

Karate NL AGM 2024 Agenda Item #5 Committee Reports

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Karate NL 2024 Annual General Meeting

June 21, 2024

Coaching Committee Report

The coaching committee has been exceptionally active and diligent throughout the 2023-2024 training year. Driven by a strong passion for elevating the quality of our athletes, we have focused on enhancing their skills, knowledge, and performance through targeted high level competition and training camps.

2023 Karate Canada National Championships

- Karate NL fought hard at the last National Championships bringing home **1 Gold**, and **2 Bronze**, with many athletes placing in the **Top 5** of their categories. Two athletes competed on Team Canada, with three earning a spot on the roster.

2023 Premier Athletic Awards

- Karate NL had five of its athletes receive the Premier Athlete Award for their exemplary performance within competition.

Karate NL at Out-of-Province Events

- Attended the 2023 Canada Open, bringing home 1 Silver, 3 Bronze, and a Top 5 finish.
- Attended the 2024 Montréal International Karate Open, bringing home 1 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals.
- Attended the 2024 Atlantic Karate Championships, bringing home 5 Gold, 7 Silver, 16 Bronze medals.

Competition Clinics & Provincial Trainings

- Karate NL invited Canadian National Team Head Coaches Randy Rix and Pam Ross to lead specialized clinics, with Randy Rix conducting a 3-day Kumite clinic and Pam Ross leading a 2-day Kata clinic.
- Karate NL has hosted 10 Provincial team training sessions to date, with 2 more planned before departing for the 2024 National Championships.

NCCP

- Karate NL hosted an NCCP Competition Introduction seminar, resulting in nine candidates earning their "Competition Introduction Trained" status. Additionally, Colby Besso achieved "Competition Introduction Certified" status following his coaching evaluation.

2024 Karate Canada National Championships

- Karate NL will be traveling to Laval, Québec with a strong team consisting of 14 athletes, and 3 coaches.

2027 Canada Games

- Athletes aged 12-13 years will be eligible to compete as part of Team NL in the 2027 Canada Games.



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Officials Committee Report

Officials Committee 2023–2024

Chair Derek J Ryan, *Member* Kurt Sullivan, *Member* Brad Nofall, *Member* Jeremy Anderson.

During the training year 2023–2024, the Officials Committee delivered a Referee/Judge & Technical Official Training Program with the goal to train and to qualify current officials and new recruits. There were 4 training sessions throughout the year. Many volunteers dedicated their time and energy to gain knowledge and refine their performance as officials. Currently there are approximately a pool of 18 ring officials (referees & judges) and approximately 10 technical officials (co-ordinators, marshals, score-keepers, assistants).

Karate NL needs greater success in recruitment. Member clubs need to encourage their members to step forward as volunteers. Without a broader base of support, there is the risk of collapse. The current volunteers are working long hours and often in difficult circumstances. More help is needed.

The Officials Committee hopes that Karate NL can sustain the demands required to host events. For the training year 2024–2025 there are already several tournaments planned –i.e. Atlantic Championships, 2 provincial tournaments, KNL Provincial Championships 2025. KNL also supports the regional and national associations by subsidizing referees who wish to attend out-of-province events.

Here's hoping the numbers will grow with the support of the KNL member clubs encouraging volunteers to come forward.

On behalf of the membership of Karate NL I would like to thank the members of the Officials Committee and all the volunteers for their work and generosity over this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek J Ryan

Chair – Officials Committee

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June 21, 2024: Karate NL Annual General Meeting: Tournament Committee Report

Committee Members: Mrs. Karen Besso (Chair), Mr. Chris Reglar, Mrs. Amy Fleming

Tournament Dates for 2023/2024

October 21, 2023 Provincial Tournament

March 23, 2024 Provincial Tournament

June 1, 2024 Provincial Championships

Karate NL hosted 3 successful tournaments this competition year at the PowerPlex: Parsons venue. We had a great turn out at all tournaments, which once again proved the chronic challenge of running the tournament within our booking time at the venue. Transport of tatami and equipment was much easier this year with the use of the new KNL trailer, as all required equipment could be transported in it.

We utilized all volunteer officials by way of running as many rings as we could to help with the flow of the tournament and for our ring officials to gain as much hands-on experience as possible.

