

Newfoundland and Labrador Judo Association 2018 Annual General Meeting

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Minutes and Secretary's Report

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Roll Call

Board Members Present

- Chris Wellon, President (Sosei Judo)
- Troy Smith, Treasurer (Sosei Judo)
- Ethan Terris, Secretary (St. John's BJJ/Judo)

Board Members Not Present

- Mike Samson, 1st Vice President (St. John's BJJ/Judo)
- Colin Jacobs, 2nd Vice President (Goose Bay Judo Club)

Members Present

- Maurice Sheppard (Fudoshin Judo Club, Referee Committee Chair)
- Grant Lambe (Fudoshin Judo Club)
- Dan Webber (Fudoshin Judo Club)
- Mike Montague (Goose Bay Judo Club)
- Didier Nalleau (Labrador Straits Judo Academy)
- Barb Nalleau (Labrador Straits Judo Academy)
- Scot Ogilvie (Sosei Judo Club, Grading Committee Chair)
- Brad Parsons (Sosei Judo Club)
- Matt Jones (Sosei Judo Club)

Member Clubs Not Represented

- Kokoro Judo Club
- Tung Yen Judo Club
- Jason Foley's
- Zanshin

Voting Numbers

Only Clubs with representation present at the NLJA 2018 AGM are included in this list. A full membership breakdown is available in the treasurer's report. Total refers to total NLJA registered athlete membership.

Judo Club	Voting Numbers
Goose Bay Judo Club	65
Labrador Straits Judo Academy	21
MUN/Fudoshin Judo Club	42
Sosei Judo Club	61
St. John's BJJ/Judo	42
Total	336

Business from 2017 AGM

Full minutes from 2017 AGM are available upon request.

Neil Adams Clinic

Over the summer St. John's BJJ/Judo, with funding and support from the NLJA, hosted a 2 day Neil Adams and Niki Adams technical clinic. Participation was fairly high and the topics covered will be extremely beneficial to Judo in the province.

Reminder of Application Deadlines

All clubs wishing to host a provincial tournament must have applications in by the end of the previous tournament. (I.e. to host a fall provincial tournament, application should be received by the end of the previous season's spring provincial tournament.)

Healthy Eating Policy

Healthy eating policy was adopted, following a model from another sport. This is a requirement for SportNL.

Promotional Booth

A promotional booth still has not been created, still under assessment. Participation in events like NL SportFest and similar could be a boon for Judo in NL.

New Position Creation

Creation of a new position must be done with a constitution change and will be carried over to the constitution review.

Reports

President's Report

Developments since previous AGM:

- Largest teams in recent history at mainland tournaments, including atlantics, NB and Ontario Opens, and the nationals in Calgary where we had a podium finish.
- Training sessions including Neil and Niki Adams and Ron and Tracy Angus both in NL and in Ontario
- MUN Judo changes name to Fudoshin Judo Club, and this year celebrated 50 years with a tournament and clinic.
- Instituted MyBackCheck program and online registration with Judo Canada. This protects the integrity of our background check program and insures maximum accountability.
- Membership decreases this year in the NLJA, seems to be the case across the board in Sport NL. Most likely due to an aging population.
- Registration can now be deposited to the NLJA and pushed to club.
- Membership numbers this year are just under 250, from 336 last year. Stephenville has not yet registered, remains to be seen where they stand.

No questions were raised. For further information, please consult the president's report.

Treasurer's Report

- Finances were again reviewed by accountant Fred Earle at a cost of \$690 a year.
- Personal donation (anonymous) was included again this year, same as previous year.
- Government operating grant of \$5200 for this year.
- Largest portion of NLJA income goes to Judo Canada fees, covered under expenditures.
- Large decrease in mat storage for this year, only expense is trailer upkeep
- New trailer may be required soon, current one leaks slightly.
- Slight difference in capital purchases; last year included the trailer purchase, this year includes laptops.
- Motion to accept by Didier Nalleau, seconded by Grant Lambe.

No questions were raised. For further information, please consult the treasurer's report.

Grading Committee Report

- Last year saw two gradings
- Newfoundland and Labrador historically has lots of athletes sitting at Ikkyu for extended periods of time. These athletes should be encouraged to grade.
- Gerard Humber (previous grading chair) has been presenting Kata clinics. Sensei Humber is a certified Kata evaluator.
- Reminder that papers need to be submitted at least 30 days before grading to prevent any issues.
- Grading and training sessions need to be offered in Labrador to cover the Goose Bay Judo Club and the Labrador Straits Judo Academy. Didier Nalleau of LSJA has expressed willingness to travel to Goose Bay.
- Several possible candidates for the Spring tournament grading session.

No questions were raised. For more information, please consult the full grading committee report.

Referee Chair Report

- Referee Chair Maurice Sheppard graduated to National A Referee at Eastern Canadians tournament in New Brunswick.
- Maurice Sheppard is the province's refereeing expert and the point of contact for any refereeing inquiries.
- Several new Provincial D and C referees have been recently promoted.
- Possibility of a weekend referee clinic was raised.

No questions were raised. For more information, please consult the referee chair's report.

Medical Committee Chair Report

No medical committee report was submitted. No comment and no attendance.

