

2014 AGM Minutes– April 6, 2014

Location: 2629 Agricola Street, Halifax Upper Level – Kitchen Classroom, Italian Canadian Cultural Association

Call to order, quorum is validated

Members present:

Victor Swinimer, Milton Bourque, Jeff Murphy, Kevin Jones, Gary Walsh, Greg Da Ros, Karen Armour, Star Deveau, Trysten Deveau, Terry Lantz, Tina Burns, Russell Hovey, Andrew Swiber, Chris Richards, Aaron Wright, Dave Griffin

Meeting called to order.

12 Dojos represented

Gary Walsh talked about the tournament that took place the day before. KNS had 160 competitors in the tournament. The Tournament went very well. Gary thanked Star Deveau for the medical and Dave Griffin for coordinating the officials.

Subway supported KNS with a \$500 grant and, as a result, the officials, medical support staff, and technical crew got a \$25 gas card as a thank you for all the hard work they do.

Review Minutes of previous meeting: Karen Armour

The 2013 AGM Minutes were handed out before the meeting for everyone to review.

Motion: Milton Bourque moves that the minutes be passed as read.

Victor Swinimer seconded the motion.

Voting Results: All in favour. Motion Passed.

President's Report: Gary Walsh

-Funding: KNS receives the following funding:

a) Participation Development Grant: KNS will get \$5,000 a year over the next 4 years (\$20,000 in total).

b) Block Funding: KNS will receive \$6,000 this year, \$7,000 next year, and \$7,500 for

the next two years after that.

This money is spent on operations. KNS determines how the money will be spent.

-A funding grant of \$500 was received to put on the NCCP course.

-Gary Walsh worked with Hants Shore to get them in touch with the right people in order for them to get funding for their dojo relocation. Jeff Murphy will check with Matt Sullivan (Hants Shore) to find out about the process.

-KNS is not officially registered.

-Our Association is now officially called *Karate Nova Scotia*. Janessa Green from Sport Nova Scotia was instrumental in helping KNS with this.

-Candice Petten is now our liaison at Sport NS.

-Gary Walsh has been travelling around the province with Trysten and Tyler Deveau so that the Deveau's (T & T) can put on clinics. All the money raised goes to Trysten and Tyler. Contact Gary Walsh or Star Deveau if you are interested in booking them for a clinic.

-Gary Walsh read the President's report, which included among other thing:

- a) KNS has two Learning Facilitators
- b) Tournament results were highlighted
- c) Official's upgrades were recognized
- d) Funding (past 2 years) is listed at the end of the report. This is the funding that is allocated for specific things.

-In the last 2 years KNS has received approximately \$50,000 from Sport NS between its core funding and the other grants for specific purposes.

Treasurer's Report: JF Charette

JF Charette was not able to attend the AGM but he submitted his financial statements.

-Karate Canada's (KC) season is now different than it used to be.

-KNS needs to pay our registration to KC before January of each year now (rather than in March). There was a discussion concerning the collection of fees. Most dojo's start up in September, therefore, registration fees should be collected at the beginning of the season (September). Collecting the registration fee is currently a problem for KNS. At the present time we still have 2 clubs who haven't responded to emails.

-This year KNS experienced some financial difficulties as we had two Nationals and the Commonwealth Championship in the same year. Going forward we now know we need to budget a little better to take into account upcoming events.

JF Charette will not be returning as Treasurer. He wishes to thank everyone for there support over the years.

Membership Report: Greg Da Ros

-We have 24 Clubs, some outstanding fees, one no response and no new clubs.

-We had one name change- Murphy's Karate

NCCP Report: Karen Armour

Karen Armour reviewed her report which, outlined: a) What the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is about, b) What KC is offering in terms of NCCP training, c) The 5 year Plan to train Provincial Coaches, and d) That KNS has two trained Learning Facilitators/Evaluators and the KNS put on an Instructor Beginner and Competition-Introduction course in 2013.

Gary Walsh spent some time explaining the NCCP process.

Coaches Report: Greg Da Ros

-Greg Da Ros reviewed the results from last year's Nationals.

-Petro Canada may be a corporate sponsor. Gary Walsh said we needed something regional.

Officials Report: Dave Griffin

Dave Griffin read his report, which stated: a) the level of the officials continues to improve, b) we have made some changes to our junior kata divisions and the new format provides athletes with more opportunity to compete, c) we had three official's clinics this year and there will be another one in June, d) we have had several license upgrades (Gary Walsh-National Kumite Referee "B"; Victor Swinimer-National Kumite Referee "A"; Dave Griffin- WKF Kata Judge "B").

Open floor for New Business

1. Medical/Safety Committee was formed: Karen Armour, Michel Comeau, Star

Deveau, and Chris Richards will be on the Committee. Committee can grow if more people are interest.

2. There are many advantages to being a member of KNS, including a) the new power to sanction tournaments, b) the Funding that is available to members, and c) the First Aid training that is available. We need to do a better job of communicating the benefits of being a member of KNS.

3. Safety at tournaments- paramedics: KC indicated that we need to have paramedics at Atlantics.

4. Safety gear (i.e. chest protection)- We can't change rules with regard to safety gear at the last tournament of year. We need to be consistent. We need to tell the clubs what the rules are before the first tournament so everyone has advanced notice of any changes.

5. Milton Bourque invited everyone to the Yarmouth Cup. He advised that this event is going to be televised (3 hours of broadcast). They will have paramedics there. There will be three rings. They will also have Team Kata and Team Kumite (3 people teams- from one club).

6. Website- KNS needs to hire a company to re-due our website- looking at cost now. The Event Calendar has been updated.

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

President: Gary Walsh

Dave Griffin nominated Gary Walsh.
Victor Swinimer seconded the nomination.
Vote: All in favour.

Membership: Andrew Swiber

Greg Da Ros nominated Andrew Swiber.
Aaron Wright seconded the nomination.
Vote: All in favour.

Treasurer: vacant

Vice-President: Greg Da Ros

Chris Richards nominated Greg Da Ros.
Karen Armour seconded the nomination.

Vote: All in favour.

The Regional Representatives:

Dave Griffin:	Valley
Kevin Jones:	Central
Victor Swinimer:	South Shore Nova
Milton Bourque:	South West Nova
Russell Hovey:	Central Nova

Greg Da Ros nominated the Regional Representatives.

Karen Armour seconded the nomination.

Vote: All in favour.

Motion: Dave Griffin motions to close the meeting.

Victor Swinimer seconded the motion.

Voting Results: All in favour. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourns at 3:00 pm