

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
AMATEUR WRESTLING
ASSOCIATION



2018 AGM Minutes
Friday July 6th , 2018
Conne River, NL

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) Glad to have everyone here this morning. With the camp and tournament on this weekend we figured this would be the best time to have our AGM. On behalf of the NLAWA and wrestling in the province I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. McDonald and the great people of Conne River for inviting us into their community and hosting our events this weekend. We are very grateful and excited to be here as a part of your 2018 Annual Powwow festivities and we appreciate the warm hospitality. We are here this morning to efficiently and effectively go through many of the organizational and administrative matters that need to be attended to for the 2018-19 operational year of the NLAWA while also recapping events of the 2017-18. We have several matters to work through and an eventful weekend ahead of us so our intentions are to work through things in an efficient manner. By all means, if any one has anything they would like to say at any time please do not hesitate to do so. Randy took pride in making these meetings casual and relaxed. We will do the same but try to stay on topic as we progress through our agenda to make this meeting as productive as possible.

b) As President of the NLAWA, I hear by call the 2018 AGM to Order.

2. Roll Call of Delegates: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) Ryan Nichols (St. John's): President
- b) Ronald Earle (Torbay): Vice President (attendance via skype)
- c) Ryan Nichols (St. John's): Secretary/Treasurer
- d) Matthew Patey (St. John's): Coaching Development Chairman (attendance via Facebook video call)
- e) Peter Petipas (Trinity Bay Wrestling Club): Officials Chairman
- f) Victoria Hollohan (St. John's): Acting Administrative Chair (attendance via Facebook video call)
- g) Jamie Lake (St. John's): Athlete Rep (attendance via Facebook video call)
- h) Steve Noseworthy (Mount Pearl) - Canada Games Staff
- i) Dave McDonald (Conne River Wrestling Club, Conne River)
- j) Greg Quilty (Sheshatshiu Innu School, Sheshatshiu Labrador)
- k) Noel Strapp (Roncalli High Wrestling Team, Avondale)
- l) Dwayne Smith (Gander Wrestling Club, Gander)
- m) Erik Joy (McMaster University Marauders Wrestling Team) -
- n) Nigel Collins (Mount Pearl): (attendance via Facebook video call)

3. Previous AGM Notes and Minutes: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) Most previous AGM was held in St John's on Friday, February 17th, 2017. Minutes were electronically distributed via the NLAWA listserv to be reviewed for this meeting. If anyone would like to be added to the listserv or would like a copy of the 2017 AMG minutes emailed to them they can request to do so. Our 2017 AGM minutes can also be viewed on the wrestling page of the Sport NL website at <http://www.sportnl.ca/members/wrestling>.
- b) Duane Smith, Greg Quilty and Erik Joy all requested to be added to the NLAWA email list serve.
- c) **MOTION**
 - 1) To approve of the 2017 NLAWA AGM minutes..
 - 2) **Motion: (Noseworthy/ Joy). Motion carried.**

4. Business Arising From Previous AGM: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) None disclosed.
- b) **MOTION**

- 1) **To accept that there is no other business arising from the 2017 NLAWA AGM.**
- 2) **Motion: (Nichols/ Petipas). Motion carried.**

5. Additions to and Acceptance of the 2017 AGM Agenda: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) Adrian Bruce coaching certification situation.
- b) 2017 North American Indigenous Games Wrestling Team coaching inquiries
- c) **MOTION**

- 1) **To accept all additions to the 2018 AGM agenda.**
- 2) **Motion: (Quilty/ Petipas). Motion carried.**

6. Executive Reports:

- a) President: Ryan Nichols
 - 1) Everyone has been busy since the last AGM in October. We have been working hard to grow and develop our sport in the province in many ways. In our last AGM it was identified that our numbers of participants across the province were low and this was mainly due to low numbers of clubs and teams province wide. We have put forth many initiatives to remedy this problem while developing Wrestling in Newfoundland comprehensively. As such, I am happy to report that our overall numbers from last season were up to around 230 members province wide. This a large increase from last year and it should be noted that our numbers have more than doubled from 3 years ago when we had a major change in board members. I would like to recognize the efforts of our board members, coaches and volunteers for their continued interest and efforts in our sport across the province.
 - 2) We have made great strides in advancing our coach training opportunities. WCL and The Coaching Association of Canada are constantly updating their requirements for and procedures for certifying new coaches. Wrestling NL has to follow suit to keep its standards and procedures inline with national requirements which have also been adopted by other PSO's. This has proven to be challenging in some regards. Peter Petipas is currently our only provincial coaching facilitator who is doing a great job insuring the national standards are met. Peter has also decided to pursue his Advanced Coaching Diploma to advance his coach training. He will continue to offer coaching clinics when deemed possible/necessary in the future to educate and enable interested coaches.
 - 3) It has been a busy season with several provincial and national tournaments along with the NL Winter Games this past winter in Deer Lake, NL. It was excellent to see so many athletes convene on the west coast so showcase the wrestling talent in Newfoundland and Labrador. It is also excellent to see the numbers of athletes in our teams remain strong and grow. We have had new teams start up this year and

established teams grow. We are grateful for new coaches who strive to start new teams and clubs. We are appreciative current coaches who continue to inspire athletes to participate and compete.

