

Newfoundland & Labrador Judo Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2005
Held by Teleconference from St. John's, Newfoundland

1. Welcome

B. Bradbury welcomed everyone. G. Beckett reported that only twelve people were participating so a quorum was not present. The meeting continued without a quorum. Regrets were received from Piotr Waclawek and Felicity O'Brien who were out of town.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

Moved by J. Coffey, seconded by M. Sheppard. Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting

A copy was not available at the remote sites. It was agreed to leave them for approval at the 2006 AGM.

4. Business Arising from the 2004 AGM Minutes

B. Bradbury verbally summarized major topics from the 2004 minutes. J. Coffey reported that he was unable to locate judo mats believed to be stored in Gander so it was not possible to host a tournament unless the NLJA could provide the mats.

5. President's Report – B. Bradbury provided a brief report.

- a. Canadian Seniors Championship – he reported that he had received very favourable comment about the 2005 Senior championships held in St. John's from across Canada
- b. Club activity – he reported that as far he knows all clubs are active. A comment was made that St. Pierre was not likely to attend the upcoming provincial tournament since when they fly prefer going to Eastern Championships where they can get more competition. M. Sheppard suggested getting competitor lists out ASAP so that clubs and athletes will know who is available for competition.
- c. Other points – he pointed out that the NLJA has some funding available in its budget to support out-of-province competition. A "dark problem" for the association was the lawsuit launched against it by former members Tom and V. Gallant.

6. National Councillor's Report – B. Bradbury summarized his written report. He reported on his role as V.P. Atlantic and the interest in standardizing rule standards. He is also on the Judo Canada Executive which seems to be working well. The major effort at Judo Canada is now integration of mudansha into the membership.

A membership database is being developed with the eventual goal to allow members to track their own competition results. Work is being done on a long term development model. L. Byrne inquired if JC had a grading system nationally for all athletes similar to what table tennis had. B. Bradbury responded that there is a national ranking system but only for elite athletes at this time. He sees the possibility in the future of a national ranking system. M. Sheppard commented that possibly ranking could be done as part of a provincial coach's job that he feels strongly is needed.

7. Treasurer's Report – G. Beckett summarized his report and reviewed the proposed membership fee structure proposal for 06/07 that will deal with the new Judo Canada mudansha membership. G. Beckett moved reappointment of Fred Earle as auditor for 2006. Seconded by M. Sheppard. Motion passed.

B. Simms asked about using CWG funding for supporting travel to tournaments. G. Beckett pointed out that this already exists to some degree.

8. **Vice-President's Report** – There were no reports from P. Waclawek or J. Coffey.
9. **Grading Board Report** – B. Simms reported that there were two successful yudansha gradings: Keith Morey to Shodan and Gerard Humber to Sandan. There was a candidate at the spring tournament but he didn't show up to get graded. Currently F. O'Brien is applying for yondan and T. Corbin for Nidan.

He emphasized the need for people to be registered with NLJA and let the Grading Board know if they were interested in grading. This is especially true for brown belts. Higher rank gradings are normally done with out of province groups due to the need for people with the appropriate rank to do the grading. He felt that there had been a lot of change over the last few years but feels that the protocols are getting sorted out. We need more people to come forward for grading and need to have kata clinics in the province.

B. Bradbury agreed on the need for kata clinics and commented that Judo Canada is getting much pickier about grading in recent years. He also mentioned interest in having an activity hosted in Labrador in the future. The major issues are the cost for travel to and from Labrador. Some sports are creative about ways to do funding. B. Simms stated that the Goose Bay Club will look at the possibilities for a winter tournament in 2006/07.

10. **NCCP Report** – there was no report available from M. Kay. B. Bradbury commented that we need to be more proactive in development of coaches. He will speak with M. Kay about this issue. B. Simms reported that Goose Bay Judo Club is planning for M. Kay to visit Goose Bay before Christmas to do a Level 1 Technical clinic.
11. **Refereeing Committee Report** - M. Sheppard reviewed his referee report. He is trying to encourage younger people to participate in refereeing. B. Bradbury asked clubs to encourage people to participate in refereeing. M. Sheppard expressed thanks to referees for their work over the past year.

P. Dunne asked about purchase of referee rank badges. M. Sheppard will arrange to get the rank badges. L. Byrne commented about issues involved in getting connections into middle/high schools and developing the interest of youth in the sport.

12. **Canada Winter Games Report** – J. Coffey presented a verbal overview. E. Bradbury and M. Chiaramonte are the female and male coaches. Chiaramonte will do a training camp at local clubs in upcoming months. They are looking at bringing in a female coach for a special training opportunity. They are encouraging attendance at out of province competitions but realize that funding is largely dependent on clubs and parents.

He also reviewed the selection process for the 2007 Games. Competitors have to be a minimum of blue belt, must have inter-provincial competition experience and compete for points at provincial tournaments. He summarized the current point standings. The selection document will be sent to all clubs shortly.

B. Bradbury commented about the increased emphasis on sport competitiveness in the CWG. There will be a CWG training clinic from 10-12 AM on Nov. 12 at Holy Spirit High School.

13. New Business

- a. Budget for 2006/07 – G. Beckett reviewed the proposed budget and emphasized that the slight increase in funding for 05/06 is primarily for CWG development
- b. Scholarship & Bursaries – F. O'Brien asked that clubs let members know that scholarships are available for post-secondary education.
- c. Shot in the arm – B. Bradbury commented on the need to revitalize interest in judo. Look to work with Judo Canada's promotional efforts re. Judo Day. The point was made that judo is a good fitness workout that may be attractive to adults more than children. There was a sense that we need to emphasize the health development aspect of judo. This could be used to attract people out of which will develop a competitive group. There was agreement that the social aspect needed emphasis as well.
- d. Koshi-guruma / drop seionage for minors – B. Bradbury reported on discussion about these throws at the minor level. He is working on an Atlantic consensus re. the throws. He proposed that in all NLJA sanctioned tournament the following should be included in the technical package: "at the minor level the Referee will stop the match for: headlock throws or drop seionage. Infractions can be subject to penalties or disqualification." The minor level is under 13 (juvenile). It was generally agreed to bring this in as standard practice and communicate about it at tournaments through the coach and referee meetings.

14. Any other business

- G. Beckett expressed thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted in the 2005 National championships.
- M. Sheppard expressed interest in looking at a provincial identity for uniform and track suits

14. **Adjournment** – B. Bradbury thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Recorded by G. Beckett
NLJA Treasurer

Participants in the NLJA Annual General Meeting, October 23, 2005

Name

Club

Pat Dunne	Kokoro
Steve Wheeler	Kokoro
Blair Bradbury	Astra
Erin Bradbury	Astra
George Beckett	MUN
Maurice Sheppard	MUN
Joe Coffey	Chikara
Bob Simms	Goose Bay
Terry Whey	Goose Bay
John Graham	Goose Bay
Lew Byrne	Goose Bay
Frank Russell	Goose Bay