

# KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

## DRAFT: Annual General Meeting

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April 28, 2024  
6:30pm, via zoom

To be approved in the 2025 AGM

## In Attendance

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### **Voting Members**

Peg Mumford - Murphy's Karate Academy / Board Member

Jeff Murphy - Murphy's Karate Academy

William Lawlor - Murphy's Karate Academy

Doug Chetwynd - Mukashi / Board Member

Ralph d'Entremont - Mukashi / Board Member

Milton Bourgue - Mukashi

Jeanne Cottreau - Mukashi

Trysten Deveau - Bushino Ki

Dorian Thibault - Bushino Ki

Kevin Seyffert - East Coast Wado / Board Member

Jean-Francois Charette - East Coast Wado

Ashley Yvonne - East Coast Wado

Michaela Peters-Salah - CASK Karate Halifax / Board Member

Zach Greenham - CASK Karate Halifax

Ambuj Laroya - CASK Karate Halifax

Cherry Whitaker - New Glasgow Karate Club

Kerry Dykeman - New Glasgow Karate Club

Greg Da Ros - Halifax Ryuseikan / Board Member

Daniel Benoit - Halifax Ryuseikan

Mitchell German - Halifax Ryuseikan

Shannon Doanne - SMU Shotokan Karate / Board Member

Catherine Meagher - SMU Shotokan Karate

Andrew King - SMU Shotokan Karate

Lorraine Lazier - Windsor Karate Club

Serena McRury - Performance Karate / Board Member

### **Non-Voting Attendees**

Aidan Devine - Sport Nova Scotia

Marvin Prashad - Dragonz Martial Arts

Chris White - Dragonz Martial Arts

Star Deveau - Bushino Ki

Danielle Abbott - Halifax Ryuseikan

Lauren Kempton - Halifax Ryuseikan

Cameron Laing - Halifax Ryuseikan

Reg Madden - Murphy's Karate Academy

Lauren Kempton

Shelley Cole

Cameron Lang

## Meeting Opening

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**Call to Order 6:48**

**Welcome**

**Review of Rules of Engagements**

**Quorum**

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

11 dojos are represented and 25 voting members. Has quorum been met.

**Approval of the Agenda: Shannon Doane**

*Shannon Doane motions to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Motion seconded Peg Mumford. Motion carries.*

**Declaration of any Conflicts**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**Review of past meeting minutes: Michaela Peters-Salah**

*Michaela Peters-Salah motions to approve 2023 AGM meeting minutes.*

*Motion seconded Ralph d'Entremont. Motion carries.*

## Current Business

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

See full report online.

- Thank you for all the support the organisation received this year. It takes a village to run the organization, so thank you to everyone in any role in the organization.
- We had a really great 50th anniversary event - thank you to Cherry Whitaker and everyone involved.
- Thank you to our biggest sponsor this year, Weiwei and Jay Shen who sponsored many of our hotel rooms for guests and the live streaming of the last Grand Prix.
- This year we completed 29 events and projects across the organization. There are 9 ongoing projects - consisting mainly of policy updates.
- We have committed Karate Nova Scotia to Sport Nova Scotia's new Safe Sport program.

Thank you to Greg for your long term commitment to the board!

### **Financial Report: Peg Mumford**

See full report online.

- This is year two of Sport Nova Scotia generating our Financial statements - it is going well. They are currently finalizing our financial statements for this year.
- 2023 Year - Revenue - \$196,961, Expenses - 184,538.
- Our revenue sources have changed. We received less money from Sport Nova Scotia because we are no longer an olympic sport but we are applying for and receiving more individual grants for projects.
- Karate Canada is looking into new funding sources to make up the olympic funding difference.
- The board is in the final stages of approving a financial policy that will ensure the provincial team is not overspending. Nationals is a great example of an event where this policy is required.

### **Technical Director Report: Jeff Murphy**

See report online.

- The Technical Director role was divided into two this year.
- A few recent highlights:
  - Jeff has been trying to secure Nationals in Nova Scotia for 2025 but it may not be possible anymore. But, we will be looking at 2026.
  - Has been working with ISANS to offer a Newcomer program. Our Participation grant will cover uniforms for the participants.

