

KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

2026 Annual General Meeting

April 26th - 6:30pm

In Attendance

Trysten Deveau Ambuj Laroia Daniel Benoit Greg Da Ros Mitchell German Doug Chetwynd Milton Bourque Ralph d'Entremont Jeff Murphy Peg Mumford Aidan Devine	Cherry Whitaker Serena O'Neil Catherine Meagher Gavin Jones Maciej Nozderka (Mark) Shannon Doane Eileen Walsh Gary Walsh Krystal Turner Lorraine Lazier Anthony Shanks
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Quorum

Quorum was achieved with 11 dojos represented

Appointment of Scrutineers

Greg Da Ros and **Peg Mumford** were appointed as scrutineers for the voting process.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of the 2026 AGM Agenda

Tabled by: Peg Mumford

Motion Passed

Declaration of any Conflicts

No conflicts were declared

Approval of Minutes from 2025 AGM

Motion: Approval of the 2025 AGM Minutes

Tabled by: Anthony Shanks

Motion Passed

Reports

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

President's Report

- Successful hosting of the Senior and U21 National Championships in Halifax
- Guardian Girls initiative hosted in March
- Launch of the Dojo Connect initiative to support collaboration between clubs and instructors
- Purchase of four new WKF-approved 12x12 tatami mats through grant funding
- Completion and submission of the Sport Development Tool 3.0 application
- Welcomed two new member clubs:
 - Infinity Martial Arts
 - International Canadian Martial Arts Federation
- Recognition of volunteers, board members, coaches, and officials for their contributions throughout the year
- Acknowledged provincial and federal funding reductions impacting sport organizations
- Reminder to clubs regarding timely membership submissions and expense claims

No questions were raised following the President's Report.

Financial Report

Financial Highlights:

- Total Income: approximately \$134,000
- Total Expenses: approximately \$131,700
- Net Profit: \$2,325
- Operating Account Balance: approximately \$60,000
- Savings Account Balance: approximately \$96,000

Additional discussion points included:

- Grand Prix events generated positive revenue
- Nationals operated at a reduced loss compared to the previous year
- Discussion regarding investment of reserve funds into a cashable GIC to improve returns
- Proposed investment range between \$33,000–\$45,000
- Discussion regarding conservative versus longer-term investment strategies

Technical Director Report

- Coordination and support of the Senior and U21 National Championships
- Athlete development initiatives and clinics throughout the year
- Support for NCCP opportunities and Canada Games coach development

- Assistance with grant applications and athlete nominations
- Continued support for coaches and instructors throughout the province

High Performance Coach Report

Highlights included:

- 13 athletes competed at the Senior and U21 National Championships
- Nova Scotia athletes earned six medals:
 - 2 Gold
 - 2 Silver
 - 2 Bronze
- Four athletes qualified for the Senior Pan American Championships in Brazil
- Continued participation in international events including Croatia and Mexico
- Ongoing athlete development through provincial team training and CSI Atlantic support
- Multiple clubs now offering high-performance development classes

Officials Report

Highlights included:

- 44 officials participated at Nationals in Halifax
- Eight officials scheduled to attend Nationals in Edmonton
- Continued efforts to certify and develop officials within Nova Scotia
- Recognition of officials participating internationally

NCCP Report

Highlights included:

- Instructor Beginner course planned for Fall 2026
- Competition Development course delivered with five participating coaches
- Continued certification work for Jeff Murphy as an NCCP facilitator
- Support provided to coaches from other provinces through Karate Nova Scotia programming

Membership Report

Highlights included:

- Overall membership declined approximately 5%
- Average dojo size:
 - 39 members overall

- Approximately 20 members excluding the three largest clubs
- Reminder regarding accuracy of membership information submitted through Martial Member
- Discussion regarding membership demographics and reporting requirements
- Membership fees to remain unchanged for the current cycle

Sports NS Report

Highlights included:

- Continued support for governance and organizational development
- Assistance with completion of the Sport Development Tool 3.0 process
- Ongoing support for policy development, event support, and future funding opportunities
- Funding results expected in Fall 2026

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Team Fundraising Report

Highlights included:

- 11 fundraising initiatives completed
- 88 participants involved
- Gross revenue of approximately \$12,000
- Major fundraising initiatives included:
 - Sponsorship banners
 - Tournament canteens
 - KNS clothing sales
 - 50/50 draws
- Funds raised supported provincial team participation and national championship expenses

Approval of All Reports

Motion: Approval of all reports as presented for the 2026 AGM

Tabled by: Anthony Shanks

Motion Passed

Special Resolution - Bylaw Amendment

Discussion occurred regarding a proposed bylaw amendment to formally recognize electronic board voting procedures between meetings.

The amendment included:

- Electronic voting by email between meetings
- Defined voting deadlines
- Opportunity for discussion prior to voting
- Requirement to meet quorum
- Recording of outcomes in future meeting minutes

Motion: Approval of bylaw adjustment for board voting by email for operational situations

Tabled by: Anthony Shanks

Motion Passed

Election of Officers

Facilitated by Greg Da Ros and Peg Mumford.

Secretary (Mandate until 2028 AGM)

Catherine Meagher was elected by acclamation.

Athlete Director (Mandate until 2028 AGM)

Serena O'Neil was ratified by acclamation following nomination by the High Performance Committee.

Directors at Large (Mandate until 2028 AGM)

Voting was conducted electronically.

Elected:

- Daniel Benoit
- Doug Chetwynd

New Business

Membership Fee Review and Member Feedback

Discussion occurred regarding potential future increases to membership fees in response to:

- Increased operational costs
- Provincial funding reductions
- Insurance and Karate Canada fee increases

General consensus supported reviewing fee increases while remaining mindful of affordability for families and recreational members.

Discussion points included:

- Karate Nova Scotia currently having some of the lowest membership fees among provincial sport organizations
- Importance of improving benefits for non-competitive members
- Suggestions for community-building initiatives and member engagement events
- Consideration of phased increases over several years

Projected Budget Overview FY26–27

Discussion focused on:

- Maintaining stable operations
- Gradual growth of reserve balances
- Planning for future funding uncertainty
- Monitoring operational costs and organizational sustainability

Investment Strategy Discussion

Discussion occurred regarding investment of reserve funds into a GIC.

Topics included:

- Cashable versus non-cashable GIC options
- Risk tolerance and liquidity needs
- Potential use of multiple investment vehicles
- Desire to generate stronger returns on reserve funds while maintaining financial stability

Adjournment

Motion: Adjournment of the 2026 AGM

Tabled by: Shannon Doane

Motion Passed