

**Newfoundland and Labrador Judo Association AGM 2017**  
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## **1. In Attendance:**

Chris Wellon (President, Sosei)  
Mike Samson (St. John's BJJ/Judo, VP)  
Colin Jacobs (Goose Bay, VP)  
Troy Smith (Treasurer, Sosei)  
Ethan Terris (Secretary, St. John's BJJ/Judo)  
Gerard Humber (Kokoro)  
Steve Wheeler (Kokoro)  
Heidi Morrill (Kokoro)  
Michael Kay (Kokoro)  
Patrick Dunne (Kokoro)  
Maurice Sheppard (MUN Judo, Grading Board, Referee Chair)  
Dave Crane (MUN Judo, Hall of Fame chair)  
Matthew Hudson (MUN Judo, Parent)  
Eileen Parsons (MUN Judo, Canada Winter Games female coach)  
George Gillett (Knights of Honor)  
Didier Nalleau (Labrador Straits Judo Academy)  
Blair Bradbury (St. John's BJJ/Judo, Grading Board)  
Scot Ogilvie (Sosei, Grading Board Chair)  
Ed Quinn (MUN Judo)

## **2. Voting Numbers Review (2016)**

Total Membership is 357. Down 20 from the previous year, consistently around 350 near 400. Eagle Point/Stephenville club is active again, numbers can be expected to be nearer 400 for 2017. Goose Bay Judo still has by far the largest club at 92 members.

## **3. Review of 2016 Minutes**

Fred Earle as accountant: We were under the impression Fred was pro bono, then we received a \$2100 bill for 3 years. Will be shopped around, but \$700 a year is a reasonable fee. Accountant is required because we are required to be accountable for Sport NL. Voted on during treasurer's report.

Every club complied with code of conduct and was clear last year. Will be addressed again later

Online tournament registration works well. Coaches are asked to register earlier so that athletes can see their draws.

Tournament hosting: Clubs are reminded to apply by the Friday of the last tournament of the season (Spring Provincials)

## **4. Business Arising from 2016:**

Constitution Changes: Needs to be done, a review committee will be formed.

Healthy Eating Initiative

Website

Possible voting by email

2017

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 President's Report**

President Chris Wellon feels that a strategic development plan needs to be established, with consideration given to tournament cancellations and a regular standalone AGM (In the past few years AGM has been conducted immediately following a provincial tournament).

### **5.2 Treasurer's Report**

Auditor's Report presented by Troy Smith. Issue was raised with reference to including depreciating assets (namely mats, trailers, laptops) in the audit. Industry standard is a half million dollar operating budget before assets and depreciation are considered, treasurer Troy feels that this is unnecessary given our current operating budget.

Patrick Dunne moves that financial statements are complete going forward WRT all assets, liabilities, etc. Motion not carried. Troy Smith has offered to explore the option with the next auditor.

NLJA has purchased a GIC in the amount of \$10 000, continued investment of 10% of our income up to a maximum of \$18 000, with the objective of having the capability to purchase a second fighting surface if numbers demand it. No expenditure, just a transfer of cash. Voted on by the board at a board meeting as there was no expenditure.

Didier Nalleau moves to accept financial reports as tabled. Scott Ogilvie seconds. All in favor.

### **5.3 Grading Committee**

Scott Ogilvie has taken on the grading chair committee. No gradings this year to report on. Scott speaks to the necessity to establish a Kata standard or possibly a Kata board. Gerard Humber is now certified for Nage no Kata and is teaching a clinic in Corner Brook.

### **5.4 Refereeing Committee**

A certified referee exists in all practicing clubs in the NLJA. Referee numbers have been a problem in the past for tournaments. Chair suggests introducing Newaza competition along with traditional shiai for the next tournament. Ruleset for Newaza competition was distributed by the referee chair. New rules will be out in January, significant change is to leg grabs (now a regular shido) and to the waza ari (waza ari awasete ippon returns)

### **5.5 Medical Committee**

Medical chair supports the Newaza tournament idea to help reduce injury. Emphasizes risk of concussion (one was reported last year, during shiai) and re-emphasizes having athletes report injuries. Communication issues continue to be a challenge. Didier Nalleau raises the issue of re-integrating an athlete after a concussion and raises the possibility of mouthguards being required.

## **5.6 Hall of Fame**

Dave Crane and George Beckett express interest in re-entering the last submission. More promotion with regard to the hall of fame is needed.

## **5.7 Canada Winter Games**

We have an initial pool of 28 athletes that has not been audited yet. One or maybe two camps with Ron Angus will be run in the new year. Possibly held at Kokoro as they have use of a full gym.

Chris suggests stopping athlete funding in favor of funding coaches and the CWG process. Chris also suggests following the Nova Scotia CWG method of requiring a signup fee to be considered in the pool.

Team Manager has left the CWG process for this cycle, citing unreasonable demands. President Chris Wellon has taken the position for the time being.