- 4) WCL has recently adopted more detailed requirements from PSO's nationwide. Adhering to these requirements is necessary to meet national standards put forth by WCL and is necessary to stay current with other provinces. This has become very time consuming and for our main board members. As such, there is a need to have a clear designation of task for current board members. There is also a need to have a reallocation of some board members to more suited and active roles. Doing so will aid in ensuring that our association can meet national requirements and function more effectively and efficiently. Several current board members have requested that they could be reallocated to more suitable roles within the NLAWA, in which they are interested in and can more effectively active. We will address this with a reallocation of interested board members at this AGM. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the NLAWA in any capacity is more than welcome to do so.
- 5) Our membership numbers are up this year compared to last. We aspire for these numbers to grow as we have several new school and club teams starting up in the future. Wrestling is alive and well Newfoundland and Labrador thanks to dedicated coaches and passionate participants.

b) Vice President Administration: Ronald Earle

- 1) (Ronald was unable to physically attend due to work obligations. He was able to join via Skype later in the meeting. Ryan read a statement prepared by Ronald at this time).
- 2) 2017-18 was a great year for the association. Our coaches, athletes and board members have been very dedicated to growing and enjoying wrestling in NL and Lab. We have been fortunate enough to have several new communities take an interest in growing the sport in their area. Conne River being one of them, to which we are very grateful for hosting this weekend's events. As wrestling grows in the province we have felt a need to advance at the administrative level of the NLAWA in many ways. One of which is to construct and implement several new policies to aid in the well being of our coaches, athletes, and association as a whole. As such, we have started work on creating a policy for healthy eating, concussion, and club affiliation. We will be looking for member input regarding these and hope to implement them for the upcoming season. Measures such as this will help our sport grow and enable our association to provide more resources to teams province-wide. We progress into 2019, I am excited to see wrestling move to closer to its full potential in the great province and I am looking forward to being a part of it.

c) Secretary/ Treasurer: Ryan Nichols

- 1) The financial report for the last year is attached. It dates back to January 2017 until now. All withdraws and deposits for the NLAWA bank account are accounted for on the financial report. It has been a fairly standard year with no large expenditures. Our biggest expenditure is our annual insurance premium to BFL Insurance for our sports insurance. This one of our largest withdraws every year that is challenging to overcome. It would be financially more efficient to the association as a whole, if there were some measures put in place to offset this expense, such as a modest annual athlete registration fee. As of right now our account is financially healthy.
 - 2) Registry of Companies: Under NL legislature, The Corporations Act requires that all limited liability companies operating in Newfoundland and Labrador be incorporated or registered to do business in the province. Late last year it came to our attention that the NLAWA company name had not been registered with the Registry of Companies since 2004. This has caused several problems in working with other associations. Dealing with this situation has been very time consuming but our company name has been revived and necessary additional documentation has been updated. We are now in good standing with the Registry of Companies and Deeds, which is necessary for all non-profit associations in NL.
 - 3) Taxes: In light of our company name not being actively registered, it was discovered that the NLAWA was not up to date with its taxes. This problem has also been resolved and all NLAWA tax documents are now up to date and current.
- d) Coaching Development Chairman: Matthew Patey
- 1) I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of the NLAWA as well as wrestlers in our province for our highly dedicated coaches who have put in a tremendous effort and a lot of work into this season. This past winter has been a very eventful season and of course it would not be possible without coaches willing to put in the time with their teams on the mats and in getting their teams to the mats at our events. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. We are constantly looking to offer coaching certification programs and resources to anyone who is interested in the Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - 2) It has been a fairly quiet year in terms of coaching certification clinics with only a couple. Peter Petipas is our only coaching facilitator and has been handling the majority of business pertaining to coaching along with his other administrative duties as I am not in the province and unable to do so. Peter has also decided to advance his coaching education by pursuing his Advanced Coaching Diploma which is specialized in the sport of wrestling. When Peter has completed his intensive program he will be one of only a handful of coaches with this level of certification in the province and the only one who will have this certification specifically for wrestling in all of Atlantic Canada. The NLAWA applauds Peter's initiative in this area. Having a coach with this level of education and training is certainly a resource that our association and wrestlers in our province can avail of.
 - 3) As I mentioned previously, I am out of the province and will be for two more years. I am currently in South Carolina where I am working on my PhD. Being physically out

of the province and busy with school obligations, I feel very disconnected from the wrestling in the province and the happenings of the NLAWA. Correspondence on issues has become cumbersome and I feel that at this time, this position within the NLAWA would be better suited for someone who is present in the province and active in wrestling. As such, I wish to step down as the Coaching Development Chairperson. I would however, still like to be involved in the NLAWA at the board member level with a role that has less obligations for the time being. I wish to become more involved when I return to Newfoundland once I have completed my PhD program.

