

# KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

## Annual General Meeting

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April 27, 2025 – 6:30pm

## In Attendance

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Paul Deveau	Kerry Dykeman
Ambuj Laroia	Serena MacRury
Ryan Sweeney	Sean O'Neil
JF Charette	Andrew King
Kevin Seyffert	Anthony Shanks
Greg Da Ros	Shannon Doane
Daniel Benoit	Gavin Jones
Mitchell German	Harikrishnan Radhakrishnan
Jeanne Cottreau	Lorraine Lazier
Milton Bourque	Paul Cooper
Peg Mumford	Jeff Murphy
Richard Whitaker	Doug Chetwynd
Cherry Whitaker	

### Quorum

Quorum has been met, and confirmed by Secretary

### Appointment of Scrutineer

Greg Da Ros appointed as scrutineer for voting process

### Declaration of any Conflicts

Lorraine Lazier declared a conflict regarding voting for Director at Large.

## Approval of Minutes from 2024 AGM

Motion: Shannon Doane

Seconded: Lorraine Lazier

Motion Passed

*A clerical note was made that two attendee names were duplicated in the 2024 AGM minutes. This has been acknowledged in the 2025 record.*

## Reports

All reports were made available online in advance of the AGM. Highlights were summarized during the meeting.

## Presidents Report

- Thanks to Board and volunteers
- Hired Outreach Director
- Developed new policies: Drugs & Alcohol, Transgender Inclusion, Annual Funding
- Launched new club membership application and onboarding process
- In progress: reinstatement of annual awards, updates to bylaws, continued financial oversight
- Housekeeping reminders:
  - Submit expenses within 30 days of events
  - Membership dues due January 1 to retain good standing and insurance coverage
- Planned: Annual Awards at the 2025 Yarmouth Cup

No questions were raised following the President's Report.

## Financial Report

Revenue: \$176,816.94

Expenses: \$209,683.43

Net Deficit: (\$32,866.49)

Key Points:

- Decreased grants
- Lower-than-expected tournament revenue
- Major expenses: Nationals, Karate Canada fees (\$18,643), insurance, staffing

- Member dues: \$31,784.29

## **Technical Director Report**

- Continued support for clinics, policy drafting, member support, first aid programs
- Ongoing work with Canadian Sport Institute Atlantic
- Highlighted efforts to complete Recognition Committee report and address transition delays

## **High Performance Coach Report**

- Strong year with 15 national medals (record high)
- Increased international participation and training support
- New funding secured for national-level athletes and coaches
- Ongoing initiatives with CSI Atlantic
- Athlete and coach development supported via clinics and international experience

## **Officials Committee Report**

- Ongoing challenge: low clinic attendance and difficulty attracting new officials
- New approach: training videos and regional outreach, including planned clinic at Yarmouth Cup

## **Outreach Director Report**

- Engaging non-KNS clubs: feedback indicates many see limited value in KNS without tournament involvement
- Suggested modernizing tournament structure to accommodate different divisions (e.g. kata, weapons)
- Discussion: logistical challenges with time, space, and tournament format
- Noted opportunity to expand KNS services to include more non-tournament-based offerings

## **NCCP Report**

- Low interest this year, typical between instructional cycles
- Instructor Beginner course planned for fall 2025
- Jeff is in process of certification as a facilitator
- Comp Dev course may be offered pending demand and confirmation with Karate Canada

## Membership Report

- Total members: 980 (slight increase from previous year)
- Average club size: 42
- Emphasis on timely membership renewals
- Suggested reviewing fee structure to ensure coverage of insurance and Karate Canada fees
- Reminder to ensure accuracy when submitting through Martial Member system

## Approval of All Reports

Motion: Shannon Doane

Seconded: Ambuj Laroiya

Motion Passed

## Special Resolution - Bylaw Amendment

Motion to amend bylaws to include Section 4.20: 'Board meeting minutes shall be made available to voting members in good standing, age 18 and above, upon formal written request. The Board reserves the right to provide either a full copy or a summarized version of the minutes at its discretion.'

Motion: Cherry

Seconded: Lorraine Lazier

Motion Passed

## Election of Officers

Facilitated by: Greg Da Ros and Kerry

Voting was conducted online.

Vice President: Peg Mumford – Elected by Acclamation

Treasurer: Gavin Jones – Elected by Acclamation

Directors at Large (2): Lorraine Lazier and Ambuj Laroiya – Elected via membership vote

## Committee Discussion

Technical Director encouraged members to volunteer for committees and noted that expressions of interest can be sent via email. Direct outreach is often most effective.

## **New Business**

President called for suggestions for **award sponsorship** for the upcoming Yarmouth Cup.

Target: approximately **\$500 in external sponsorship** to match KNS's contribution.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM

Motion Passed