With the help of our registrar Colby Besso and our technical volunteer Andre Besso, our scoring system ran efficiently to contain the actual draw, complete with athlete name and information via a centralized database. This allowed the scores to be captured and the division to electronically progress as it played out. Close to a national setting. We were also able to implement a numerical scoring system for kata, going as far as to have the ability for judges to use tablets for this purpose.

Lunch and water was provided for all volunteers on tournament day, either by way of Subway subs or KNL canteen run by provincial team parents. All was appreciated.

This year our first aid was provided by off-duty paramedics, which proved to be an asset due to their experience with emergency care and handling on the spot injury. It is our hope that we are able to continue to have a paramedic on site to take care of our first aid requirement.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, technical and ring officials as well as our computer technology team. We look forward to another successful tournament year ahead as we prepare to host Atlantic Championships along with our regular KNL tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Besso

Tournament Committee Chair

Karate NL Fundraising Committee Report

Training Year 2024

Presented to: Karate NL Board

Presented by: Kristen Oldford & Michelle Simms

Date: June 21, 2024

Governance

The following members were appointed to the committee by the Board of Directors of KNL:

Kristen Oldford (Co-chair)

Michelle Simms (Co-chair)

Sandy Fraser

Emily Reglar

Lee-Anne Fancy

Christa Pack

Bonnie Howell

Goals

The Karate NL Fundraising Committee was formed in March 2024 and met for the first time on March 20th, 2024. At that time, two main goals were established:

1. Raise approximately \$15,000 to cover the coaching costs and other related expenses that KNL were set to incur due to three upcoming out of province tournaments for athletes.

2. Raise additional funds for Provincial Team athletes to offset their costs associated with participating in the National Championships in Laval, QC.

Accomplishments

The Fundraising Committee was successful in accomplishing both goals. Through the collection of just over \$12,000 in sponsorships and an online auction which generated \$5100 (half of which would go toward KNL coaching costs) the Fundraising Committee was able to secure enough funds to cover the ~\$15,000 in expenses that KNL was set to incur. Additionally, the Fundraising Committee was able to raise an additional ~\$15,000 through a successful popcorn fundraiser, the remaining half of the online auction proceeds, canteen sales at Provincials, admission on the door for Provincials, and a Grand in Your Hand fundraiser.

Date	Activity	Secured	Allocation KNL	Allocation Athlete
June	Canteen sales at provincials	\$322.50		\$322.50
June	Admission at Provincial Tournament	\$530.00		\$530.00
May	Silent auction	\$5,141.00	\$2850.00	\$2,291.00
June	Grand in your hand	\$6800.00		\$6800.00
April 26, 2024	Sponsorships	\$12,214.45	\$12,214.45	
April 26, 2024	popcorn	\$2,919.75		\$2,919.75
	Sub total	\$27927.70	\$15014.45	\$12863.25

*\$6800 is an estimate for Grand in Your Hand. This is the amount after the prize is distributed and associated fees are paid. We sold 1598 Tickets at \$5 each, total gross is \$7990.

Sponsors

The Fundraising Committee was successful in bringing the business community in to support the organization and the athletes. These sponsors included the following key businesses:

Longshoreman's Protection Union	\$1,000
PBS Services	\$1000
Lens & Lasik	\$750
Kal tire	\$750
DF Barnes	\$750
haven home builders	\$750
Vision33	\$750
Orthodontic Solutions (Dr. Christa Oliver)	\$750
Powerlite Electrical	\$750

Additional Sponsorships

We would like to thank Subway, Torbay Rd, St. John's for providing KNL tournament volunteers with sandwiches for lunches at two events.

We would also like to extend a thank you for Dr. Paul Snow for donating a flight for one of our provincial coaches to attend the Karate Canada Nationals.

We also would like to thank our other business supporters that have donated to the organization. We are grateful for your support.

Special Acknowledgements

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank the parents of the Provincial Team. When asked to step up and help, they did. We would also like to thank outgoing Karate NL President and current Provincial Team coach, Nathaniel Besso. He supported the committee, attended all the meetings and put every effort in to set the committee up for success.

A special thanks as well to Lee-Anne Fancy for minuting each of the committee meetings for the committee and the Board.