



KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT— APRIL 2016

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 2016 AGM - and to the follow-up of yet another very important year for Karate in Nova Scotia. As in past years, I would also like to give you an indication of the very exciting road ahead for the 2016-2017-2018 Seasons.

For those of you who are not aware of our close-knit partnership with Sport Nova Scotia, Patrick Thompson is our provincial staff person with Sport NS. Patrick continues to be 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. In addition, Patrick has helped me in applying for our bid to host the 2018 Nationals in Halifax (More on this later) A special thanks once again to Patrick for all that he does.

Thanks as always to our dedicated Executive Members and Regional Directors, which make up the Board of Directors for Karate 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.

I met with both Pat Thompson and Evan MacInnis at Sport NS to complete the follow-up details for 2016 regarding our 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 \$15,000 over the remaining 3 years.

Last year we completed the Block Funding Application, which had 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. We have our 2016 follow-up meeting coming up, as well as our initiatives meeting, in order to take care of our Block Funding obligations for this coming year.

Just a quick update regarding NCCP for KNS - We have 2 Learning Facilitators in the province as well as 2 Evaluators recognized by Karate Canada. Karen Armour and myself fill both of these roles at the present time.

I am also now a Master Learning Facilitator with the National Coaching Certification Program, and have recently co-delivered the Comp Dev Course, as well as Evaluated Coaches, at this years Nationals (which were held in Richmond, B.C.) This brings my Evaluator level to Certified. The Course was co-delivered with Gerard Lauziere from the Coaching Association of Canada (Gerard is also the Director of KC's NCCP Program) In addition, as well as being a Director on Karate Canada's Board – my main Portfolio is NCCP.

Karen will also be giving updates during her NCCP Report.

Regarding the Non-Canada Games funding – this has now moved to Performance Pathways as High Performance Funding. This was followed up this year with Pat Thompson, Karen Armour, Dave Griffin and myself – and centered on meetings with Sport Performance Coordinator and Consultant, Dr. Peter Davis. Using his templates and under his guidance we have raised our funding in this area from \$7600 per year to \$12,500 each year from 2016-2019. We are already working on ways to improve our score and increase our funding even more when this program gets revisited. I also have the pleasure of working with Dr. Davis with Karate Canada at the Annual Summit and Nationals.

Karen and Dave will also provide any updates on this at this year's AGM.

Following the Senior Pan Ams in Toronto, I put in an application for a PSO Grant to purchase a state of the art Score/Clock System and Sport Data Software and Support. I received confirmation that a \$3000 Grant was approved and that we are now able to purchase the equipment and software to host tournaments of any size. We will look to Cary and Andrew to bring us up to date on recent purchases and a performance timeline. We can always expand on this if necessary – I am able to do this through a series of Regional Grants within the province.

With regards to Major Tournaments and Events:

The question has often been raised regarding funding for Karate, and the ratio between the percentage of members doing traditional and local training and activities - compared to the much lower percentage that actually take part in Tournaments and practice Sport Karate.

In fact, it must be pointed out that much of our available provincial funding is based on "Results" – mainly at the Atlantic, National, and International Levels. It is for this reason that we have been able to secure much of our resources and support - based on the performances of our Coaches, Athletes, and Officials - on both the National and World Stage.

**Once again, a special thanks to our Provincial Coaches:
Our Staff consists of Mitchell German, Karen Armour, Greg DaRos, and San Fung German for Kumite, and Dave Griffin and Victor Swinimer for Kata.**

**Karate Nova Scotia's Officials' Team always represents our Province well with anywhere from 3 to 4, and sometimes more, active members at National and International Competitions:
KNS Presently has 19 Officials performing at the following levels:
World - 1, Pan American - 1, National - 4, Provincial – 13 Great work folks!**

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
Cary Hollett	- Tournament Technician
Greg DaRos	- Tournament Coordinator and Webpage
Adrian MacIntyre	- Tournament Marshall
Team NS Athletes	- Tournament Results, Oaths (F+E), Skills Challenge

**As an update to the upcoming National Championships - Quebec City will be the host for 2017. Karate Canada has just announced a change in date for the event, in order to accommodate both KC and the PSO in its attempt to use the very best facility, and at very good rate for both the Venue and other the necessities that come along with it.
(The dates are now Feb 23rd -26th – 2017)**

We have almost completed our application and bid for the 2018 Nationals here in Halifax. This has been a 4 year process, and recently Pat and I have been putting the final touches on securing the Venue, as well as various contacts regarding hotels in the area, the necessary funding, and promo materials, in order to bring the process to fruition.

In addition we will have our Technicians (Greg, Cary, Adrian, Andrew, and Crew) help Kurt Nordli of KC run our new Sport Data System. Dave Griffin will work with KC's Technical Team to oversee the Officials' Clinic and National Certifications. Our KNS Coaching Staff will help host the Teams

from all Provinces and Territories. Star Deveau will help put together a Staff of Safety and Volunteer personnel that will work together to build an environment second to none. And we will of course bring in our friends that provide merchandise at all of the major Karate Canada Championships. Some of the final designations will be to oversee local issues such as transportation and hospitality, as well as to recruit our minor officials and volunteers to help work as scorers, timekeepers, in addition to the equipment crew for set-up and teardown, and other valuable tasks. We will plan for these, and any other initiatives on behalf of KC, in order to ensure that the event is an enjoyable success.

The event is scheduled to take place Feb 28th to Mar 4th – 2018!!

As I have always mentioned in the past, 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.

This important fact – I can't say enough ... Anyone is able to help out 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, first aid, 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 many times leading up to today ... these are some of the greatest and most successful years in Karate for Nova Scotians - Enjoy them - it's all because of You – Thank You All So Very Much !!!

Yours in Karate

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

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