- For the two clinics this year we didn't apply for any grants and we still broke even for both, even with the high level instructors. Thanks to our members for participating in those!

### **Sport Nova Scotia Coordinator Report: Aidan Devine**

See report online.

- Aidan joined as the PSO Coordinator on April 1, 2024 and is quickly getting up to speed.
- His first step has been jumping into policy work and applying for grants.

### **High Performance Coach Report: Mitch German**

See report online.

- At nationals we had 8 medals and many in places 5-7, which was still good for the large size of the divisions.
- Continuing athlete development program which includes conditioning, nutrition, and psychological support.
- Planning next years' clinics with strong instructors in mind, depending on budget.
- There 2024 team list will be published in by the end of the week, the coaches are in the the final selection stages now.

### **Officials Committee Report: Milton Bourque**

See report online.

- It was a fairly good year for officiating. We have several new officials which is great. Sent 5 officials to nationals and 3 upgraded their licences.
- Hosted 3 official clinics - we would like to increase our numbers next year. Working on a new format for next year to help address the issue of travelling. They are thinking of doing more local tournaments to help encourage more officials to try it out, where there's less pressure to get things right the first time. This would help create opportunities to start at the bottom and work their way up to bigger tournaments. It's always a work in progress and always hoping to get more people involved.
- Committee's been working on addressing concerns about safety equipment, use standards, and etiquette. The committee will publish a statement to ensure all athletes and coaches, and parents are on the same page.

### **NCCP Report: Gary Walsh & Jeff Murphy**

See report online.

- Instruction Beginner & Competition Introduction workshops were held recently and 9 people attended each. Jeff Murphy is now qualified to facilitate these sessions. Other people are working on getting trained up to facilitate as well. This also helps us with our Sport Nova Scotia funding.

- We've put in new coaching requirements for sanctioned tournaments. We got some feedback this year and we are looking at making some changes before next year to be more inclusive of less competitive athletes.
- As we roll out Safe Sport, coaches' qualifications will become more important. Folks who haven't updated their training in some time, we recommend you attend a session next year. We will continue to make an effort to offer them each year, but if not possible, we will find another province offering it where you can attend.
- Start with the multi-sport training offered by NCCP while you wait for the next Karate-specific training.

### **Membership Report: Greg Da Ros**

See report online.

- Membership is levelling off back to our standard pre-covid members.
- Continuing to use Martial Member which has been helpful, but we are still struggling with on-time payments/registration.
- A fee increase is coming next year.
- Reminder to include birth dates in your athlete registration.

### **Approval of the Reports: Michaela Peters-Salah**

Greg Da Ros will fix the spelling errors in his reports

***Michaela Peters-Salah motions to approve all the reports as read and discussed with updates to spelling errors in the Presidents Report.***

***Motion second Jeff Murphy. Motion carries.***

### **Overview of Voting Process: Greg Da Ros**

#### **Election of Officers:**

- o President (mandate will be until 2027 AGM)
  - Shannon Doane
- o Secretary (mandate will be until 2026 AGM)
  - Ashley Carey
- o Vice President (mandate will be until 2025 AGM)
  - Lorraine Lazier
- o Director at Large (mandate will be until 2026 AGM)
  - Daniel Benoit

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  - Doug Chetwynd
- o Athlete Director (nominated by High Performance, mandate will be until 2026 AGM)
  - Serena MacRury

All nominees accepted their nominations.

***Michaela Peters-Salah motions to approve all nominees into their positions.***

***Second Kevin Seyffert. Motion carries.***

Congratulations to the new board members.

#### **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. The Board of Directors cannot run this organization by themselves, please volunteer!

## **New Business**

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#### **Open floor to table New Business: Greg Da Ros**

What is the process to have weapons added to the three grand prix tournaments?

Typically, the Grand Prix Tournaments mimic the format of Nationals, but the option can be discussed by the next board. As long as you meet the standards and rules to run the category, a Weapons division can be included in any local tournament (Yarmouth cups has a weapons category - speak to Milton Bourque if you are interested in learning more).

***Greg da Ros motions to adjourn. Seconded by Michaela Peters-Salah.***

***Meeting Adjourned at 8:12pm.***