



KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

2017 AGM President's Report

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 2017 AGM - and to the summary of yet another great 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 Season.

First of all ... just a reminder 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 High Performance Committee overseeing our Performance Pathways Funding. In addition, Patrick has helped me over the past 2 years in preparing to host the 2018 Nationals in Halifax.

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

In March Karen and I met with both Pat Thompson and Jason Hansford-Smith at Sport NS to complete the follow-up details for 2016-17 regarding our Participation Development Grant, which has an annual rate of \$5000 for Karate Nova Scotia. To reiterate from last year's report, in times where many of these grants have often decreased, or have even disappeared, KNS was able to maintain a standard whereby we continue to receive a total of \$15,000 over the remaining 3 years.

Our Block Funding provides KNS with \$7500 annually. We have our 2017 follow-up Report coming due Apr 17th - as well as our annual initiatives meeting, in order to take care of our Block Funding obligations for the coming year.

Last year I did an NCCP report, but much of it was a duplication of Karen's document, so I will leave this section to her – with a special thank you going out to all of our members working on their NCCP Coaching Status.

Our Performance Pathways / High Performance Funding provides us with \$12,500 each year from 2016-2019. We are already working on ways to improve our score and



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increase our funding even more when this program gets revisited. Dr. Peter Davis was our chief advisor throughout this process. I also have the pleasure each year, of working with Dr. Davis with Karate Canada at the Annual Summit and Nationals.

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. We received the \$3000 Grant and have now purchased much of the equipment and software needed to host tournaments of almost 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:

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 anywhere from 3 to 4, and sometimes more, active members at National and International Competitions - A very special 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 Beyond). From Scoring and Technical issues, 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. Thank you all - on behalf of the entire membership.

Regarding the recent National Championships in Quebec City – 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.

We are now preparing to host the 2018 National Championships right here in Halifax. This has been a 4 year process for me – successfully soliciting support from fellow KC Board Members and Provincial Presidents. Our time to invite Canada to Nova Scotia is now – and the entire country is just as excited as we are.



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Pat and I have been working with members of Karate Canada to finalize many of the details. These include Cheryl Tataryn - Events Manager for KC, Quebec President Stephane Rivest, KC Executive Director Olivier Pineau, Program Manager Alexandra Roy, and KC President Craig Vokey.

I am proud to announce our Lead Team which makes up our LOC (and reports to the NOC listed above) – which includes: Dave Griffin, Garrett Chase, Chris Richards, Pat Thompson, Craig Sexton, Cary Hollett, Jeff Murphy, Rick and Cherry Whitaker, and myself.

In addition, we will have our Technicians to help Kurt Nordli of KC run the Sport Data System. KC's Technical Team will 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. One of the final designations will be to recruit our minor officials and volunteers to help work as scorers, 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 is scheduled to take place Mar 7th to 11th – 2018!!

With regards to my role as president of KNS – let me begin by once again saying thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. I have spoken with almost everyone about my plans for the upcoming 2 years and beyond – but I want to be sure everyone is aware of what the future holds.

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

Following the Nationals in 2018, even though I would only be part way through my term, it would be my pleasure to work with someone who would like to move into the position of president. Someone that I can work with - and turn over all the information, files, folders, and contacts that have led to many of our funding opportunities, the many



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friends in sport-government-and industry, and our great working relationship with Sport NS and Health and Wellness.

However, if this does not happen, I will never abandon KNS – I will continue to work with the Board and the Membership to the very best of my ability, and again have everything in place before the end of my term – when we will revisit this once more.

As I continue to mention each year, 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 most of our provincial styles on our Board of Directors, as well as our Officials' Association, and our Coaching Staff.

And one final important fact – that I continue to announce whenever possible ... Anyone can help with our Association - without being on the Board. 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.

Karate NS had a huge loss this year with the passing of Sensei Victor Swinimer – his years of training and working with his brothers and sisters here at KNS has made our Karate world a far better place, yet at the same time – following his recent passing, our World will never be the same.

In closing - To our Volunteers, from all areas of Karate Nova Scotia, 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.

Looking forward to an exciting and incredible year in Karate for Nova Scotians – With the 2018 Nationals taking place right here in Halifax – Thank You All So Very Much!!!

Yours in Karate

Gary Walsh
President
-Karate Nova Scotia
-Director Karate Canada



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President	Vice-President	2nd Vice-President
Gary Walsh	Greg Da Ros	Karen Armour
Treasurer		Secretary
Chris Richards		Garrett Chase
Membership Coordinator		Athlete Representative
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES 16-17		
Cape Breton Highland	Central	Valley
Jeff Murphy	Shannon Doane	David Griffin
Central Nova	South Shore Nova	South West Nova
Russell Hovey	Victor Swinimer *	Milton Bourque
SUPPORT STAFF/ROLES 16-17		
Tournaments	Coaching Staff	Head Official
Greg Da Ros (Director)	Mitchell German (Head Coach)	Dave Griffin
Cary Hollett (Coordinator)	Karen Armour (Head Coach/Manager)	Sports NS Representative
Adrian McIntyre (Marshall)	San Fung-German (Assistant)	Pat Thompson
Craig Sexton (Equipment)	Greg Da Ros (Assistant)	Webmaster
Andrew Postma (Technology)	Mark Burgess / Jeff Murphy (Assistant)	Greg Da Ros
KNS Para-Karate Rep for KC	Star Deveau (Medical)	
Jeff Murphy		