NCCP Committee Report

Report from President Chris Wellon

- A large amount of training was carried off in September.
- In 2017, the decision was made to allow Tracy Angus (level 5 NCCP coach) to run our NCCP program with oversight from the NLJA Board of Directors
- Making progress towards our goal of DI certification for all head coaches
- A solution with Judo Canada needs to be reached, as pricing and rules are impractical in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Report from NCCP Chair Tracy Angus

- Recent Dojo Assistant/Dojo Instructor course was very successful
- Outlined changes to NCCP maintenance rules
- Newfoundland and Labrador leads the country in conversion from “trained” to “certified”

For more information please consult NCCP reports.

Canada Winter Games Report

- Weekend of AGM was the selection for the 2019 Canada Winter Games team.
- Final pool included 2 female athletes and 10 male athletes.
- Two athletes in one category is permitted, more than seven per sex total is not.
- Ron Angus announced team on Sunday following AGM.
 - Adam McCarthy, Sosei
 - Emma Mullett, Fudoshin
 - Ethan Kean, Sosei
 - Ian Simpson, Sosei
 - Joshua Blake, Goose Bay
 - Natalie Freake, Sosei
 - Nolan Walsh, Goose Bay
 - Sam Wellon, Sosei
 - Chris Wellon, Manager
 - Ron Angus, Coach
 - Eileen Parsons, Coach

New Business

Future Interaction with Saint-Pierre et Miquelon

- Saint-Pierre et Miquelon has expressed interest in hosting the NLJA for a camp there. They have competed at our tournaments and have a very strong program.
- Possibly interested in CWG process next time around for their athletes who hold dual citizenship
- Relationship has been an asset in the past due to the high level of government support for French Judo

Video System

- Eastern Canadian Championship used a single camera fed into a laptop. This could offer a reasonably priced alternative to the full system.
- Referee chair is investigating software options
- Possibility of a new position within referee team to review video

Online Registration and Payment

- Treasurer proposes to move towards a system where all payment is online
- Online tournament registration and payment was trialed at this tournament, feedback was positive
 - A coach login in order to review only specific clubs was suggested
 - Autopopulation using Judo Canada number was suggested
- Approval for online only seems unanimous

Code of Conduct and Background Checks

- There are still members with outstanding background checks. These members may have processed through Judo Canada, will have to be investigated.
- NCCP does not permit coaches without a valid background check to coach.
- Possibility exists to require background check for board and committee positions, all official positions or anyone representing the NLJA.
- All representatives of the NLJA, including but not limited to coaches, board and committee members, and official chaperones of a provincial (NLJA regulated) team, shall be required to hold Sterling background checks. Unanimously passed.
- Traveling under club operations will not be affected, clubs will continue to operate on their own recognizance.

Constitution Review

- Committee must be appointed for constitution reviews.
- We require a review every four years
- Most significant required change is electronic voting
- Call for a committee will be put out.

Defined Roles for Board Positions

- Workload tends to be focused on president and treasurer.
- Tournament and Event Planning can be assigned to second Vice President
- NCCP can be assigned to first Vice President

Strategic Plan

- Creation of an updated strategic plan needs to be done.
- If the committee selected is representative of all clubs, this can be tied to the constitutional review
- Methodology from the John Elkins seminar in the last AGM can be put to use.

Board Elections

- Changes cannot be made to the board election process without a constitutional review.

Email List

- The current email list includes only club representatives (coaches)
- A list of all members can be established
- Possible tool to recruit parents and volunteers.

Parent/Athlete Policy

- A parent/athlete policy needs to be established
- This could be covered in constitution changes
- Judo Canada has existing policies, but they are very broad. More specific policies should be established.

Committee Appointments

- Current standard is committees are appointed.
- Most boards use this method
- Current rule is committees are appointed at the first meeting of a new board.

Canada Winter Games Selection Process

- President feels that we should focus on interclub shiai and provincial training camps (internal development rather than travel)
- For next Games cycle, possibility of a fightoff in the fall or spring of year of games.

George Beckett Retirement

- George Beckett is the current past president of the NLJA, but has retired this year.
- Constitutional Review may include elimination of the position
- NLJA should come up with a gift for George at the Spring tournament.

Elections

President

Current president Chris Wellon re-elected by acclaim.

First Vice President

Brad Parsons nominated by Scot Ogilvie, Seconded by Matt Jones
Mike Samson nominated by Ethan Terris, Seconded by Grant Lambe
Gerard Humber nominated by Mike Montague, Seconded by Didier Nalleau

Elected: Brad Parsons

Second Vice President

Colin Jacobs nominated
Mike Samson nominated

Elected: Colin Jacobs

Treasurer

Current Treasurer Troy Smith re-elected by acclaim.

Secretary

Current Secretary Ethan Terris re-elected by acclaim

New Board

The NLJA Board of Directors as of November 24th 2018 is:

- President: Chris Wellon
- 1st Vice President: Brad Parsons
- 2nd Vice President: Colin Jacobs
- Treasurer: Troy Smith
- Secretary: Ethan Terris

Motion to Adjourn

Chris Wellon motions to adjourn at 7:11pm. Didier Nalleau seconds. All in favor.