

2022/23 AGM Technical Director Report

Overview

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. This report will go over all these items, to provide details on these items.

What has happened

TD Role

Due to the nature and demands of the initial role of Technical Director, it has been identified that a change was needed. As such, the role will be split into 2 or more various positions. One role being more admin and planning, with the other focusing on visiting dojos or running various events. These changes are still being finalized, and KNS will be providing more information in the coming months.

Dojos

With the change in the TD Role, dojo visits were not as frequent as the previous year. However, the following dojos were visited to cover some of the current kumite trainings and strategies:

SMU Karate Club – March 2022

New Glasgow Karate Club – April 2022

Shiro Tora Karate Club – April 2022

Windsor Karate Club – May 2022

Atlantic Karate Club – June 2022

East Coast Wado – June 2022

In addition, the following dojos received grants in 2022/23 for new mats:

Shiro Tora Karate Club - \$2,253.13 July 2022

January 2023 – Halifax Ryseikan Karate \$2,500 January 2023

January 2023 – Murphy's Karate Academy \$2,500 January 2023

Also, Karate Nova Scotia received a grant of \$5,635 to go towards the purchase of new equipment trailer. Other costs were covered by a grant from Davis Pier Consulting and the sale of our old equipment trailer.

NCCP

We hosted a NCCP Karate Canada Instruction Beginner In-Person Module that was very well attended. Tentative future plans include an Instruction Beginner Module in the Fall of 2023 and a Comp Intro module in the Spring of 2024.

Governance Policies

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

- Memorandum or Bylaws Policy

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
- Discipline and complaints Policy

The following policies are still outstanding:

- 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 held our final Women in Karate event in April 2022 in Clare. All sessions were well received and will be considered for future events.

An Everything Karate weekend was held to much success in September 2022. We were able to raise \$2,221.00 to go towards Feed Nova Scotia.

Quebec National Champion, Daphné Trahan-Perreault ran a Kata clinic in February. We received a grant of \$1,249.58 to help offset the costs of the clinic. We ended up with a small surplus, which will be used for future kata initiatives.

In April 2023, Karate Nova Scotia will be hosting a weekend kumite clinic with Wayne Otto and Gabriel Sylla. Sensei Otto is the most successful WKF Kumite athlete of all time, and Sensei Sylla is the head coach of the Senegal team. We have received a grant of \$3,240.00 to help offset the costs of this clinic.

Committees

Karate Nova Scotia will be putting a focus on recruiting members for our committees in 2023. You can see all the committees and requirements here:

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

These are all the committees we currently have in place:

Governance – to review and update Constitution and Bylaws and policy for the association.

Staff Oversight Committee - responsible for the hiring process, appointment and annual performance review of the Technical Director and High-Performance Coach of the organization.

Coaching Development - is responsible for the development and implementation of coaching development plans and programs to ensure that the athletes in the sport have the best opportunity to achieve their personal goals.

High Performance - responsible for the development and oversight of the provincial High-Performance Program

Tournament Committee - responsible for the organization and management of Provincial Tournaments.

Official Committee - oversee all matters related to officiating.

All committee members are subject to approval of the board of directors. All committee decisions need the board of director final approval before put into place.

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 2023/24.

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