e) Officials Development Chairman: Peter Petipas

- 4) Despite having a provincial Officials Certification clinic in November of 2016, we have been having trouble getting Officials become involved in local and atlantic tournaments. Right now there are only a hand full of certified officials who actively participate in the province. As of right now I (Peter Petipas) am our only nationally ranked official and will lose his National C Ranking in the coming season. I have become to busy with coaching my team as well as advancing my coaching training and will be unable to travel to and officiate at a ranking tournament this year, which is required by all officials to keep their ranking at this level. Due to the previously noted reasons, I wish to step down as the NLAWA Officials Chairperson. I feel as if this position could be better suited for someone who could concentrate on officials development. I would like to continue my involvement in the NLAWA in other capacities.
- 5) It is important to maintain and develop our officials pool within the province as well as nationally as The Canadian Association of Wrestling Officials (CAWO) and Wrestling Canada as putting forth new policies that PSO's need to adhere to in having nationally ranked officials quota. It is also important to ensure that officials development takes place as annually as we are allocated funding to do so if we apply for it. We are currently in good standing with the CAWO and will continue to maintain this in the upcoming season.
- 6) We need new ways to inspire people to become involved as a official locally and then to get their officials certification. I would hope that our new Officials Chairman would work to remedy this situation.
- 7) There is a need to have an increase in the number of higher level certification officials in Newfoundland and Labrador. There is also a need for us to send our high ranking officials to national grading clinics and tournaments to advance their rating. There are various methods in which the association can obtain some funding to help in this endeavor.

e) **MOTION**

- 1) **To accept all information presented in the executive reports.**
- 2) **Motion: (Patey/ Nichols). Motion carried.**

7. Election of Vacant Board Member Seats

- 1) Due to a several board members deciding to step down from their current positions for different reasons and others expressing interest in different positions, we need to have a election of board member seats. Prior to and during this meeting several people on our board have expressed that they would like to involved in the NLAWA in a different position. We will now have an election of members to vacant seats. If there are any additional members who would like to vacate their seats, they may indicate that during this process if they have not already done so.
- 2) Members in each seat will be asked if they would like to maintain their current position. If they wish to do so, they will, unless two people in attendance object to it. If they wish to vacate their seat, then a new member will need to be appointed to that position via a nomination. Members may nominate their self can only be elected once it is seconded by two different people in attendance.

3) President:

Ryan Nichols would like to maintain his position in the seat. No objections voiced.

4) VP Admin:

Ronald Earle would like to maintain his position in this seat. No objections voiced.

5) Secretary/Treasurer:

Ryan Nichols would like to maintain his position in the seat. No objections voiced.

6) Coaching Development Chairman:

Matthew Patey wishes to step down. Peter Petipas has expressed interest and nominated his himself. Seconded by: Noseworthy and Nichols.

Peter Peipas has been elected as the new Coaching Development Chairman.

7) Officials Development Chairman:

Peter Petipas wishes to step down. Nigel Collins has expressed interest. Ryan Nichols nominated Nigel Collins. Seconded by: Petipas and Noseworthy.

Nigel Collins has been elected as the Officials Development Chairman.

8) Acting Administrative Chairman:

Victoria Hollohan has taken the position of Acting Administrative Chairman in 2017. She has indicated that she would like to maintain this position going forward. Ryan Nichols nominated Victoria as the Administrative Chairman (i.e. no longer in the role of the “acting” Administrative Chairman. Seconded by: Patey and Petipas.

Victoria Hollohan has been elected as the Administrative Chairman.

9) Technical Chairman:

Steve Adams has indicated prior to this meeting via email that he wishes to step down and the technical chair as he has recently taken a teaching position outside Newfoundland and can no longer fulfill his duties in this position. Matthew Patey has expressed interest and nominated himself. Seconded by: Nichols and Petipas.

Matthew Patey has been elected as the new Technical Chairman.

10) Athletic Representative:

Jamie Lake would like to maintain her position in this seat. No objections voiced.

11) It has been expressed that there are several duties within the NLAWA that seem to be unclaimed or shared between seats. This creates confusion and inefficiency in fulfilling these duties. All Executive members in attendance came to the consensus that it would be ideal if a board member seat was made specifically to take care of the duties of: club affiliation tracking, membership tracking and all business related to the mat rental program. As stated in the NLAWA constitution, Article 6, point d): “Additional officers and/or committees may be elected or appointed by the Executive Committee to perform special functions”. All those in attendance agreed that this was the ideal time to do this.

