



PRESIDENT'S REPORT– 2018 MAY 6th

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

WELCOME Everyone: On behalf of the KNS Executive and Regional Directors, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2018 AGM - and to the summary of an amazing 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 2018-2019 Season.

I have combined 2 previous drafts of this report that I have been working on, in order to prepare this final document. I wanted to be sure to cover the present year, the particulars of 2017-18, and the possibilities of the coming season(s).

I always like to begin by letting everyone know that Patrick Thompson is our provincial staff person with Sport NS. Patrick continues to help us secure funding, and to organize various operational meetings. In addition to this he has also been a member of our Funding Team, along with Chris Richards and myself. As well, Patrick has helped me over the past 3 years in preparing for the 2018 Nationals here in Halifax.

Thanks once again to our Executive Members and Regional Representatives, which make up the Board of Directors for KNS. Working together as a Team, we have once again achieved some great successes and have accomplished some very high-profile standards over the past year.

In the Spring, Pat and I met with Sport NS to discuss and go over the follow-up details for 2017-18 funding, regarding our new Sport Development Grant, which replaces the Participation Development Grant, the Block Funding, as well as the High-Performance Funding. We followed up with various KNS members with specific questions that were in the funding document. Thanks to those who provided us with the information.

Very glad that I applied a few years ago for the \$3000 PSO Grant for the new Scoring System. We have now purchased much of the equipment and software needed to host tournaments of almost any size for KNS. Cary always brings us up to date throughout the year, regarding any particulars relating to hardware and/or software. We can always expand on this if necessary through a series of Regional Grants within the province. By owning and implementing this state of the art scoring system, during KNS events, we were well trained and prepared in order to manage and staff the Technical Portion of the 2018 Halifax Nationals.

With regards to Major Tournaments and Events:

Once again, a very special thanks to our Provincial Coaching Staff for both Kumite and Kata. Our many awards and successes each and every year are a direct reflection of your dedication and expertise.

Karate Nova Scotia's Officials' Team always represents our Province well with active members at National and International Competitions - A Thank You to all KNS Officials for all that you do here at home - and abroad.

Special Thank You's go out to our Support Staff for hosting the very Best events in Atlantic Canada ... and now the Nation. From Scoring and Technical Tasks, to Safety and First Aid, as well as Fundraising and Supervision – we would not be where we are today - had it not been for you. Thanks to you all - on behalf of the entire membership.

Regarding the recent National Championships here at home in Halifax – Congratulation to all of Team Nova Scotia which includes Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Mentors, Parents, Volunteers, NCCP Instructors and Participants, and all others that made this Nationals a huge success.

The 2018 National Championships has been a 5-year process – by first successfully soliciting support from fellow KC Board Members, Provincial Presidents, and many divisions within the Province of Nova Scotia.

Special thanks to Cheryl Tataryn - Events Manager for KC, Quebec President Stephane Rivest, KC Executive Director Olivier Pineau, Program Manager Alexandra Roy, Logistics and Admin Gillian Benson, and KC President Craig Vokey.

Almost everything has been brought to a close on the national level. I asked Olivier this week if the financials have been completed yet - and he said that things should be finalized over the next 2 to 3 weeks. KC had predicted total profits from the event to range from \$20k to \$34k. We don't know the final tally yet, but Olivier still feels as though it will be substantial for both KC and KNS - since we equally split the net profit.

A very Special Thanks to our Lead Team, which makes up our LOC (and reported to the NOC listed above) – which included: Star Deveau, Pat Thompson, Chris Richards, Dave Griffin, Garrett Chase, Craig Sexton, Cary Hollett, Jeff Murphy, Rick and Cherry Whitaker, and myself. In addition, a big thank you to the members that assisted the Lead Team by working on sub-committees during the process. These would include Greg DaRos, Shannon Doane, Theresa Griffin, and a great big thank you goes out to Angel Flanagan for capturing all of the memories - for us to share with the rest of Canada – for years to come.

Thanks as well to our Technicians Jojo, Michael, and Terry for running the Sport Data System. Our KNS Coaching Staff, who helped host the Coaches and Teams from all Provinces. Star Deveau who helped put together the Staff of Safety personnel that worked incredibly well together, in order to build a healthy and safe environment for all. The dedication and expertise of our minor officials and volunteers that helped work as scorers,

security, timekeepers, as well as the equipment crew for set-up and tear-down, and other valuable tasks - in order to make the event an enjoyable success.

The event took place Mar 7th to 11th, 2018 at the beautiful Halifax Canada Games Centre - and our Championship is now recognized as the largest, and one of the most successful Nationals - in Karate Canada history!

Our Athletes' Village was centered around the 4 major downtown hotels, with the Marriott taking on the reigns as the Host for Team NS ... and our many friends and families from all across Canada.

I was notified by Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic, in addition to the Management of the Games Centre - that our event was the largest ever held, throughout the history of the Halifax Canada Games Centre.

As far as my role as president of KNS – let me begin by once again saying thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. I have been approached by several individuals and groups from Sport NS, KNS, and Karate Canada about my plans for the upcoming final year of my term and beyond – but I want to be sure everyone is aware of what the future holds.

