

**Newfoundland & Labrador Judo Association**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5, 2004**  
**Gander, Newfoundland**

**1. Welcome**

The meeting convened at 9:07 AM. P. Waclawek welcomed everyone and reported that B. Bradbury was recovering from a recent operations so he would chair the meeting. G. Beckett reported that a quorum was present.

**2. Agenda**

M. Sheppard reported that Dr. Le Gal was looking for pictures from his visit. Members were requested to send them to him for forwarding to Dr. Le Gal. The Judo Canada membership proposal will be considered after lunch as item 5.5

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting**

Acceptance of the minutes without change was moved by B. Simms, seconded by M. Sheppard. Motion passed.

**4. Business Arising from the 2003 AGM Minutes**

There was no business arising.

**5. Reports**

- a. **President** – There was no President's report due to the absence for health reasons of B. Bradbury. B. Bradbury did ask that the AGM deal with the Judo Canada membership proposal. P. Waclawek gave a few comments on the past year. He particularly felt that the level of judo is improving in the province and this is a reflection of work being done in clubs. Some competitors are nearing national level. B. Simms indicated that he felt the spring tournament was very good. P. Waclawek reported that St. Pierre enjoyed the tournament and were positive about future participation in NLJA tournaments.
- b. **Treasurer** – D. Earle read his report. The budget for 2004/05 will be discussed under plans for 2004/05. He reviewed the auditor's report. Association equity stands at \$14,463. M. Sheppard mentioned the need for more clinics in combination with provincial tournaments. Appointment of Fred Earle as auditor for 2004/05 was moved by D. Earle and seconded by I. Ash. Motion approved.

B. Simms asked whether anything was known government funding for 2004/05. He felt that it could be a problem. If grants are reduced he felt we need to band together with other sports to lobby for improved funding. D. Earle replied that nothing was yet known about government grants for 2004/05 but the Executive would monitor the situation closely

- c. **Grading Committee** – B. Simms reviewed his report. There have been changes in the grading process due to Judo Canada changes, particularly on the issue of technical points. No technical points are now required for Shodan grading. There has also been a change that permits judoka at 14 years of age to start accumulating points for Shodan grading. All outstanding NLJA applications have been clarified.

He also pointed out that the proper protocol of applying for grading had not been done for the Spring 2004 tournament. Senseis and applicants need to get applications in well ahead of time to the Provincial Grading Committee. There was a need for more kata clinics and judoka also need to get Judo Canada passports and keep them updated as this simplifies assessment for grading. There will be a yudansha grading at the Fall tournament.

G. Humber reported that T. Gallant has been graded to Godan in Manitoba. B. Simms commented that he felt there was a need for "good character" to be promoted amongst judoka. P. Waclawek suggested

that submission of applications for yudansha grading be a minimum of 30 days before grading and applications must be sent through the club sensei. A motion to require a 30 day previous to grading deadline for receipt of applications which must be signed by the club sensei was moved by P. Waclawek and second by D. Earle. The motion passed. M. Sheppard mentioned that the MUN Judo club would be open on Monday and Wednesday evenings in June and July. All adult judoka are welcome to attend.

- d. **Refereeing Committee** – M. Sheppard reviewed his report. There is a need for more referee development and to get more judoka involved in refereeing. P. Waclawek commented that coaches should attend referee meeting in order to hear about rule interpretations. Rule changes are happening fairly rapidly. B. Simms inquired about the gi color issue and whether the association should take a position on it. After some discussion about the issue the comment was made that clubs should encourage judoka to buy a gi of different colour when purchasing a second gi and clubs should also plan to have spare gis available for competitors at competitions
- e. **NCCP Committee** – M. Kay reviewed his report. He reported that change is now fully underway for the new format of NCCP courses. Theory courses will now all be in the new format while technical courses are being more slowly being converted. M. Kay answered some questions about the new system and then gave a presentation on the new system. Points from the presentation were that certification will have an ongoing review in future and that there will be more emphasis on practical aspects in the new programme.

For more information visit the NCCP web site. People should contact M. Kay if they have any questions or want to arrange for technical component training.

- f. **Medical Committee** – M. Kay reviewed his report. He referred to the major changes in use of the medical support in shiai. P. Waclawek explained the reasoning for the changes in use of medical aid in shiai. He pointed out that judoka need to be trained to understand that calling for medical will usually end a bout immediately. The only exceptions are for bleeding treatment or care of concussion.
- g. **Judo Canada National Councillor** – G. Beckett reported briefly in the absence of B. Bradbury. M. Sheppard commented on the need for the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Councillor to be kept in the loop to be able to report in absence of the other national councillor.
- h. **2005 Canadian Senior National Tournament** – G. Beckett reported on the 2005 tournament preparations. There were some questions about participation in the championships by NLJA competitors. This was left to the Executive and club coaches to discuss. Beckett emphasized that the championships would be a great opportunity for clubs from across the province to be involved and get exposure to a high level of judo.

### **5.5 Judo Canada Membership proposal**

P. Waclawek provided some history on the Judo Canada membership proposal that was distributed at the meeting. There was a sense that there is general support for the proposal in Judo Canada but there are some concerns about the implementation. Points made in the following discussion:

- the proposal will involve increased costs for mudansha members
- it would help the NLJA and clubs as it will provide a standardized passport for mudansha
- the Executive should review provincial association membership costs in other provinces to ensure that the NLJA is not getting too expensive

Moved by B. Simms that the NLJA endorses the membership plan proposed by Judo Canada. Seconded by P. Waclawek. Motion passed.

