed out that much of our available provincial funding is based on Results. It is for this reason that we have been able to secure much of our resources on the performance of our Coaches, Athletes, and Officials - on both the National and World Stage.

This was made possible, thanks to our Provincial Coaching Staff - Made up of Mitchell German, Karen Armour, Greg DaRos, and San Fung German.

The Officials' Team from NS represented their Province well with anywhere from 3 to 4 active members at National and International Competitions:

**- This year Gary Walsh raised his level to National Referee A – and PKF Kata C, at this year's Senior Pan Am Championships in Toronto
-Dave Griffin has raised his level to World Karate Federation status - a First for Officials in this area of the Country.**

Special Thank You's go out to our Support Staff for hosting the very Best events in Atlantic Canada (and Beyond):

Star Deveau	- First Aid
Craig Sexton	- Equipment Manager
Greg DaRos	- Tournament Coordinator
Adrian MacIntyre	- Tournament Marshall
Team NS Athletes	- Tournament Results and Running Skills Challenge
Many Athletes	- Reading the Athletes' Oath at Tournaments (F/E)

We are indeed fortunate to have representatives from each of our member Styles in many sectors of Karate Nova Scotia, which continues to make us the envy of the rest of the country. For example, we have representatives from all of our provincial styles in both our Board of Directors as well as our Officials' Association.

During the most recent Summit in Toronto I was voted on the Board of Directors of Karate Canada, receiving the support from all provinces. I was also fortunate enough to be hired on as Venue Results Manager at the Pan Am Games in Toronto in July. This was possible, following a lengthy application and training process, and thanks to an extensive background in technology, and many years of teaching and officiating.

Just a quick reminder to everyone, that anyone is able to help with our Association - without being on the Board. If you have a Specialty that you would like to share or work at, please let us know that you are interested in helping us, outside of the Executive Board itself. Whether it be at the tables at tournaments, registration, organizational skills, technical expertise regarding administration and management - there is a place for everyone at Karate Nova Scotia.

In closing - To the present day Volunteers, from all sectors of Karate Nova Scotia, I Thank You all so much - especially for the time and energy that you provide to our Organization and its Members. As I have mentioned over the past few seasons ... these are some of the greatest and most successful years in Karate for Nova Scotians - Enjoy them - it's all because of You.

Yours in Karate

**Gary Walsh
President
Karate Nova Scotia
Director Karate Canada**

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