12) MOTION

To create a seat on the Executive Board for the NLAWA with the title of Membership Development Chairman. The primary duties of this position would include but are not limited to: club and team affiliation procedures, membership tracking, provincial mat inventory as well as the mat rental program.

Motion: (Petipas/ Nichols). Motion carried.

13) Election of the Membership Development Chairman:

Steve Noseworthy has expressed interest. Steve has been nominated by Ronald Earle. Seconded by: Lake and Quilty.

Steve Noseworthy has been elected as the new Membership Development Chairman.

14) MOTION

To accept all business pertaining to the election of vacant board member seats.

Motion: (Nichols/Quilty). Motion carried.

8. Additions to Policy and Procedures

- 1) The NLAWA has to update and advance some of its policies and procedures in order to stay current with other PSO's in Newfoundland and Labrador as well as nationally. Some of our policies are dated and need to be restructured and other need to be developed and implemented to be more efficient. The following are some of the policies and procedures that we aim to update this year:
- 2) Concussion Protocol: It has been decided that all registered coaches in the province do the online concussion protocol learning course called "Making Headway" which can be found on coach.ca. This online tool is promoted provincially by Sport NL and nationally by the NCCP as well as WCL. The course is very educational, informative and an excellent resource on concussion prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. It done completely online and should not take more than a couple of house to do. Coaches can present their certificate of completion to our coaches chairman once they have completed the course if they have not already done so. The link for this course will be provided to all coaches from here on out in all our coaching certification clinics. We would also encourage all athletes, parents, and teacher sponsors to do this course. We would like to make this mandatory for all provincial team athletes. It will be made available to everyone in our association via our new website once it is up and running. Parachute - Canada is another organization that has a lot of exclinet online concussion resources. This will also be made available to coaches and everyone else via our website. The NLAWA will adopt the "Return to Sport Strategy" for all athletes returning to play following a concussion. The document can be found at <http://www.parachutecanada.org/downloads/resources/Concussion-ReturnToSport.pdf> and will eb made availabe via our website. Coaches should also become familiar with basics of mental health first aid and this point will be looked into with more detail when our concussion protocol policy is reviewed at our next AGM.
- 3) Healthy Eating: The NLAWA needs to construct and implement a Healthy Eating Policy in which to follow. This policy will help influence what kinds of foods we offer at our events. It will also aim to educate athletes, coaches, and parents about proper sports nutrition and healthy eating choices as a part of a healthy lifestyle. Many other PSO's in the province have a healthy eating policy in place. Sport NL has initiatives in place with Recreation NL and the Eat Great and Participate Program to help develop as well as implement a Healthy Eating Policy. They also offer funding to help PSO's achieve the goals of their policy. Ronald Earle has expressed interest in working to construct our Healthy Eating Policy and will work to do so in the upcoming season.

- 4) Hearing and Appeals Policy: We have had several issues this year with NLAWA hearings and appeals regarding different situations. We do not have an hearings and appeals policy in our NLAWA Constitution which has caused confusion. It has been decided that the School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador has adequate process for protests, disciplinary infractions and appeals outlined in their 2018-2019 Handbook. The NLAWA has used these processes in past SSNL/NLAWA tournaments and feels that these procedures would effectively fulfill our policy needs as they are thorough and current. As such the NLAWA would like to adopt the SSNL process for protests, disciplinary infractions and appeals which are outlined in detail on pages 20-26 of the SSNL handbook which can be found at <http://www.schoolsportsnl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Main-Handbook-Text-Section-final-draft-2018-19-Updated-August-14-2018.pdf>

- 5) Motion:

For the NLAWA to adopt and adhere to the School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador process for Protests, Disciplinary Infractions and Appeals which are outlined in on pages 20-16 in the School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Handbook for 2018-2019. The NLAWA will adhere the above noted procedures and policies to

Motion: (Nichols/Strapp). Motion carried.

6) Club/Team Affiliation fees: The NLAWA is in need of way to offset the cost of our Annual Sport Insurance premiums. We are also in need of a more efficient way of maintaining accurate membership records. As such, the NLAWA would like to implement annual athletes membership fee for all athletes who wish to compete. We are asking a very modest fee of \$20.00 per athlete which can be paid to the association. Athletes can pay individually however it is recommended that coaches collect athletes membership fees and then pass along monies to the association to cut down on confusion. This will also act as a method of membership registration and will put athletes/teams in good standing with the association. This membership fee will not be applicable to SSNL tournaments or events as they operate on a different membership/fee platform. This membership fee program will begin as trail based program at the beginning of the 2018 season and come into effect as of September 1st, 2018. This program will be revisited for assessment at the next AGM.

