

Annual General Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2010
Canning NS

Board members in attendance:

Leigh Thibideau, Josh Lynch, Mark Barry, Jamie Oyler, Wayne Partridge

Meeting called to order 2:30pm

Minutes from 2008-2009 AGM

Shelly Wilson motioned for approval seconded by Greg Euloth

No old business.

President update:

Leigh would like to thank all the junior volunteers for a great job in getting junior membership up this year. The level of play is increasing for our region and that is a great achievement.

Leigh is also the Sport Leader for Canada Games 2011. He has a committee working with him. The committee includes: Shirley Thomson; Aine Humble and Michelle Hayward.

We have successfully held a coaching and officials clinic. We are still looking for Canada Games Volunteers. You can register to volunteer at:

<https://cg2011.gems.pro/Volunteer/Register.aspx?SetLanguage=en-CA>

Or by sending an email to nsbadminton@sportnovascotia.ca

There is an option to put which sport you would like to volunteer for, if you are unclear as to which sport you would like to help out there is also an option for general volunteering. Please pass this along to friends and family.

U23 has been added to our junior tournaments, which so far has been a success. There is a transition stage between junior and senior so hopefully this will allow us to keep our junior members interested in competing until they reach senior level. B/C levels have been added to our senior tournaments. We are looking at hosting a B/C provincial tournament in the month of May.

Senior players are now helping at some junior practices. Hopefully more seniors will join and help our upcoming junior players.

Canada Games update:

New mainland common building is still under construction. April 12, 2010 is the first walk through. Aine Humble has agreed to attend the walk through as Leigh will be away on that date.

There is a virtual walk through online <http://www.halifax.ca/CanadaGamesCentre/index.html>. The building will be large enough to hold approximately 500 spectators (250 per side). Our test event will take place this fall but not in the Canada Games Center. We will host our Longard tournament at the Canada Games Center in Jan 2011. We will pair up with Synchro since they will be competing the same time as Badminton during the Games. Schools in HRM will be closed during the games.

Michelle Hayward will be attending the Officials meeting taking place March 24, 2010. She will send an update to the office.

Junior update:

This season was a successful building year for our juniors. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help our junior players and tournaments. We have integrated U23 in all our junior tournaments and so far they have been a huge success. We have given out fair play awards during all of our junior tournaments and Jeff Hebert awards were presented during our Junior Provincials. Fun days were more popular this year. There were about 5 fun days held this season, in HRM and outside of HRM. Potential Canada Games players held a successful camp in Guysborough in the month of March. Guysborough's camp had a great turn out and we hope to see more of their players in the new season. They are interested in starting a junior badminton club.

Website: If anyone has any pictures please send them to the office so they can be posted on our website. nsbadminton@sportnovascotia.ca

Golf Tournament:

If anyone is interested in volunteering to organize a golf tournament for fundraising please contact the office. We decided not to hold the golf tournament last season due to lack of interest.

Gary MacDougall Canada Games coach:

Gary, as Canada Games Coach, would like to thank everyone for all their continuing support.

The year has been busy with open training camps, Canada Games training camps and tournaments. There are two upcoming tournaments in NB and NL that Gary will be attending. He is seeing great improvement in our junior player's level of play.

Nominations:

Director at Large for HRM: Áine Humble nominated seconded by Josh Lynch. All in favour. Welcome Áine to NSBA board of directors.

Senior Tournament and Player Development: Mark Barry nominated, seconded by Shirley Thomson. All in favour. Welcome Mark to NSBA board of directors.

President: No one has stepped forward for the president position. Leigh will stay on for another 2 years.

Vacant positions:

Director at Large South-western
Director at Large – Valley
Masters tournament Coordinator
Junior Tournament & Player Development Director

Acceptance of 2010-2011 board of Directors: All in favour.

President - Leigh Thibideau
Vice - President - Craig Stewart
Executive Director – Jennifer Petrie
Secretary/Comptroller – Robin Shewan
Senior Tournament & Player Development – Mark Barry
Masters tournament Coordinator – **Vacant**
Junior Tournament & Player Development Director – **Vacant**
Fundraising Director – James Oyler
Director at Large – South-western – **Vacant**
Director at Large – Cape Breton – Josh Lynch
Director at Large – North Central – Wayne Partridge
Director at Large – Valley – **Vacant**
Director at Large - HRM – Áine Humble

Rankings:

Mark would like anyone interested in helping change the way the ranking system is done to please contact him at barrym@dal.ca

Open discussion:

No one had any comments
Motion to adjourn 3pm seconded by Mark Barry.