

**2010 NLJA Annual General Meeting  
6 November 2010**

Attendance by Judo Club Attendance:

MUN Judo Club – 10

Goose Bay Judo Club – 5

Astra Judo Club – 4

Kokoro Judo Club – 1

Zanshin Judo Club – 1

Sosei Judo Club – 3

Total Attendance, Includes Executive Members – 24

- Introduction and welcome to new clubs, Zanshin and Sosei.
- General introduction of those in attendance.
- George Beckett (MUN) presented the Presidents Report.
  - No questions for George.
- Mark Didham (MUN) presented Treasurers Report.
  - Mike Kay asked about current cash balance. Was provided an estimate of the balance.
  - Paul Norman asked about accounts receivable, explained the increase was due primarily to outstanding amounts from a Government grant for travel to the Labrador Provincial Tournament and National Sport Trust Fund, which have been received since year end.
  - Vote to renew Fred Earle, CA for review engagement of NLJA Financial Statements, motioned by Maurice Sheppard (MUN). Seconded by Paul Norman (Astra). Approved by majority vote.
- Bob Simms (Goose Bay) presented Grading Board Report.
  - Added that forms/requirements for grading have been updated on Judo Canada website as of 4 October 2010.
  - Reminder to everyone to keep Judo Canada passport up to date.
  - Eileen Parsons (MUN) asked about name changes and affect on passport. Advised to get a new passport with name change.
- Maurice Sheppard presented Referees Report.
  - Update on current referee rankings and advancement.
  - Advised clubs to continually keep up with rules.
- Mike Kay (Kokoro) presented NCCP Report.
  - Outlined dojo assistant courses, and will continue to run courses based on need. Reminded that dojo assistant is the minimum requirement for running a club, but advised to continue on to dojo instructor course.
  - George Beckett reminded everyone that increasing requirements from Judo Canada means we need to develop high level coaches to support the Canada Winter Games program. Priority is to meet the National Standards.

- Mike outlined that courses do require a commitment and some time.
- Mike Kay presented the Medical Report.
  - Presented a form for clubs to use to identify in club injuries to see the kind of issues that may be arising.
  - No additional questions.
- George Beckett presented Judo Canada & Atlantic Council update.
  - Talking about holding the Atlantics in a “semi-permanent” location from now on. Discussion regarding obtaining some additional funding from the Atlantic region to help get NL judokas to Atlantics.
  - Outlined quality of competition of the Atlantics.
  - Judo Canada going through period of change, constitutional changes relating to board of directors and executive. Trying to manage elite sport program and sport development program with limited resources. Membership revenue could increase to support the sport. Loss of funding national because of lower ranking of judo among Canadian sport.
- Blair Bradbury (Astra) presented Canada Winter Games Report.
  - Tentative team and alternates chosen. Changes could occur due to injuries and weight class changes.
  - Team went to Nationals this past summer, met with reasonable success, next event is Ontario International, going as a team to prepare for CWG.
  - CWG is February in Halifax.
  - Summer camp at PowerPlex over the summer went well.
  - Mike Kay mentioned the uniqueness of the Canada Games being a team experience, and the efforts by the coaches to try to help them gel as a team and represent the Province as a whole, but still meet individual goals that have been set amongst the team.
  - Emphasis on maximizing level of fitness through available methods, such as PowerPlex. Pleased with progress.
  - Registration process for the CWG is ongoing, working with athletes. They must complete an online course regarding ethics and drug awareness.
  - No further questions.
- George Beckett noted that no report for Hall of Fame has been prepared because there has been no activity this year. Encouraged clubs to submit names for individuals they feel should be honoured.
- Proposed Constitutional Amendment – George Beckett
  - Outlined reasons for change requirements.
  - Paul Norman asked about quorum in place currently. George explained, and noted the reasons for requiring change (Geographical demographics, lack of flexibility of old constitution).
  - George explained change in Corporations Act.
  - George explained change to club “voting members” process. Model is used by Judo Canada.