7) Drug Policy: True Clean Online Drug Course: With the legalization of cannabis coming into effect in october 2018, it is important that athletes, parents and coaches understand the implications this can have on participation in sport, regardless of age. Sport NL, School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development in NI Government have all been working to inform the public on laws and ethics regarding drugs in sport. It should be noted that The NLAWA does not condone the use of drugs in any from at any of its events and we use the same procedures regarding this as our governing bodies. As such, we are endorsing the True Clean Online Drug Course which is offered by The Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport. This online resource helps educate and inform its participants on the basics of anti-doping as well as ethical sport, athlete rights and responsibilities, supplements, prohibited substances and more. We encourage all athletes, parents

and coaches to do this course which will not take more than a hour to complete. We are making it mandatory for all national level and Canada Games level athletes as well as coaches to complete. A link to this course will be found on ourwebsite can can be accessed at <https://cces.ca/truesportclean101untracked>.

8) MOTION

To accept all business pertaining to the Additions to Policy and Procedures.

Motion: (Petipas/Noseworthy). Motion carried

9. Mat Rental Program: (Peter Petipas)

- a) Peter has been working hard to take provincial mat inventory. He is still going through exhaustive efforts to locate and delegate where our previous mats are currently located. This process will now be looked after by the new Membership Development Chairman.
- b) There is a running up to date inventory of mats. Right now there are two mats in question that the NLAWA is looking to locate. One is the mat located in Lourds, NL. The other was previously in Mount Pearl Senior High in Mount Pearl, NL. These mats are currently not being used and the NLAWA would like to reclaim and relocate them immediately.
- c) We are having trouble finding a place to put mats. Many schools and teachers are excited at the idea of getting a mat to start up a team when approached about it but when it comes time to move the mat into their school, they are unwilling. We have mats that are not being used and coaches who wants to start teams with them. All we need are school/teachers/teacher sponsors to agree to adopt them. The NLAWA will transport mats free of charge for schools and mat storage seems possible for most schools. If you are interested in starting a team and would like a wrestling mat. Please contact a member of the NLAWA.
- d) A mat rental contact has been implemented to help maintain mat inventory. This has been successful and will continue to be used.
- e) **MOTION**
 - 1) **To accept all business pertaining to the mat rental program.**
 - 2) **Motion: (Nichols/ Strapp). Motion carried.**

10. Marketing and Promotion: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) New Website: Victoria Hollahan has been working on constructing our new website. Our old website was dated and needed to be revamped so it was decided that we would not renew that domain name and would get a different one using a new website building program that is much more user friendly. Ryan has been working with Victoria to complete the new and improved website. They hope to have it up and running during the 2018-2019 season.
- b) Social Media: We have decided that the NLAWA will have to start a new Facebook page under called “The Newfoundland and Labrador Amateur Wrestling Association” as the current Facebook page “NLAWA Wrestling” is dated. We also have no way of changing any of the admin settings on this page as the only admin is our past president. All members of the previous page will be asked to join the new page where we will share all NLAWA info going forward. Our Twitter account is active and we invite any one use our handel wich is @NL_AWA to increase our views. Several board members have access to this account so it is kept up to date regularly as a group effort. Board members, partners, athletes and coaches are all encouraged to include the NLAWA in any tweets that are appropriate. We would like to start a Instagram account as well as Hootsuit. Ryan Nichols is currently taking care of all social media communications along with his other duties and finding it challenging to stay on top of it all. He would like for another executive member of the NLAWA to take over all of social media communication as soon as possible.
- c) Provincial Partner Promotion: Sport NL and SSNL: The NLAWA works hand-in-hand with Sport NL and SSNL and looks to promote any initiatives that they are taking in any way.
- d) Wrestling Canada Lutte: As our National Sports and governing Organization, we continue to work with WCL in adhering national standards to and promoting their initiatives. WCL has been making changes in some of their operational policies and procedures to increase efficiency. As they introduce changes we ensure that we follow suit. Some noteworthy changes their monthly partner conference calls between PSO representatives. This has become a excellent way for wrestling associations in each province to stay informed and up to date on information put froth from WCL. Another is change is the usage of The Locker to monitor, track and schedule events on coach.ca.
- e) Coach.ca/The Locker: All coaches need to be registered in The Locker on www.coach.ca with their National Coaching Certification Number. All coaching clinics offered in the province also need to be registered in The Locker and approved by our WCL at least one month in advance. Changes are being made to the coaching certification curriculum that will be put in place in the new season. For more information place contact our Coaching Development Chairman, Peter Peipas.
- f) Suggestions: We are always looking for suggestions to ways become more involved in social media and to give the sport of wrestling more of presence in NL. If any one has any suggestions or can assist in this at any time we are also open to new ideas. It was suggested that the NLAWA Hall Of Fame be be worked on in this upcoming season and that this be added to the new website once it is up and running.

g) **MOTION**

1)To accept all business pertaining in Marketing and Promotion.

