

KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

DRAFT: Annual General Meeting

April 23, 2023
6:30pm, via zoom

To be approved in the 2024 AGM

In Attendance

Voting Members

Michaela Peters - CASK Karate Halifax

Ambuj Laroia - CASK Karate Halifax

Kevin Seyffert - East Coast Wado

Allison Golz - East Hants Karate Club

Chris Golz - East Hants Karate Club

Mitchell German - Halifax Ryuseikan

Greg Da Ros - Halifax Ryuseikan

John Pendergast - Halifax World Kanreikai Karate

Ralph D'entremont - Mukashi School of Karate

Milton Bourque - Mukashi School of Karate
(arrived at 6:46pm)

Peg Mumford – Murphy's Karate Academy

Jeff Murphy – Murphy's Karate Academy

Cherry Whitaker – New Glasgow Karate Club

Kerry Dykman - New Glasgow Karate Club

Serena MacRury - Performance Karate Club

Shannon Doane – SMU Karate Club

Andrew Sibbald – SMU Karate Club

Gary Walsh - Valley Karate (arrived at 7:06)

Lorraine Lazier - Windsor Karate Club

Theresa Griffen - Windsor Karate Club (arrived at
7:42)

Non-Voting Attendees

Garrett Chase - CASK Karate Halifax

Ian Carew - Sport Nova Scotia

Jeanne Cottreau - Mukashi School of Karate

Jennifer Madden - Murphy's Karate Academy (arrived at 7:58)

Braden Newell- SMU Karate Club

Meeting Opening

Call to Order 6:43

Welcome

Quorum

Quorum is 25% of voting members, therefore we need at least 12 voting members who represent at least 6 dojos present.

12 dojos are represented. Has quorum been met.

Appointment of the Scrutineer: Peg Mumford.

Approval of the Agenda

Greg Da Ros Motions to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded Peg Mumford. Motion carries.

Declaration of any Conflicts

Record if there are any conflicts

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion tabled to approve 2022 AGM meeting minutes.

Motion seconded Ambuj Laroia. Motion carries.

Current Business

President's Report: Greg Da Ros

See full report online.

Being part of Karate Nova Scotia becomes more complex every year which also means we have been successful in getting more people involved. We have built a strong foundation of policies and procedures for the future. Thank you to all those who have been on the board, committees, staff, and other volunteers for making us successful. As a board, we are approaching our differences of opinion professionally – most of us are volunteers and appreciate your patience. This will be Greg Da Ros' last year on the board and he's looking forward to going back to just helping out.

Financial Report: Peg Mumford

See full report online.

Things are going really well. We've transferred the management of our financials to Sport Nova Scotia which makes transitions smoother and no worries about losing data between treasurers. We have effectively introduced payment via e-transfers.

Note that our financial year is January to December. As such our 2022 financials are being presented today:

- Revenue and Expenses are comparable to pre-Covid times.
- Documents and financial statements are available on the website.

Question: What is NSPPI?

Answer: The Nova Scotia Performance Pathway Initiative is the high performance grant from Sport Nova Scotia. The amount we receive each year is determined by a number of factors including our efforts and the wider sports landscape provincially, nationally, and internationally. We received less funding this year than last because Karate is no longer in the Olympics – it wasn't anything we did wrong on our end.

Membership Report: Greg Da Ros

See full report online.

We are up 12% from last year. Not quite where we were pre-covid. This year there are 922 members. Two clubs are still missing from our registration who we were expecting but haven't seen yet. If anyone can reach out to them, feel free to mention it. A new club did a demonstration in the last tournament and they are interested in registering as a dojo. Good to see an overall increase in females raising as well.

Next year will likely see an increase in fees as Karate Canada has increased their fees

Technical Director Report: Jeff Murphy

See report online.

Things have been busy in the world of Karate Nova Scotia as the world has moved out of COVID. We have been able to accomplish many things and have many more initiatives planned for the future.

Accomplishments include: 6 dojo visits, supporting 3 clubs in receiving grants from Sport Nova Scotia, hosting an NCCP Karate Canada Instruction Beginner In-Person Module, creating and/or updating many organizational policies, and hosting several events.

Question: Will we be doing another "Everything Karate" event?

Answer: Would love to but we need more people to help organize the event. It was very well received and attended.

High Performance Coach Report: Mitch German

See report online.

We had 40 athletes try out for the team. We are likely going to have about 38 athletes going to nationals this year. Not only are we putting out the numbers but we are also putting out quality too. It was a busy year with a lot of great results.

Mitch was selected as a coach for Karate Canada at Jr. Pan Ams.

It's important to note that the paid HP coach role is very important. Having that paid position from Sport Nova Scotia has been particularly important in our successes. This importance and success has also been noted across Sport Institute and Sport Nova Scotia.

Officials Committee Report: Milton Bourque

See report online.

The more tournaments we do, the better training and experience we can provide officials and the better competition experience for athletes in the long term. New officials were found through these grassroots events and opportunities.

New rules seem to be okay. They are good, make sense, and easy to put into practice.

Sport Nova Scotia Coordinator Report: Greg Da Ros

See report online.

Iain Carew, Sport Nova Scotia Coordinator for Karate, has been impressed by the board and staff's dedication to promoting the values and goals of Karate Nova Scotia. Together, we have developed policies that are comprehensive, effective, and aligned with the organization's vision. By ensuring that our policies adhere to provincial regulations and support the growth of karate in Nova Scotia, we are well-positioned to continue our success in the coming years.

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

Motion second Shannon Doane. Motion carries.

Overview of Voting Process: Peg Mumford

No position has multiple people who have been nominated so we will vote, via zoom polling, with a yes, no, or abstain for each nominee. Only voting members will vote. Do not vote if you have a conflict of interest.

Election of Officers:

o Vice President (mandate will be until 2025 AGM)

- Shannon Doane - Approved

o Treasurer (mandate will be until 2025 AGM)

- Peg Mumford - Approved

o Director at Large (mandate will be until 2025 AGM)

- Ambuj Laroia - Approved

o Director at Large (mandate will be until 2025 AGM)

- Kevin Seyffert - Approved

o Athlete Director (nominated by High Performance, mandate will be until 2025 AGM)

- Serena MacRury - Ratified

Committees Discussion: Jeff Murphy & Greg Da Ros

We have a lot of committee positions available to the membership. Overview of committees and their responsibilities will be circulated via email. In particular we are looking for people to join the Tournament Committee, Staff Oversight Committee.

New Business

Open floor to table New Business: Greg Da Ros

No new Business.

Motion to adjournment. Seconded by Cherry Whitaker.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.