Ron Angus and Eileen Parsons made the decision to pull the plug on the National Training Center camp and the Quebec Open. A safety issue was cited and training was moved to Full Circle Judo and Jiu Jitsu in Burlington (Ron and Tracy Angus' club).

### **5.7.1 Female Coach Eileen Parsons:**

Jerome Brennan's (provincial center) programs will be distributed to athletes, athletes are proving coachable and motivated, parents are involved and interested. Reflects on productive training in Burlington.

### **5.7.2 Male Coach Ron Angus:**

Ron Angus points out a strong desire to learn and notices the development of a distinct provincial style, also echoing Eileen's statements on the coachability and motivation of the athletes. However, he does notice some deficiencies and suggests a focus on:

- Conditioning
- Kumikata (gripping)
- Clear fighting strategy both in newaza and tachiwaza.

Suggests a series of camps and clinics to establish strategies and conditioning programs for club coaches to implement. Possibly one in Gander and one in St. John's.

## **6 New Business**

### **6.1 Neil Adams Clinic**

Mike has booked Neil and Nikki Adams for a 3 day clinic July 27<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> at the PowerPlex. Will be announced when spaces are available to book.

## **6.2 Email List**

Emails are currently distributed only to head club coaches. Suggested for a signup list or something on a website.

Possibility was revisited later, investigating the possibility of a full-membership mailing list as well as the head coach mailing list, as well as announcements being placed on the website.

## **6.3 Knights of Honor tournament**

Small regional tournament, \$15 registration fee. Details available from George Gillett.

## **6.4 Club Sponsor roles and tournaments**

Debating a formal club sponsor role. Didier Nalleau has Terry Whey as a sponsor, there are no guidelines for how this should be run. As Didier Nalleau is the last head coach requiring NCCP credentials, a clinic will be planned at LSJA to get Sensei Nalleau certified.

Smaller clubs running a tournament, NLJA will organize as usual.

## **6.5 Sterling Background Check**

New standard background check for Judo Canada. Permission is granted to the company and a background check is performed. Anything flagged is forwarded to Judo Canada's coaching director and a board of lawyers to be evaluated on a case by case basis, and a flag does not necessarily disqualify a coach. Checks are valid for 3 years.

Current background checks are grandfathered in for a period of time (2 years)

Fee is \$25. NLJA has plans to set up an account to fund these checks for coaches.

## **6.6 Future Plans for NCCP**

We currently do not have an NCCP Chair. No one certified as a NCCP facilitator in Judo. Michael Kay holds a facilitator certification but not a Judo Canada recognized one. Mike Samson has all pre requisites from a multisport standpoint. Troy Smith was NCCP chair until he became treasurer. Currently run by president Chris Wellon. Level III evaluation is unnecessarily inconvenient.

President Chris Wellon suggests that we employ Tracy Angus as our NCCP director. Expenses submitted to and approved by a board, goal is to develop local coaches and facilitators.

Patrick Dunne raises the issue of membership being required as a Patrick Dunne has volunteered as NCCP Chair, to be carried to a board meeting. Charter was consulted, this requirement was found to be in place for the Board of Directors, but not for Committee Chairs.

Chris Wellon moves to approach a qualified third party to take on the role of an NCCP chair until a local qualified replacement can be found. Patrick Dunne amends that the NCCP chair is required to be a member of the NLJA.

Amendment seconded by Gerard Humber. Amendment does not pass. 4 in Favor.

Original Motion Seconded by Blair Bradbury. Original Motion passes all less 4.

### **6.7 Reminder for tournament hosting application deadline**

Reminder that club applications to host tournaments will have to be submitted by the Friday of the final tournament weekend (Spring provincials, generally mid April to early May).

### **6.8 Constitution changes/Electronic voting**

Constitution changes will be carried out by a review committee to be formed in the coming weeks.

The possibility of electronic voting was raised. This will be further researched, no action as of yet.

### **6.9 Healthy Eating**

Sport NL requires a clear healthy eating policy. NLJA has one ready to put in place, echoing the healthy eating plan used by Swim NL.

Chris moves to put this plan in place, seconded by Ethan, all in favor.

NLJA healthy eating policy is in place effective November 25<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### **6.10 Promotional Booth and SportFest**

Looking for \$2500-\$3500 to create a permanent promotional booth. A small mat surface will be the bulk of the cost. SportFest now charges \$500 (approx.) for a booth space so it is worth us promoting.

List of Materials:

- Mat surface
- Roll up banners or similar
- Other branded materials

Stephen Wheeler has offered to look into the design and pricing of promotional materials.

### **6.11 New Position**

The position of Event Coordinator/Planner has been suggested to be created.

Motion put forward by Chris, seconded by Scot, all in favor. To be addressed in next regular board meeting.

### **6.12 CWG/Travel Funding**

Chris asks those present to consider funding and travel being organized at the club level, via a parent committee or similar. Cites MUN Judo's parent committee.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Chris motions to adjourn. Scott seconds. Passes all less four.