2) Motion: (Smith/Strapp). Motion Carried

11. Grappling: Ryan Nichols

a) In the past, nationally, the sport of “grappling” has been governed by WCI and has since been dropped. As it looks to gain its own national sport body identity it is currently governed by its own provincial sport organization which is under construction in Newfoundland and Labrador. As such, grappling in NL has no affiliation with the NLAWA and plans to form the NL Grappling Association under the NLAWA which were discussed in previous AGM’s have been scrapped. We will look forward to working with the PSO for grappling in the future once it is formed as our sports are similar and allow for a mutually beneficial relationship in many respects

b) **MOTION:**

1) To dissolve our affiliation with the sport of grappling and all its traditional disciplines (judo, judo, etc) as they now have their own PSO under construction and to forget constructing the NL Grappling Association under the NLAWA.

2) Motion: (Nichols/ Joy). Motion Carried.

h) **MOTION**

1) To accept all business pertaining to grappling.

2) Motion: (Noseworthy/Joy). Motion carried.

12. 2017-2018 Tournament Reports

i) Randy Ralph Memorial Provincial Open: Sat. July 17th, 2018 - Conne River:

This tournament was scheduled on this date to be a part 2018 Annual Powwow festivities with the Miawpukek First Nations. We are very grateful to be able to have this tournament at this time. It involved around 35 athletes from 5 clubs across the province. Having a tournament during the first week of summer vacation has limited participation as many school teams and teacher-coaches have concluded their season. This tournament was also held in conjunction with a training camp from nationally ranked Team Canada athlete Leah Ferguson, who is originally from Conne River. This was a very fun and relaxed tournament that seemed to help the sport of wrestling grow in central Newfoundland.

j) SSNL High School Provincial Wrestling Tournament: Sat, Feb 24th, 2018 - Port Aux Basques:

This was a very busy tournament that involved close to 60 athletes from schools across the province. We had at least one team attend from each region of the province that showcased a high level of involvement. It was great to see so many participants from the west coast of Newfoundland.

k) Atlantic Wrestling Championships: Sat, Feb 17th, 2018 - Turo, NS:

We had 24 athletes travel to this tournament from 4 different teams across the province. They had a strong medal count with many competing in championship matches in their respected weight classes.

l) Nova Scotia Open:

Did not participate in this tournament this year.

m) 2018 Winter Games: match 15th, 16th, 17th, 2018 - Deer Lake, NL:

There was a large turn out at this event of more than 50 athletes in a very professionally run tournament. Athletes compared from teams in all regions of Newfoundland and Labrador. This tournament gave wrestling a lot of exposure in the province as wrestling was promoted through games social media and the venue was packed with spectators. Thank you to the Winter Games staff and NLAWA tournament convenor Peter Petipas for making this possible. Thank you to coaches who worked hard to get athletes on the mats for this tournament.

n) WLC U17/19 National Championships: Fri, April 13th, 2018 - Edmonton, AB:

We had 7 athletes and one coach travel to this tournament. Athletes were competed out of two local teams. Athletes had a dominant showing in both the freestyle and greco divisions bringing home several medals. It was recommended that a female coach attend this event along with a male coach in the future as the size of the event can make it challenging to coach all athletes.

o) U Sport Championships: Sat, Feb 17th, 2018 - Sault Ste. Marie, ON:

One athlete attended wrestling with Memorial University for his last year of eligibility in the U Sport competition. He will be the last wrestler to compete with Memorial under the Seahawks varsity team avenue of competition.

h) 2017 North American Indigenous Games: July 16th - 23rd, 2017 - Toronto, ON:

7 indigenous athletes competed in wrestling and had a strong showing, bringing home 4 medals. It was excellent exposure for indigenous athletes and sports from Newfoundland and Labrador.

MOTION

1) To accept all business pertaining to the Tournament Reports.

2) Motion: (Petipas/Strapp). Motion carried.

13. 2018-19 International Travel and Competition

- a) Peter Petipas will be bringing a team to compete at the British Wrestling Juniors in Peterborough, London, UK. This tournament takes place in the beginning of November and if any one is interested in attending with Peters team, any athletes of junior or and

coaches are welcome to come along. Peters team has been fundraising to pay for the cost of international travel. For more information, please contact Peter Petipas.

- b) Although it is not international, Erik Joy who has been attending and wrestling with McMaster University has recommended that we look into attending the Canada Cup in Ontario next summer. The NLAWA will look into sending athletes to this tournament.

p) MOTION

- 1) To accept all business pertaining to The International Travel and Competition.**
- 2) Motion: (Quilty/Nichols). Motion carried.**

14. Memorial University Sea Hawks Wrestling Team: (Ryan Nichols)

a) Due to a new individual sports teams ruling by U-Sport, Dennis Sutton is the only athlete able to compete in as a Memorial University Varsity Wrestling athlete in the 2017-2018 season. Dennis has finished out his final season of competition as this was his last year of varsity sports eligibility.