- Mike Kay asked about votes. Questioned about every club getting an equal votes vs. being based on membership.
- Maurice Sheppard commented that the last two years we haven't been able to make any voting decisions due to restrictions of current constitution. Outlined that proposed changes would help make things more efficient. George Beckett added a comment about it being embarrassing when you invite a Provincial representative in and cannot function.
- Maurice Sheppard commented that AGM should be regularly tied to tournaments to make it more cost effective. Mark Didham added that costs of AGM take away from funding for athletes.
- Blair Bradbury commented on National Reps, old constitution had new positions. Outlined Pros and Cons of positions. George Beckett noted that recommended changes come from Judo Canada constitution and practices.
- Bruce Mann (Zanshin) mentioned telecommunications and their use. George Beckett noted that we plan to allow participation via this method, but voting members have to be present.
- Lou Simms (Goose Bay) commented on having a clause that would help a smaller club get a bit more weight. George Beckett outlined that under current situation a club could still find a way to control the meeting based on if it is locally held and other clubs are unable to attend.
- Dave Crane (MUN) asked if we were shrinking the quorum. No change in quorum, but would allow votes to happen much easier.
- Chris Wellon (Sosei), noted that changes would need to occur today before voting on it. Suggested a limitation to the max percentage of votes a club can have.
- Bruce Mann suggested a basis of votes on coaches.
- Bob Simms suggested people to look at it in the long run versus short run. Membership dynamic can change. Outlined that Goose Bay JC has always acted in good faith to developing judo in the province.
- Maurice Sheppard makes a motion to accept the presented articles of association as the NLJA constitution. Paul Norman added to motion. Added change to 32(c), "change members to chairs". Blair Bradbury seconded both.
  - Amendment voting
    - 19 in favour
    - 1 opposed
    - 4 absent
  - Amendment carried
  - Original motion VOTING
    - 22 in favour
    - 2 opposed
  - Motioned carried.
- George Beckett presented strategic plan document, outlined key elements.

- Paul Norman commented on membership growth goal. Seems unrealistic. Even 10% year over year growth would not reach the goal. George noted that the numbers become more realistic with the hope that the West Coast starts to build again. Noted that it appears past clubs might become active again. Noted the start up of a new club in gander area and in Torbay.
- Lou Simms commented on Goose Bay membership and how they fall into the LTAD. Focus of LTAD appears to be on elite athlete development and over looks judo for fun. Recreational vs. Competitive. George commented on the goals of the NCCP and what the courses try to get across. Level I and II do teach a person how to instruct judo at the club level and support individuals at the club level, and Level III is for getting a coach qualified to bring interested athletes into high/elite level. Mike Kay confirmed this principal in the course.
- Chris Wellon commented on support for start up clubs and inclusion into the plan.
- Bruce Mann asked about getting suggestions on ways to grow the club. George added with comments about marketing of the club being a necessity. Growth comes through success or word of mouth.
- Bob Simms commented on how Goose Bay was able to grow. Welcome the LTAD document as something the NLJA needed. Mentioned adding direct goals to the plan.
- Dave Crane mentioned for new clubs, why can't established clubs send in higher coaches to help with clinics and assist with early development.
- George asked if people are prepared to vote on the document in principal.
- Motion to accept the proposed LTAD plan in principal – Bob Simms motioned. Paul Norman seconded. Approved by majority vote.
- George commented on provincial Sportfest at Powerplex in the spring.
- Steve Patey (Sosei) noted that in the future they would like to host a tournament in Gander, once competitors have been developed. George Beckett commented that the NLJA would hope to hold one there in the near future, when Gander is ready to host a tournament.
- George Beckett asked if anyone had comments on what they wanted NLJA to accomplish this year. No comments.
- Elections – Ran by Blair Bradbury
  - President
    - Bob Simms nominated George Beckett
    - Terry Whey (Goose Bay) seconded
    - No other, declared elected.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP
    - Terry Whey nominated George Beckett
    - Mike Montague (Goose Bay) seconded
    - No other, declared elected.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
    - Alan Bell (MUN) nominated George Beckett
    - Seconded by Mark Didham (MUN)

- No other, declared elected.
- Treasurer
  - Mark Didham nominated Blair Bradbury
  - Seconded by Paul Norman
  - No other, declared elected.
- Secretary
  - Paul Norman by Blair Bradbury
  - Seconded by George Beckett
  - Maurice Sheppard nominates Chris Wellon, he does not accept
  - No other, declared elected.
- George Beckett closes meeting. Thanks everyone.