

**Minutes of  
Badminton Newfoundland & Labrador  
Annual General Meeting  
6:30 pm, 22 October 2023  
Online Zoom Meeting**

**Board Members Present**

<b>John Gillam</b>	<b>President/Bad NL Paul Reynold's Jr Program</b>
<b>Connie Willcott</b>	<b>Central Region Director</b>
<b>Nancy Oliver</b>	<b>Communications Director/ Bay d'Espoir Club</b>

**Members**

<b>Adam Howse</b>	<b>Glovertown Junior Club</b>
<b>Tony Power</b>	<b>Canon Richards Memorial Academy Club</b>
<b>Mike Alexander</b>	<b>Team Indigenous</b>
<b>Evan Powell</b>	<b>Charlottetown, Lab</b>
<b>Chen Wei</b>	<b>MUN Badminton Club</b>
<b>Blair Murphy</b>	<b>Fortune Bay Academy Club</b>

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	6:00 pm
<b>2</b>	<b>Roll call and Voting Structure:</b> For a quorum, there must be representation from half the filled Board positions and representation from at least four clubs: Board members: John Gillam, Nancy Oliver, Connie Willcott. Club representatives: John Gillam, Paul Reynold's Club, Nancy Oliver, Bay d'Espoir; Tony Power, CRMA; Adam Howse, Glovertown; Mike Alexander, Team Indigenous; Evan Powell, St. Lewis	Quorum achieved
<b>3</b>	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>	Moved/ Carried
<b>4</b>	<b>Adoption of Minutes</b> of AGM held June 2022	Moved/ Carried
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes.</b> None	Moved/Carried
<b>6</b>	<b>Presentation of Board/Club Reports</b> a. <b>President's Report highlights:</b> i. <b>Membership</b> a) Recovering since COVID. As of March 2023 we had a total 118 members. b) Six new clubs: Lake Melville Racquet and Sports Club; Fortune Bay Academy, Team Indigenous Program, Corner Brook Intermediate, Charlottetown, Lab. Existing clubs include: Bay d'Espoir, Conception Bay North, Glovertown, Flower's Cove, Badminton NL Junior Development, and Badminton NL HP Training Group.	

	<p><b>ii. NL Winter Games Qualifiers are in progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) St. John's/North completed Oct 21</li> <li>b) Avalon – scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> at Holy Redeemer in Spaniard's Bay</li> <li>c) Eastern – scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at Glovertown</li> <li>d) Central – scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at Bay d'Espoir Academy</li> <li>e) Western – scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> at Canon Richards, Flower's Cove</li> <li>f) Labrador – scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup> at Mealy Mountain in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.</li> <li>g) Host Team Gander has not selected its team yet, but is confident they will have one.</li> <li>h) Team Indigenous is in process.</li> <li>i) Mount Pearl/ South – is not scheduled and may be a non-starter.</li> </ul> <p><b>iii. Awards</b>  Suraj Wadhawan has been inducted into the NL Sports Hall of Fame.  Jessica Willcott received a Premier's Athletic Award.</p> <p><b>iv. Provincial Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Venues have been secured for regular training.</li> <li>b) Two HP players coming out 7:30 am Sundays.</li> <li>c) We have 18 players in provincial training</li> </ul> <p><b>v. Coaches and Officials</b>  There will be more focus on improving coaching knowledge and increasing the number of umpires.</p>	<p>Moved/accepted</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Statement for 2022-2023 and draft budget for 2023-2024</b></p> <p>The financial statement was presented for 2022-23 showing a year-end cash balance of \$1.456. Tournaments remain the greatest single source of income, but this is significantly affected when facility rental costs are involved.</p>	

	<p>A proposed budget was presented for the new season which increased the number of tournaments to pre-COVID levels, including more regional tournaments. Allocations were made for coaches and officials development as well as some high performance coaches training and athlete travel subsidies to national events.</p>	<p>Moved/accepted</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Motions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion to change the composition of the Badminton NL Board of Directors, replacing Regional Representatives with Directors at large. <i>Rationale: Regional Directors have traditionally had little opportunity to be actively involved other than to represent a Region. On the other hand, having Directors at Large provides the Board with members who can potentially serve on temporary committees or tasks.</i> <b>CARRIED</b></li>   <li>2. Motion to elect new members of the Board, even if there is only one candidate which traditionally would be acclaimed. <i>Rationale: This was a recommendation arising out of the last Sport NL Summit. The reasoning was that a Board of Directors shouldn't be obliged to accept a candidate for a Board position simply because no one else was running. This would apply to future annual meetings, starting in 2024.</i> <b>CARRIED</b></li>   <li>3. Motion to dispose of shuttle launcher. <i>Rationale: Badminton NL purchased a Black Knight "Knight Trainer" more than 10 years ago for \$5,900. In addition to being an old piece of equipment, it has not been used on a regular basis. If training a group of players who have been taught how to feed shuttles, it is heavy and time-consuming to set up and reload. Estimated depreciation is 100%. It is suggested that it be sold for a nominal amount. Possibly there is a club that could use it for individual coaching. Discussion followed and as some clubs felt they could make use of the shuttle launcher, it was proposed that it would be circulated among clubs interested in using it for part of the season.</i> <b>CARRIED</b></li> </ol>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fees - It was moved that fees remain unchanged for season 2023-24: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Club Affiliation (no cost)</li> <li>c. Individual Membership: Recreational (no charge); Regional \$15; Provincial \$25; National \$40</li> <li>d. Tournament entry fees: One event \$15; two events \$20; three events \$25</li> <li>e. Surcharge for tournament players who are not registered members of clubs \$5</li> <li>f. Player Clinic fee: \$10 per day</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<p>g. Coaches' Comp Intro training: Badminton Canada fee plus shared cost of facility</p> <p>h. Regional umpire clinic: \$20 per participant</p>	<b>Moved/Carried</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Election/Appointment of Board Members</b></p> <p>It was moved to accept the following acclamations for Season 2023-2024, noting that starting in the AGM 2024, all positions will be confirmed through a vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Gillam, Interim President</li> <li>• Nancy Oliver, Vice-President</li> <li>• Sadaf Aliyeva, Financial Director</li> <li>• Directors at Large (area of residence included for info) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connie Willcott, St. Alban's</li> <li>○ Sandy Strickland, St. John's</li> <li>○ Mike Alexander, Kippens</li> <li>○ Evan Powell, Charlottetown, Lab.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Moved/Carried
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.</p>	Moved/Carried.

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John Gillam, President

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Nancy Oliver, Vice-President

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