- q) Now that Dennis can no longer compete, The Memorial University Seahawks Wrestling Team will operate entirely as a Seahawks Club Team in conjunction with The Memorial University Wrestling Club. As such, any practice, travel and competition endeavors will not be funded by Memorial Seahawks and interested team members will have to fundraise.
- r) Ryan Nichols took over as the team coach while Matthew Patey is out of the country working on his PhD. Ryan looks to have a small team of athletes who regularly practice and travel to compete. Anyone who is a student at Memorial University, College of the North Atlantic or The Marine Institute are welcome to become athletes as all these institutions are affiliated with Memorial University.
- s) There has been talks of a new Atlantic conference for individual sports which pertains to wrestling. This would involve Memorial University, University of New Brunswick and Concordia University in Quebec. Ryan Nichols attended the Coaches Meeting of the 2018 U-Sports Wrestling Championship where this issue was raised. It was unanimously voted that U-Sport Coaches Association for Wrestling make the recommendation that U-Sport reinstate a conference involving universities with wrestling teams in the Atlantic region of the country. Hopefully, this notion will come to fruition for future wrestling seasons and The Memorial University Seahawks Wrestling team become reinstated as a varsity team with an avenue to compete in a conference with other neighboring schools.
- t) Currently, The Seahawks Wrestling Club is looking forward to starting up in the start of the fall university semester. Ryan is optimistic that Memorial University Athletics will help in providing practice times and venue. If this is not possible the club will be looking for a place to practice off campus and would appreciate any help they can get. It would be ideal if a high school in the St. John's area wanted to start up a wrestling team. The NLAWA could provide

mats and a coach for their team. This facility could then also be used for the Seahawks Wrestling club to have practice at and would give the high school team exposure in working with Seahawks athletes and could provide an effective athlete feeder system.

t) **MOTION**

1) **To accept all business pertaining to The memorial University Seahawks Wrestling Team.**

2) **Motion: (Noseworthy/Quilty). Motion carried.**

15. Canada Games 2017: (Ryan Nichols)

u) The 2017 Canada Games games were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from July 28th to August 13th, 2017. Wrestling will take place on August 5th – 8th.

v) Coaching Staff: Head Female Team Coach: Noel Strapp.
Assistant Female Team Coach: Victoria Hollohan.
Head Male Team Coach: Matthew Patey.
Assistant Male team Coach: Peter Petipas
Team Manager: Ryan Nichols

w) The Canada Games Training Camp for Team NL Wrestlers took place on: May 27th and 28th with olympic athlete Korey Corey Jarvis. Another was held on Canada Day 2017 with legendary Olympian wrestler Mark Schultz. The final Canada Games training camp will take place July 31st to Aug 5th with the selected Canada Games Wrestling Team athletes in St. John's, NL.

x) 17 athletes attended the games from different areas of the province. All wrestled well and had a fantastic learning experience. Angel Hiltz-Morrell was the only athlete to medal. She competed in the championship bout for the women's 84 kg division. She took home a silver medal, which was the only medal Team NL took home from the games. Angel also got the honor for being the flag bearer for all of team NL in the closing ceremonies for the games. Congratulations to Angel and her coach, Noel Strapp.

y) Suggestions for next games: Coaching staff found it hard to find the time to do the additional certifications required by WCL to coach at these games and would like to have it voiced to WCL and the games committee.

z) **MOTION**

1) **To accept all business pertaining to the Canada Games 2017.**

2) **Motion: (Quilty/Strapp). Motion carried.**

16. Canada Games 2021: (Ryan Nichols)

a) Expression of interest for coaching staff:
Female coaches: Noel Strapp and Matthew Patey
Male Coaches: Peter Petitpas and Erik Joy
Manager: Ryan Nichols

b) Nigel Collins expressed interest in obtaining his national C officials certification in the upcoming season. He would then be interested in traveling to the 2021 Games to officiate.

c) **MOTION**

- 1) **To accept all business pertaining to the Canada Games 2021.**
- 2) **Motion: (Joy/ Smith). Motion carried.**

17. Tournament Bids/Schedule for 2017 – 2018

a) SSNL High School Provincial Wrestling Tournament -

DATE: TBA: Closer to Easter to avoid travel problems from winter weather)

