

**Newfoundland & Labrador Judo Association
Annual General Meeting
Gander, Newfoundland, June 2, 2001**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The meeting convened at 9:05 A.M., June 2, 2001. The Chair was Blair Bradbury, NLJA President.

1. Welcome

All NLJA clubs were represented except Eagle Point Judo Club. A list of attendees is attached as Appendix A.

2. Agenda

- added 5.E Medical Committee report and 5.F NCCP Committee report
- G. Beckett noted that there were only fifteen voting representatives present which was one person short of a quorum. The meeting proceeded on an unofficial basis.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting

Moved by G. Beckett, seconded by J. Coffey to accept the 2000 AGM Minutes. Passed without change

4. Business Arising from the 2000 AGM Minutes

G. Humber asked about voting representation for kids in clubs. G. Beckett noted that this would be discussed under the Constitution Review Committee report. There was no other business arising.

5. Reports

A. President – B. Bradbury presented his report.

Moved by K. Morey, seconded by Noel Murphy to accept the report. Discussion of a question from G. Humber about why the President did not feel that the NLJA had been able to meet all of its objectives for the past year was deferred to the agenda item on grading activities. The report was accepted.

B. Treasurer – D. Earle presented the Treasurer's report and NLJA financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2001. In the ensuing discussion the following points were noted:

- more funding has been received from the provincial government due to the normal increase for preparations for Canada Winter Games and a general increase in funding for sport by government
- there is a continuing need to demonstrate to government that their investment is used appropriately
- there were problems in 2000 with some NLJA clubs failing to submit their membership registration prior to the December deadline for submission to Judo Canada. Clubs were asked to ensure that registration was sent in by late November at the latest
- a request from M. Kay for more funding for Medical Committee activities and supplies was deferred for discussion under Other Business
- a question of how provincial tournament funding should be organized was moved to Other Business
- the budget for 20001-2002 would be discussed under agenda item 10.B – Strategic Plan

Moved by P. Waclawek, seconded by G. Humber to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

C. Grading Activities – **B. Bradbury** reported on NLJA grading activities over the past year including the results of the recent Dan grading held in St. John's and commented on the difficulties in establishing an NLJA Grading Committee. He reported that he was hopeful of forming a new provincial grading committee shortly

In the ensuing discussion the following points were noted:

- G. Humber expressed his reasons for resigning as the Grading Committee chair: he felt that his proposal for the committee would have met the concerns identified by the President about grading; he felt that he was inadequate as a Nidan to chair the grading committee which should be chaired in his view by the senior available yudansha; he resigned from the chair since the NLJA Executive would not accept the proposed membership of the committee
- The role of the Executive in approving members of committees was discussed. It was noted that this is a constitutional issue
- A number of meeting participants stated strongly that the Grading Committee should not automatically be composed of or chaired by the highest level yudansha in the province. They felt it was more important to have committee members who had the time and interest as well as the technical qualifications to forward the work of the committee
- The point was made that it is up to club senseis to put people forward for grading consideration

Moved by M. Sheppard, seconded by P. Waclawek that the head coach of each club should actively work with the Chair of the Grading Committee to promote the betterment of judo in the province. Approved unanimously.

Moved by E. Bradbury, seconded by J. Coffey to accept the Grading Activities report. Motion passed.

D. Refereeing Committee report – M. Sheppard presented a report and asked for Suggestions and recommendations from members. G. Humber suggested having a referee meeting the night before any provincial tournament to review refereeing issues and calls. It was agreed that this seemed like a good idea although it was recognized that there were often conflicts with tournament scheduling.

Moved by M. Kay, seconded by G. Humber to accept the Refereeing Committee report. Motion passed.

E. Medical Committee Report – M. Kay presented his report. He pointed out that the committee has links throughout the province and can help tournament organizers arrange medical coverage in various areas of the province. He observed that the number of injuries in tournaments is down, particularly serious injuries. He offered congratulations to coaches and referees.

