



TaeKwonDo New Brunswick Inc.  
Annual General Meeting  
November 2, 2024  
Miramichi Valley High School

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.
2. **Roll Call** - Karen Beshara-Vickers conducted a roll call.

In attendance: Karen Beshara-Vickers, Allan Morris, Tim Vickers, Ilgwon (Justin Jang), Allie Vaughan, Gary Savoie, Michela Comeau, Hans Mecking, Marc Andre Vaughan

Guests: Jeoungsik Joo & Yura Kim, Shawn Wheply

**Quorum was met.**

3. Agenda was distributed to meeting participants.  
Additions to agenda: 11d. Location for 2025 Provincials & AGM

**Motion** to accept agenda inclusive of additions - Marc Andre Vaughan  
Seconded by: Allie Vaughan.

*Motion carried.*

4. **AGM Meeting Minutes -Nov 2.2023** - The minutes were distributed for approval.  
Meeting attendees were provided with the chance to review the document.

Correction in time to be recorded as 6pm.

**Motion** to accept the 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes - Allie Vaughan.  
Seconded by: Marc Andre Vaughan.  
*Motion carried.*

5. President's Report - TKDNB plan to introduce new programs to engage our members and create learning opportunities. In 2024, we partnered with Sport NB for a monthly 50/50 raffle to support athlete development and launched an online clothing store with URstore.ca. We will host our first Women in Sport Initiative, free for women across the Maritimes, followed by a training camp with Olympic athletes at a discounted rate for TKDNB members. Additionally, we've revamped our website and created the "Beyond the Dojang" program to inform members about opportunities. We aim to train the next generation of coaches by sponsoring 7 to 8 members for instructor courses. Grandmaster Ha was re-elected as President, and we will keep you updated on any new developments. Moving forward, we anticipate a year filled with progress and positive changes for TKDNB.

6. **VP yearly report** - VP position is currently vacant. No update at this time. No nominations were submitted for the position.
7. **Financial Report** - Allan Morris presented the financial report noting zero discrepancies. TKDNB received \$19,800 in funding through grants.

**Motion** to approve president's report and financials as read - Marc Andre Vaughan  
Seconded by: Allie Vaughan  
*Motion carried.*

## 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. TC Kukkiwon Process - Allan Morris discussed potential changes:
  - a. No longer able to apply directly through Kukkiwon; will have to go through Taekwondo Canada.
  - b. Taekwondo Canada is considering changing Master status to 4th Dan allowing them to promote color belts.
  - c. Committee consisted of 3 Masters in the Maritimes to promote Black Belts - Saint John (Allie Vaughan), Nova Scotia (Bob White) and Newfoundland.

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2024-25 Objectives** - The following items were discussed:
  - a. **TKDNB Summit** - Held October 4-6 in Atholville, NB it was well attended. This year we charged a nominal fee of \$20 for TKDNB members and \$30 for non-members. The summit aimed to provide training, education, and community building opportunities. After discussing with the host, Patrick Soucy, we aim to rotate the Summit across the province each year while maintaining the same high standard of quality for the event.
  - b. **Female In Sport Initiative** - The purpose of the event is to empower women within our community and sport. Our objective is to create valuable training opportunities for both members and non-members to learn, grow, and connect. We are in the process of confirming guest facilitators across the different areas of sports, including competition, training, coaching, and volunteering.  
Karen Beshara-Vickers has reached out to GO NB to inquire about funding opportunities. Cost is approximately \$9,000 - \$10,000. Date to be determined.
  - c. **National Level Sponsorship** - Currently, TKDNB allocates a disproportionate amount of funds to a small group of athletes competing at nationals. To address this, athlete sponsorship will be capped at a total of \$2,000: \$700 for seniors and \$1,300 for juniors. Athletes will also need to purchase their own uniforms and jackets, which will be available through our URstore site. This change aims to better serve the overall membership and ensure funds benefit the majority of our athletes.  
Note, athletes must compete at the provincial level tournament to qualify for funding for nationals.

**Motion** to include wording for an exemption if there is a lack of completion for the athlete to participate at provincials. - Marc Andre Vaughan  
Seconded by: Allie Vaughan  
*Motion carried.*

- d. **Coaching Development** - The board has decided to host the AI and Dojang coach courses in person this year to encourage new participants to become instructors with enhanced tools. Our goal is to certify 7 to 8 individuals, covering their course costs and providing a \$500 honorarium for each session to the instructor. Additionally, we will cap spending on coaches' travel to nationals at \$500 for the year, with a total limit of \$1,000 for travel expenses. This decision focuses our funds on development rather than travel reimbursement.
- e. **Poomsae / Sparring Development** - Training sessions for both disciplines will be organized across the province throughout the year.
- f. **Referee Development** - We will host two in-person sparring referee certification courses this year, with one coinciding with a sparring training session for practical experience. Parents and siblings can also participate in corner judging or computer training classes. We will provide volunteers with referee attire and sponsor one individual for the national referee course. While poomsae judging certification is important, we are currently prioritizing sparring referees due to a lack of qualified individuals. Ensuring safety and fairness for our athletes is essential, so we will pause poomsae certification and focus on provincial sparring referee courses before advancing to national certification.
- g. **Equipment Purchase** - TKDNB has allocated \$6,200 for a new octagon ring to support both sparring and poomsae athletes, as our current equipment is worn. This purchase will provide us with two sets of quality ring mats, allowing us to repurpose the old mats for training storage.
- h. **Clothing Line / New Revenue Stream** - TKDNB is excited to launch our online clothing store! We'll promote it on our website, Facebook, and email lists to generate revenue, and we'll also sell select items at our events. Our goal is to promote the TKDNB brand across the province.
- i. **Beyond the Dojang** - "Beyond the Dojang" is an initiative to educate members about TKDNB's opportunities outside their schools. We are creating flyers and website content to inform both members and non-members. Next year, we plan to expand with videos to reach a wider audience. Our goal is to generate interest in the province and attract new members to TKDNB.

## 10. **By-laws & Constitution Amendments**

- 1. New Appendix – Athlete Ranking System/Kyorgi selection criteria
- 2. TKDNB event sanctioning – terms and conditions
- 3. TKDNB referee by-laws – update proposed

## 11. **Executive Elections**

- a. Vice-President – currently vacant
- b. Capital Region Director – currently vacant

c. Director at Large - The Board of Directors had 1 vacancy.  
Allie Vaughan nominated Tim Vickers; Tim accepted the nomination.  
Hans Mecking nominated Gary Savoie; Gary accepted the nomination.  
To remain impartial, the Executive excused themselves from the room during the voting process. A third party, the school's maintenance man collected the votes.  
By a majority vote, Tim Vickers was elected as the Director at Large.

Michela Comeau provided her verbal resignation opening up another Director at Large position.

Hans Mecking once again nominated Gary Savoie; Gary accepted the nomination.  
As there was no opposition, Gary secured a seat on the board.

d. 2025 Provincials / AGM - The 2025 Provincials, organized by Craig Doucet, will take place in Fredericton, followed by the AGM on the same day.

12. Adjourn meeting

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting - Marc Andre Vaughan  
Seconded by Tim Vickers.

*Motion carried.* Meeting was adjourned.