As I had mentioned at a number of AGM's, I realize that I hold a position that isn't really in demand, but for what it's worth ... I have really loved doing it. So last year I mentioned that my plans were to stay on as president, at least until after the 2018 Nationals were over – it has taken a great deal of work and time to bring the championships here to NS, so I am therefore proud and grateful, for the opportunity to have completed this mandate, and follow it through to fruition.

I also said that I would not abandon KNS and that it is my hope to be able to work with someone who would like to move into the position of President. I have recently had a number of discussions as a result of receiving many phone calls and messages, from individuals wanting me to stay on as president. However, my response to them was that since this is not an election year for the President's position, I am definitely somewhere in my final year. Today I will decide whether I will step aside in one hour - or in one year.

It will be important to go over the information, files, folders, and contacts that have led to many of our funding opportunities, the numerous friends in sport-government-and industry, and our great working relationship with Sport NS and Communities, Culture, and Heritage. Since all of this correspondence is in digital form, many already have the details, because they had been copied in the various messages and e-mails. One of the roles of the Executive will be to continue to inform the membership of the many opportunities available through SNS and KNS. As expected, a number of introductions should take place on a personal level – in order maintain a long lasting relationship with so many important individuals and organizations.

Major changes took place in Sport Nova Scotia over the past year that will definitely require some experience and consistency with regards to funding, applying, and reporting. As I mentioned above, the Sport Development Funding Tool is now in place, and it

represents and replaces the 3 previous avenues for funding within the province – for every sport.

We have just completed the first couple of phases of the project, and hope to see it through to completion over the next number of months. Once again, thank you to the various individuals that helped to provide specific information for us to submit, regarding the sport funding tool.

As was discussed before the Nationals, one of the other major areas to focus on over the upcoming season is that of Governance. It would be nice for at least three individuals to finalize the formation of the governance committee. From here a workgroup can be brought together to go over the process and planning, so that the committee will be able to complete the initiative with the valuable input of others.

I recently was part of this process, while on the KC Board of Directors, and was able to gather the information necessary for us to start off with the governance of KC as a template, and then modify it to specifically fit KNS.

The same is true for Strategic Planning - which should be followed up as the next initiative following governance. KC is presently revisiting this portfolio, which should be completed just in time for KNS to adopt the new strategies and format.

By following these two KC policies - it will ensure that our PSO (Karate NS) is directly in-line with our NSO (KC). I have also discussed this with KC's legal counsel, who has agreed to help me with the process - as it develops here at home with the local committees.

Once my term as President comes to a close, I will completely step aside from the Executive of Karate NS, in all areas. This is why it is important for us to find someone genuinely interested in stepping into the position of President, so that the transition is well planned and productive.

In addition, during my role as President - I have provided advice and templates for those wishing to seek funding for Professional Development and also various Material and Equipment purchases. Even though it is very in-depth and time consuming – it is worth every second of dedication in order to help the various clubs and individuals throughout the province.

I have recently been asked to assist with the National Association of ICKF-Canada – I am excited and very much looking forward to this role, however I have indicated to them that I cannot begin to take on this initiative until I have completed my term with Karate Nova Scotia.

Therefore, after my term as President comes to an end, my future will consist of focusing on Family Life, my Home Dojo, as well as working with ICKF-Canada.

I will stay active as a Master Coach Developer in the areas of Facilitation, Observation, and Certification of coaches in NCCP. I truly enjoy doing this and I will continue to do this as long as I possibly can.

I will also remain on the Board of Directors for Karate Canada, and work with the National NCCP Committee on provincial and national issues.

Other than that, my role on the Executive will come to an end. I have fulfilled my mandate, and after successfully securing PSO funding and numerous contacts, programs, and resources, I feel so fortunate to have closed out my term with the hosting of the 2018 National Championships in Halifax. I can proudly step aside from the Executive of KNS knowing what has been accomplished – and what everyone can look forward to – and that it has been worth every step that it took ... to get us here today.

So this evening, when I arrive at home, I can tell Eileen one of the following two statements. Both of them I thankfully and genuinely look forward to:

-One would be that my responsibilities and time restrictions have literally been cut in half - and therefore it is now time to enjoy a break, and celebrate the past 5 extremely rewarding years as President of KNS

-Or ... "that this is my first day - of my final year - as President of KNS"

I genuinely look forward to either option – they are both Special to me

I am just hoping that whoever and whenever, someone assumes the role of President, they realize what we have and how special it is. So I once again offer this very important seat on the Executive – so that I can eventually, with all of you, sit in an even more important seat - as part of the KNS Membership!

Once again, I will repeat the request that I continue to announce whenever possible ... Anyone can help with our Association – and you don't have to be on the Board, or even practice Karate. If you have a Specialty that you would like to share with us, or work at, please let us know that you are interested in helping us. Whether it is at the tables at tournaments, registration, organizational skills, finances, first aid, technical expertise regarding administration and management - there is a place for everyone at KNS.

In closing - To our Volunteers, from all areas of KNS, I Thank You All Very Much - especially for the time and energy that you provide to our Organization and its Members, today ... and leading up to today.

Once again, everyone should be looking forward to another exciting and amazing year in Karate for Nova Scotians – With the 2018 Atlantics taking place in Halifax once again, the excitement never ends. So I say Thank You All So Very Much – It has certainly been my pleasure

Yours in Karate

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

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