M. Kay suggested that a treatment table and spinal board were needed for medical support at tournaments. He indicated that the committee was also interested in working on an educational component of their activities, particularly on education re. head injury and nutrition/weight control. He also observed that there would be no tolerance to head injuries from medical people at tournaments.

M. Sheppard observed that referees must leave medical assessment of competitors to medical staff at tournaments. On the issue of head injury assessment during local club training M. Kay observed that it was important that club instructors perform an assessment and functional test of anyone who might be injured. If in doubt the judoka should not be allowed to continue training and should be checked out by local health services.

Moved by M. Kay, seconded by N. Murphy to accept the Medical Committee report. Motion passed.

F. NCCP Committee Report - M. Kay presented the NCCP report. He indicated that he would contact West Coast and Labrador clubs about the need for judo NCCP courses in their areas over the next year. A concern was raised about having a Level I Technical course in the coming year. He also announced that he was applying for entry into the Level IV NCCP program and asked for NLJA support.

Moved by B. Bradbury, seconded by J. Coffey that the NLJA support M. Kay's application into the Level IV NCCP program. Motion passed unanimously. G. Beckett is to write a letter to Judo Canada in support of the application.

Moved by K. Morey, seconded by D. Earle to accept the NCCP Committee report. Motion passed.

G. Constitution review committee - G. Beckett reported on the activities of the committee. A questionnaire will be sent to all clubs for distribution to members in September. Feedback from the questionnaire and communications from NLJA members will lead to a proposal for a revised constitution at the 2002 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by M. Kay, seconded by M. Sheppard to accept the Constitution review committee report. Motion passed.

H. Canada Winter Game Coaches – deferred to agenda item 11.

6. Mudansha syllabus – B. Bradbury reported on the history of the syllabus and recent developments with it. He posed the question: Does the NLJA want a standardized curriculum? In the discussion that followed these points were made:

- Judo Canada does not (yet) have a standard syllabus for mudansha although they are working on one
- The use of a standard syllabus has positive implications for risk management for the association and its member clubs
- The lack of a standard syllabus raises questions about the meaning of mudansha ranks
- There was concern about the need to strictly adhere to the syllabus for mudansha grading or to use them as guidelines
- It was suggested that the Grading Committee should review the syllabus and come up with recommendations about its use for the future

Moved by N. Murphy, seconded by B. Gabriel that the NLJA Executive assign the Grading Committee the task to review the current syllabus and make recommendations on its future use. Motion passed.

7. Yudansha Grading Fee – B. Bradbury reported on the history of the yudansha grading fee. The NLJA Executive was faced with the question of setting a standard fee as opposed to a variable fee depending upon the costs involved for the grading. The Executive has chosen to set a standard fee of \$200 for Dan grading which excludes the cost of IJF or Kodokan certificates. These certificates can be applied for but will be charged separately. After the lunch break B. Bradbury presented the Dan certificates arising from the recent grading.

8. National Championship Tournament Application – G. Beckett reported that the NLJA Executive was considering an application for 2005 for a national senior or junior tournament. A special committee would have to be created to prepare an application for 2005. Suggestions were made to draw on the expertise developed in Stephenville and possibly involve other people outside of Sport in the committee. The consensus of opinion was that the NLJA should definitely go for it!

9. Male-female competition in the mini-minor age category – G. Beckett brought this question forward for discussion. Points made in the following discussion were:

- In general NLJA members do not support male versus female competition but it is permissible under specific conditions
- A concern was raised about the ability to change policy that had been previously approved at an AGM

G. Beckett agreed to prepare a more detailed proposal on male/female competition in specific age categories and attempt to have a resolution for Fall, 2001.