Moved by M. Sheppard that if additional fees are charged by Judo Canada as a result of the adoption of the membership proposal then the NLJA will collect the fees on behalf of Judo Canada. Seconded by G. Humber. Motion passed.

It was pointed out that the NLJA Executive will need to give clarification to clubs about membership costs in September. The NLJA will have to review its own membership classes due to the age requirements in the Judo Canada proposal.

## **6. Canada Winter Games 2007**

P. Waclawek introduced the topic and highlighted the issue that the CWG age category changes pose big issues for the CWG development effort. We are fortunate to have good potential competitors but do need to provide development opportunities for them. G. Beckett gave a brief summary of the recruiting process for the CWG leadership team and thanked all who had applied. M. Chiaramonte and E. Bradbury have been appointed male and female coach respectively. The Executive is still reviewing the manager position and encouraged anyone who is interested in applying to do so quickly.

In the discussion that followed the following points were made:

P. Waclawek emphasized the need to train competitors for the appropriate environment which is now equivalent to Canadian National Junior competition

The need to have clinics in conjunction with provincial tournaments was emphasized

G. Humber raised the question of the need for a Provincial Coach. There was some discussion that this was a good idea but there were practical problems with actually doing it

B. Simms asked coaches to develop strategy to help lead the development of competitors

M. Chiaramonte and E. Bradbury reviewed their report. They emphasized the need to identify potential athletes, conduct fund raising, develop a physical development program, and the need for more interaction between club coaches and the CWG leadership team.

J. Coffey mentioned the possibility of having judo participation in Newfoundland Winter Games now that there is a club in Gander

E. Bradbury asked clubs to identify potential athletes now

G. Beckett emphasized the need for fund-raising and asked clubs to identify people to help with it. There was general agreement on the need for fundraising to support the CWG effort.

M. Kay commented that there is a need to deal with "harsh reality" for potential competitors. He felt it was better to have fewer people on the CWG team who are better qualified than weak competitors who had no chance of winning a match.

There was discussion about whether junior and senior categories should be separated in provincial tournaments during the runup to the Games in order to provide more rest time for junior (CWG) competitors. G. Beckett asked coaches to send comments to him so that he can make appropriate arrangements.

B. Simms emphasized need to develop team selection criteria early and communicate the criteria to clubs.

## **7. Plans for 2004/05**

There was discussion about what tournaments to hold, where and when. It might be possible to make the 2005 Test tournament on Dec. 18 into the Fall provincial tournament but this is not a good time for travel. Indian Head Club will be contacted about hosting the Claude Estoppey tournament in the Fall. J. Coffey raised possibility of hosting a tournament in Gander in 2004/05. It was agreed that this was interesting and the Executive should look into the possibilities of such a tournament probably in 2005. Comments were made that people prefer to have clinics after the tournaments although this is often difficult because of travel scheduling.

D. Earle reviewed the proposed budget for 2004/05. One of the major factors affecting it are government grants which are uncertain for this year. D. Earle moved adoption of the proposed 2004/05 budget, seconded by I. Ash. Motion passed.

## **8. Any other business**

- a. G. Beckett asked that clubs use the NLJA Registration form to register people with the NLJA registration form
- b. James Coffey asked about the coverage provided by the NLJA insurance policy. He was assured that it should address club needs but the Executive is going to review the insurance policy in the Fall to ensure that it meets association needs.
- c. K. Morey raised the question again about the need for a Provincial Coach. There was a sense that people support the idea but there are difficulties with implementation. The Judo Canada Atlantic Coach position has been eliminated but JP Cantin is still available to help out.
- d. It was agreed to use teleconference for the 2005 non-voting year AGM.

## **9. Elections**

D. Earle and K. Morey ran the elections. The results were:

President - nominated Blair Bradbury and Felicity O'Brien – elected Blair Bradbury

Vice-President – nominated Piotr Waclawek - elected by acclamation

Second Vice-President – nominated Felicity O'Brien, Joe Coffey, Terry Whey – elected Joe Coffey

Treasurer – nominated George Beckett – elected by acclamation

Secretary – nominated Felicity O'Brien – elected by acclamation

National Councillor – nominated Blair Bradbury – elected by acclamation

Second National Councillor – nominated Maurice Sheppard, Gerard Humber – elected Maurice Sheppard

**10. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

## Appendix A – NLJA AGM 2004 Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
George Beckett	MUN Judo Club
Jeremy Smith	Astra Judo Club
Steve Gallagher	Astra Judo Club
Erin Bradbury	Astra Judo Club
Joe Coffey	Chikara Judo Club
James Coffey	Sankyo Judo Club
Marco Chiaramonte	MUN Judo Club
Maurice Sheppard	MUN Judo Club
Tony Corbin	Eagle Point
Michael Kay	Kokoro Budokai Judo Club
Gerard Humber	Kokoro Budokai Judo Club
Bob Simms	Goose Bay Judo Club
Ian Ash	MUN Judo Club
Piotr Waclawek	MUN Judo Club
David Earle	MUN Judo Club
Terry Whey	Goose Bay Judo Club
Keith Morey	Goose Bay Judo Club
Gary Noftall	MUN Judo Club
Jay Hickey	MUN Judo Club