LOCATION: TBA: Central or Avalon region, NL

b) Atlantic Wrestling Championships -

DATE: February

LOCATION: Hardwood Lands, NS

c) Randy Ralph Memorial Provincial Open -

DATE: TBA: Mid/end of season

LOCATION: TBA: Avalon region, NL

d) U17 / U19 Canadian Wrestling Championships -

DATE: April 4th-7th

LOCATION: Fredericton, NB

e) Other - Trinity Bay Wrestling Club Open -

DATE: TBA: Dec/Jan

LOCATION: Whitbourn, NL

g) Greg Quilty has expressed interest in holding the 2020 SSNL High School Wrestling Provincial Wrestling Tournament in Labrador. Preferable in the communities of Goose Bay or Sheshatshiu.

f) **MOTION**

- 3) **To bid and decide on tournaments that are T.B.A. in the 2018-19 season via NLAWA email list serve at a later date which will be closer and coaches/teams will have a better idea of schedules and resources. More information regarding the above noted tournaments will also be decided in this manner at closer time.**
- 4) **Motion: (Noseworthy/Patey). Motion carried.**

8. 2017-18 Awards and Scholarships: (Ryan Nichols)

- a) Premier Athletic Awards: Angel Hiltz-Morrell & Julianna Murphy (both with Roncalli High Wrestling, Avondale)
- b) Dr. Denis Szeto Memorial Scholarship: Not applicable this year

- c) Athletic Excellence Fund: Erik Joy (McMaster University Wrestling) & Dennis Sutton (Memorial University Wrestling)
- d) Team Gushue Award - Angel Hiltz-Morrell (Roncalli High Wrestling, Avondale)
- e) Applications for the 2018-2019 Athletic Excellence Fund/ Premier Athletic Awards will be available early January and will be distributed via the NLAWA listserv, web site and the Sport NL website. Coaches and athletes will be reminded of application procedures, eligibility as well as the deadlines for applying in the new year. Coaches were unsure of which of their athletes would be eligible/able to apply for the 2018-19 awards at this time. It was agreed that coaches would look at the process for their athletes when applications become available in the new year. The NLAWA would assist coaches and athletes in applying in any way and NLAWA executive members would communicate at a later date to discuss athletes nominations.
- f) **MOTION**
 - 1) **To accept all business pertaining to Awards and Scholarships.**
 - 2) **Motion: (Patey/Nichols). Motion carried.**

9. Adrian Bruce Coaching Certification Situation (Additions to 2018 AGM Agenda): (PeterPetipas)

- a) In 2017 Adrian Bruce came NL to evaluate two coaches in order to obtain their Competition Introduction certification. He also evaluated Peter Petipas to obtain his accreditation to become a coaching evaluator. Adrian did not complete the process for any of the evaluations he performed and has not responded to any communication from Peter Petipas with the NLAWA or other members of WCL. This process has been very frustrating as all coaches who were evaluated can not obtain certification or schedule a re-evaluation until this process is complete. The NLAWA will look to remedy this situation in the upcoming season so that all parties can proceed accordingly.
- b) **MOTION**
 - 1) **To accept all business pertaining to Adrian Bruce Coaching Certification Situation as an addition to the 2018 AGM Agenda.**
 - 2) **Motion: (Petipas/Joy). Motion carried.**

10. 2017 North American Indigenous Games Wrestling Team Coaching Inquiries (Additions to 2018 AGM Agenda):

- a) Several issues have been raised about the 2017 North American Indigenous Games Coach. There has been several concerns voiced from different people about how this coach treated indigenous athletes as well as other coaches at the 2017 NAIG Games along with other tournaments he coached at during the 2017-18 season. There was much discussion regarding this topic as coaches voiced concerns and accounts from their students/athletes. Several coaches/NLAWA board members have mentioned that they have spoken to the coach in question regarding this behavior. Athletes, parents, coaches and community members who have previously dealt with this coach have severed their ties. They and have chosen not work with or communicate with this coach going forward and have requested that the NLAWA follow suit. It was in agreeance that no formal

disciplinary action from the NLAWA would be required and that the association not work with this coach in the future.

b) **MOTION**

1) **To accept all business pertaining to The 2017 North American Indigenous Games Wrestling Team Coaching Inquiries as an addition to 2018 AGM Agenda.**

2) **Motion: (Nichols/Quilty). Motion carried.**

11. Date of next AGM: (Ryan Nichols)

a) It would be best to have the date of the next AGM in coordination with a provincial tournament so that many coaches can attend. It would also be ideal to move the AGM to a different region to give interested parties an opportunity to attend. The date and location of the 2019 AGM will be decided as dates and locations of provincial tournaments become decided. The date, location will then be sent out to members via the listserv and made public via our website as well as facebook page.

b) **MOTION**

1) **To accept that the 2019 AGM date and location will be determined and announced at later date.**

2) **Motion: (Petipas/Nichols). Motion carried**

21. Adjournment of Meeting: (Ryan Nichols)

a) **MOTION**

1) **To adjourn the 2018 NLAWA Annual General Meeting.**

2) **Motion: (Nichols/Patey). Motion carried**