10. Strategic Plan For the NLJA – B. Bradbury spoke about NLJA Executive plans for the coming year and asked for members to send him any comments and/or suggestions that they might have. He also presented the draft budget for 2001/02 for information. Items mentioned in the presentation and following discussion included:

- There will be an emphasis on promoting judo and trying to get more people involved in judo
- There needs to be more out of province competition and give competitors the opportunity to develop their skills. The Executive will increase funding for competition travel, particularly for the Atlantic
- There will be work on developing a provincial team though this may take several years to fully implement
- Canada Winter Games activities will be a major focus for the next two years
- M. Sheppard suggested that implementing a Provincial coach would be useful
- The re-activation of the Grading Committee will be a priority
- The Executive hopes to see a new constitution proposal for the next AGM
- P. Waclawek spoke about the need to increase competition opportunities and the need to carry out a provincial inventory of judo equipment (tatami, score boards, etc.)
- C. Lavallee reported that Stephenville is planning to have the Claude Estoppey Memorial tournament as an annual event
- The Executive hopes to make good use of Jean Pierre Cantin who has recently been appointed as the Atlantic judo Coach as a resource for competitive development

11. Canada Winter Games, 2003

J. Coffey reported on the development proposal for the 2003 Canada Winter Games team. He emphasized points dealing with team selection and the need for fundraising. He stated that he hoped to have the initial team selection completed by May 31, 2002. He also pointed out the need for fundraising to support the CWG team, particularly for off-island competition travel. He hoped to bring in national level instructors particularly a high level female competitor for CWG training clinics. There will be training clinics in St. John's and Stephenville over the next year. The CWG age eligibility period is 1987-1990.

M. Sheppard pointed out that final team should only be finalized as close as possible to competition date

12. Constitution Review – G. Beckett reported on the work of the constitution review committee to date and outlined issues that will be included in a questionnaire to be sent out in the fall. He asked for any comments and feedback to be sent to him or other members of committee. There was some discussion of points such as:

- whether full association membership should be restricted to black belts (and membership on the NLJA Executive Committee and other committees)
- voting representation for associate members (under 16 years in age)
- proxy voting for Labrador members

13. Any Other Business

- A. Funding for provincial tournaments – The question was whether the NLJA should be fiscally responsible for provincial tournaments. The consensus was that funding and organization of provincial tournaments should remain with the local host club.
- B. A request from the Medical Committee for funding for purchase of a spinal board and treatment table is to be reviewed by the NLJA Executive. There was a suggestion that the Executive Committee should consider budgeting \$200-\$300 per year for medical supplies

- C. Promotion Committee - Noel Murphy reported on committee preparing proposal for NLJA to promote judo in the province. Looking for comments from other areas of province. An 800 number is already in place. The committee is looking at ideas like a brochure and promotional kit for people considering joining judo; a club promotion kit; school promotion materials; doing demonstrations in schools. It was generally agreed that we need to do much more promotion of judo.
- D. G. Beckett asked clubs to send member email addresses to him for development of a general NLJA email list

14. Adjournment - Moved by I. Ash, seconded by J. Coffey to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

Appendix A - NLJA AGM Attendees, June 2, 2001

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Club</u>
Ian Ash	Memorial University Judo Club
George Beckett	Memorial University Judo Club
Blair Bradbury	Astra Judo Club
Erin Bradbury	Astra Judo Club
Joe Coffey	Sankyo Judo Club
David Earle	Memorial University Judo Club
Blake Gabriel	Indian Head Judo Club
Todd Hodder	Astra Judo Club
Gerard Humber	Tung Yen Judo Club
Michael Kay	Kokoro Budokai
Chris Lavallee	Indian Head Judo Club
Keith Morey	Goose Bay Judo Club
Noel Murphy	Memorial University Judo Club
Maurice Sheppard	Memorial University Judo Club
Piotr Waclawek	Memorial University Judo Club

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- 5.A President's Report to the Annual Judo Meeting, 2000-2001
- 5.B.1 Treasurer's Report, 2000-2001
- 5.B.2 NLJA Financial Statements, March 31, 2001
- 5.C Report to the Annual Judo Meeting on Grading Activities, 2000-2001
- 5.D Refereeing Committee Report, May 25, 2001
- 5.E Medical Committee Report, June 2, 2001
- 5.F NCCP Committee Report, June 2, 2001
- 5.G Constitution Review Committee Report to the 2001 AGM
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- 12 Constitution Review Survey, September, 2001