

KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

Technical Director Report

Annual General Meeting - 2022

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Overview

Since the last AGM in August of 2021, the world of KNS has seen it's ups and downs, as most things have since the start of COVID in 2020. We have taken advantages of the times where COVID allowed for training and have seen a considerable upswing in activity as restrictions have gone away. This report will review what has been happening since the last AGM.

What has happened

Dojos

As things have opened back up, numerous dojo visits have been able to take place, with the following dojos having sessions with the Technical Director:

- East Hants Karate Club
- Halifax Karate Dojo
- New Glasgow Karate Club
- Shiro Tora Karate Club
- SMU Karate Club
- Windsor Karate Club

As the year progresses, visits will be set up for all dojos throughout the province, who wish to have the TD visits.

Work has commenced with various dojos to assist with Sport Nova Scotia Community grants to assist their clubs with safety and participation.

Athletes

Even with the ups and downs of COVID, there were many training opportunities for athletes, and we are excited to have a team of 30 ready to go to the Karate Canada Nationals being held Saint John's NL. Some of the highlights are:

- A return to regular scheduled Provincial Team trainings, for both kata and kumite. Even when we faced COVID lockdowns we were still able to modify the trainings to avoid cancelling them.
- Three provincial grand prix tournaments took place.
- A weekend kumite seminar with the Senegal Head Coach, Gabriel Sylla, was held the April 29-May 1st weekend with great success.

Officials

Our OC has done great work since August 2021 with some of the highlights being:

- Production of a kumite and kata instructional video for officials
- Seminars held in Yarmouth and Middle Sackville for the recruitment of new officials.
- A review of the current Official's handbook

Coaching

Two new coaches were added to the provincial team this year, Crissy Murphy for kumite and Maaike Niet for Kata. Welcome to them both! Our provincial coaching team is more diverse than ever, having 4 Female coaches and 3 Male coaches representing Chito Ryu, Shotokan and Shito Ryu.

In addition to this, our Master Coach Developer was able to host a Karate Canada Instruction Beginner course attended by 6 new coaches.

Governance Policies

The following policies have been created and/or updated and approved by our board of directors:

- Appeals Policy
- Harassment Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Universal Code of Conduct
- Coaching Policy
- Concussion Policy
- Travel Policy
- Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Bullying Policy
- Membership Policy
- Directional Document
- Committee Terms of Reference
- Tournament Sanctioning Guideline

The following policies have been created and/or updated and are pending approval by our board of directors:

- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Dispute Resolution Policy
- Memorandum or Bylaws Policy

The following policies are still outstanding:

- Discipline and complaints Policy
- Event guideline Terms of Reference

- Equity and Access Policy (Inclusion Policy)
- Policy Concerning the Protection of Personal Information
- Social Media & Social Networking Policy
- Funding Policy
- Hall of Fame Terms of Reference

Miscellaneous Projects

We have successfully held two Women in Karate events facilitated by Trysten Deveau and Shannon Doane. One was in HRM and the other in New Glasgow. A third one is planned for June in Clare.

Videos have been created and are being edited for use in the KNS LTAD document.

An Everything Karate weekend is tentatively being planned for September 2022.

Conclusion

Much work has been done, and so much more is yet to come. I can say with no doubt, that we have amazing leaders, officials, coaches, athletes, volunteers and parents that help make KNS a truly great organization. As always, I am excited to see what future holds for KNS.

All the best in 2022/23.

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