

Newfoundland & Labrador Judo Association
Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting
June 17, 2003

The meeting convened at 7:01 P.M. in the Telemedicine Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

1. Welcome

B. Bradbury welcomed everyone and stated that the teleconference format was an experiment. G. Beckett declared that there was a quorum for the meeting.

2. **Agenda** – Goose Bay reported that it hadn't received the AGM mailing. It was agreed to discuss the event calendar under Plans for 2003. The National Tournament application will be discussed under the President's report.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting** – G. Beckett moved adoption of the 2002 meeting minutes. P. Waclawek seconded the motion. All agreed so the motion passed.

4. Business Arising from the 2002 AGM Minutes

- G. Beckett reported that the NLJA Executive had tabled the Constitutional Review process since only one club had responded to the call for participants in the review.

5. Reports

a. **President** – B. Bradbury summarized his report. St. John's has been awarded the Canadian Senior National Championship Tournament for 2005. It will require a lot of volunteers to bring off a successful tournament. The NLJA has nominated Dr. Yves Le Gal for the Judo Canada Hall of Fame and has been accepted. Details for Dr. Le Gal's induction will be worked out by the Executive. He clarified that Judo Canada wanted the Hall of Fame induction to be held as a distinct event. It was suggested that a banquet should be held with the induction; and the induction should be done in Newfoundland, possibly in conjunction with a provincial tournament where people from across the province could attend.

b. **Treasurer** – D. Earle summarized his report. He pointed out that NLJA membership stood at 181 members in seven clubs. F. O'Brien asked about the government requirement for an audit each year. Dave replied that it is required. G. Beckett promised to send a copy of the audited financial statements to all NLJA clubs. D. Earle stated that the planned balanced budget for 2003/4 will result in a lean year as is normal after the Canada Winter Games. The budget and renewal of the auditor would be discussed under item 7 of the agenda.

c. **Grading Committee** – B. Simms provided an oral report. He reported that C. Lavallee had resigned from the Grading Committee 2 weeks previous to the meeting. It was a challenging year because of 2 issues: technical point requirements for Dan grading – there has been a lot of national discussion about technical point requirements and the thirty (30) technical point requirement for Shodan has been removed for 2003. Some Shodan grading applications have been caught up in the technical point issue.

The other issue was membership status in Judo Canada and the Provincial Association for grading applicants. B. Simms reported that he is working with the NLJA Executive on this matter.

A related issue was the role of the Atlantic Grading Board. This is an issue for other provinces as well. It has been confirmed that grading applicants have to be recommended through Provincial Grading Boards before being graded by the Atlantic Grading Board. Four people from Newfoundland & Labrador participated in an AGB grading in Halifax but only two had gone through the NLJA Provincial Grading Board. There have a lot of issues involved in trying to get this worked out. He also reported that Shodan grading applicants G. Beckett and N. Bell were now being recommended due to the technical point clarification.

In the following discussion a number of points were made:

- M. Sheppard emphasized the need to have the Judo Canada passport updated as one participates in activities
- There is a need to clean up procedures for registering club memberships and clarifying points. B. Simms asked D. Earle to send list of current members to him.
- B. Bradbury commented that new NCCP system will help address some of the coaching qualification issues. He stressed the need to follow correct procedures for grading applications in order to resolve problems
- Requests for point clarification from NLJA tournaments of recent years should be addressed to G. Beckett. As tournament director for many of the tournaments he can provide the needed information to calculate points
- B. Simms will check on the status of a cheque for grading fee payments on behalf of N. Bell.

C. Lavallee joined the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

- d. **Refereeing Committee** – M. Sheppard read his report. B. Bradbury commented that the IJF has reorganized its web site and has a revised referee manual available on the site. F. O'Brien requested that the referee code of conduct only be completed once per year. It was agreed that the code of conduct for referees should be done as part of the NLJA registration process. New referees will sign as they begin refereeing. G. Beckett is preparing an updated list of referees, yudansha, and NCCP qualified coaches for mounting on the NLJA site.
- e. **NCCP Committee** – M. Kay summarized his report and emphasized the changes taking place in the NCCP curriculum. He would like to see more people together for technical courses. B. Bradbury pointed out that latest issue of the Judo Canada journal has an article on the new curriculum.
- f. **Medical Committee** – M. Kay summarized his report. He felt that the emphasis on injury prevention has been working well. The NLJA treatment table has been a great asset. He suggested some further equipment purchases for the Executive to consider: a spinal board would be about \$3-400; a cryotherapy unit would be useful for ice treatment.
- g. **Judo Canada National Councillor** – B. Bradbury summarized his report. The Atlantic Coach position is being eliminated due to his (J.P. Cantin) duties as National Junior Coach. Judo Canada will not replace him but Cantin has advised that he will still be available to help out in the Atlantic provinces. There is a proposal at Judo Canada to open membership to anyone doing judo rather than just yudansha. There are some issues about fees and voting structures for Judo Canada if such a reorganization was implemented.. There will be a further report on this at the 2004 Judo Canada AGM. The

SARS crisis posed a problem for Quebec participation in the 2003 National Junior/Juvenile tournament in Toronto.

