

KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

Annual General Meeting

May 15, 2022
6:40pm via Zoom

In Attendance

Voting Members and Dojos

1. Michaela Peters - CASK Karate Halifax
2. Shannon Doane – SMU Karate Club
3. Greg Da Ros - Halifax Ryuseikan
4. Kevin Jones – East Coast Wado
5. John Pendergast - Halifax World Kanreikai Karate
6. Mitchell German - Halifax Ryuseikan
7. Chris Golz - East Hants Karate Club
8. Allison Golz - East Hants Karate Club
9. Peg Mumford - Murphy's Karate Academy
10. Maria Habchi – Halifax Ryuseikan
11. Doug Chetwynd - Mukashi School of Karate
12. Ralph d`Entremont - Mukashi School of Karate
13. Cherry Whitaker – New Glasgow Karate Club
14. Ambuj Laroia– CASK Karate Halifax
15. Jordan Mahar – Halifax Ryuseikan
16. Milton Bourque - Mukashi School of Karate
17. Jeff Murphy – Murphy’s Karate
18. Lorraine Lazier – Windsor Karate Club
19. Trysten Deveau (entered at 7:11)

Non-Voting Attendees

20. Hilmir
21. Eyglo
22. Garrett Chase
23. Andrew Sibbald (arrived at 7:47)

Meeting Opening

Quorum

Quorum for AGM is representation by one quarter (1/4) of the number of registered clubs in good standing as determined at the commencement of the meeting. There are 22 clubs registered in Karate Nova Scotia, so minimum of six are needed to meet quorum. There are 10 clubs represented at start of meeting, so quorum has been met.

Scrutineer is Peg Mumford

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda presented.

Motion seconded. Motion carries.

Declaration of any Conflicts

No Conflicts of Interests

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion tabled to approve 2021 AGM meeting minutes.

Motion seconded. Motion carries.

Current Business

- **President's Report: Greg Da Ros**

Greg's goals for the rest of his mandate: ensure all the foundational elements will be in place for the board to be consistent, transparent and fair to all parties. Fair sport and getting more of the community involved in our organization. To be successful we need to continue to spread our work and grow our organization's strengths.

- **Financial Report: Peg Mumford**

Special thanks to Mark Doubleday who was a great treasurer previously and completed financials this year.

Question about contingency fund - portion of income is put into a fixed investment that can be used if needed. We had 20k in a GIC because the interest was so low but moved about 70k into a savings account with higher interests. Our savings account acts as a contingency fund – if ever needed.

Huge thanks to Peg for all the time she has spent on this.

- **Membership Report: Greg Da Ros**

Greg will follow up with the Digby club to see if they have any Dan-ranked members as none were recorded in the report's data.

Extremely important that every dojo instructor have their child abuse registry check and the criminal background check. If you are receiving emails from Martial Member about updating your documents please send your checks to Jeff Murphy. The same will be true of First Aid training as well in the coming months. Please update your records.

- Technical Director Report: Jeff Murphy

Addition: Has improved our social media presence and added Instagram and twitter which was gaining a diverse following.

Question about who is designing the Hall of Fame ToR: Iain and Jeff have been working the Hall of Fame terms of reference and put them in line with the Sport Nova Scotia – uses the ToR of the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame.

Question about the potential Full Contact tournament proposal: We created the sanctioning document and now we need to get a committee set up to review their event. We have already received the rule set Sensei Moji is planning to use. There will be a lot more of back and forth and no guarantees yet. For full contact events, NS Boxing will have to review the rule set as well.

- We need to also protect our organization in these kinds of tournaments – this was the purpose of the sanctioning guideline.
- They will also have to have their own insurance as well – per our guidelines.

- High Performance Coach Report: Mitch German

See written report

- Officials Committee Report: Milton Bourque

Addition: Officiating also being compensating as well. \$25/tournament and fee waiver for participating athletes.

- Sports NS Coordinator Report: Greg Da Ros

See written report

- Overview of Voting Process: Peg Mumford

Voting for executive positions took place by using the zoom platforms anonymous polling feature. Each members name was listed along with the position they were nominated for. The membership was given the option to choose either “yes” they approved the nominee for the position, or “no” they did not approve the nominee for the position. All members were approved for their new board positions by the membership.

People who are not a voting member will be put into a break out room and then brought back following voting.

Voting documented in report downloaded by zoom

Motion tabled to approve all the reports as read and discussed.

Motion second. Motion carries.

- Election of Officers:

- o Director at Large (mandate will be until 2023 AGM): Ambuj Laroiya
- o Director at Large (mandate will be until 2024 AGM): Doug Chetwynd
- o Director at Large (mandate will be until 2024 AGM): Ralph d'Entremont
- o Secretary (mandate will be until 2024 AGM): Michaela Peters
- o Athlete Director (nominated by High Performance Committee, ratified at AGM, mandate will be until 2024 AGM): Maria Habchi

All nominations were accepted.

- Bylaw Amendment and Vote: Greg Da Ros

Motion table to remove the definition of auditor (1.2.c) as follows:

c. Auditor – an individual appointed by the board to audit the books, accounts, and records of KNS.

Motion seconded. Motion carries.

Motion tabled to replace 6.3 as follows:

Current State: 6.3 Auditors – the board will appoint an auditor or auditors to perform a review or audit of KNS finances annually.

Proposed Change: 6.3 Financial statements - the board will use third-party professional services to prepare the Karate Nova Scotia Annual Financial Statements.

Seems to be appropriate for size of our accounts.

This will also improve our score with the SNS sport development tools

Motion seconded. Motion carries.

- Committees Discussion: Jeff Murphy / Greg Da Ros

We have a need for people to participate on committees. Spaces on governance, SOC, Coaching Development, HPC, Tournament. These are our priority spaces now, we have others as well but we these are most important to fill and diversify these committees first.

If you have an interest in any committee participation, you can find the ToR on the website. Please let anyone on the board know and we can get you involved. This will help us meet our goals.

Document for review: <https://karatens.org/wp-content/uploads/KNS-Committees.pdf>

New Business

- Open floor to table New Business: Greg Da Ros

Yarmouth Cup – is up for grabs and a new champions.

New board members – we will send you our zoom links and upcoming meeting calendar. As well as the folder for the minutes.

Cherry Whitaker– Grateful to see all the hard work being done in the organization. A lot accomplished this year and look forward to big things in the future. Thank you to all who put the time and energy into the organization.

Meeting Adjournment and Time

Motion to adjournment. Second

Meeting is closed. 8:45