G. Beckett commented that he felt strongly that the St. John's area could host an excellent Canadian Senior Championship Tournament in 2005 if everyone pulls together.

6. **Canada Winter Games 2003 Report** – J. Coffey summarized his report. His key recommendations were to put the CWG leadership team in place sooner; act on the need to get team members to out of province competition; and the need for a fund raising committee to raise funding for out of province competition

E. Bradbury summarized her report . Her suggestions were: the CWG leadership team needs to be appointed ASAP; there is a great need to identify CWG hopefuls as early as possible; a CWG fundraising committee is needed; there needs to be a physical training program for CWG hopefuls in order to develop physical base and this needs to be started early; the CWG leadership team needs the cooperation of club coaches to enforce training programs; take advantage of resources in province and improve overall cooperation in the CWG development process.

M. Kay summarized his report. He felt that felt parents were very supportive.

In the ensuing discussion the following points were made:

B. Simms expressed thanks to the CWG Coaches & Manager on behalf of Goose Bay Judo Club. He agreed with the idea of trying to target CWG eligible judoka for nurturing.

P. Waclawek felt that team preparation went better than at previous CWG. He felt an agreement was needed amongst clubs to support preparation of CWG hopefuls. He felt that the number of competitions need to be increased to help train athletes. He also agreed with the idea of identifying a core group of athletes early. The example of PEI was brought up where there was strong support from parents as well as coaches driving the training program.

M. Kay felt the coaches need to be identified early to prepare and liase with local coaches.

F. O'Brien also felt that the coaches need to be identified early and agreed with P. Waclawek on the need for clubs and CWG coaches to work together.

J. Coffey suggested having a separate CWG category in all tournaments to help give more experience to athletes. C. Lavallee was concerned whether that was a realistic option. There was a sense that CWG hopefuls should be encouraged to participate in as many competitions as practical and safe.

It was suggested to the Executive that the CWG coach recruitment process should start in Fall 2003.

7. Plans for 2003 and Advancing Judo in the Province

B. Bradbury reported on the activities that the Executive were looking at for next year. D. Earle spoke to the proposed budget for 2003/04. B. Bradbury said that the Executive planned to to maintain the current fee structure except for an increase in black belt fees due to an increase in Judo Canada black belt fees. He estimated that it would cost approximately\$65-70 for Black Belt membership fees but will be confirmed in fall. There was some comment that club fees should be increased rather than BB fees.

F. O'Brien moved that all NLJA member rates be raised by \$10, seconded by J. Coffey. The motion passed with one opposed.

F. O'Brien moved approval of the budget for 2003/04, seconded by P. Waclawek. Motion passed.

D. Earle moved that Fred Earle be appointed as auditor for 2003/04. Seconded by F. O'Brien. Motion passed.

C. Lavallee reported that Stephenville will host the Claude Estoppey tournament in the Fall. B. Simms reported that it was unlikely that Goose Bay would host a tournament in the near future. M. Sheppard mentioned there might be a St. Pierre tournament in October 2003.

8. Any other Business

G. Beckett asked for comments on the use of the teleconference format for non-election year annual general meetings. There was general agreement that the teleconference format was good for non-voting years.

B. Bradbury thanked committee chairs for all of their work. He felt that the key for the next year was to pull together to make association work more effectively. He thanked G. Beckett for arranging the teleconference AGM.

F. O'Brien volunteered for the 2005 tournament organising committee.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Appendix A – 2004 NLJA AGM Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
David Earle	MUN
James Coffey	Sankyo
Howard Sheppard	Sankyo
Robert Bugden	Sankyo
Piotr Waclawek	MUN
Erin Bradbury	Astra
Blair Bradbury	Astra
Maurice Sheppard	MUN
Michael Kay	Kokoro
Felicity O'Brien	Kokoro
George Beckett	MUN
Joe Coffey	Sankyo by Teleconference
Bob Simms	Goose Bay by Teleconference
Tony Corbin	Eagle Point by Teleconference
Keith Morey	Goose Bay by Teleconference
Terry Whey	Goose Bay by Teleconference
Chris Lavallee	Indian Head by Teleconference