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**728 Main Street, Woodstock, NB, E7M 2E7**

**AGM Oct 3, 2023 Microsoft Teams – Online Meeting**

Dan Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

27 Voters registered – List attached.

Danny presented the agenda.

Don Walker indicated he had a question around Final 12 selections, and it was added to old business  
Adam Humphrey asked to have the 2023 Wink Willox award winner announcement included under new business.

**M Dave McGrattan / Brent Smith we accepted the agenda as presented. Carried**

2022 Minutes presented.

**M JP Richard / Dave Gallagher the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried**

**Reports – Copies of all submitted reports are attached to these minutes in the Appendix.**

**President** - Written & Oral – Highlights:

- CBOC are continuing to push for a National Registration model.
- CBOC has a National focus on violence issues towards officials.
- Recognition
  - o Acknowledged the contributions made over the years by Seward Neilsen who has decided to stop working games but will continue to mentor offices.
  - o Acknowledged the efforts of the Executive and the Zone Reps

**Vice-President** – Written & Oral – Highlights:

- Game fee Increases for 2023-2024
  - o U11 - \$ 30
  - o U13, U14, Middle School 8 Min Quarters - \$ 35
  - o U13, U14, Middle School 10 Min Quarters - \$ 40
  - o High School, Junior & Senior Varsity - \$ 46
  - o U16, U18 - \$ 46
  - o Wheelchair - \$ 46
  - o BNB Adult - \$ 51

**Interpreter** – Written & Oral – Highlights:

- No rule changes for 2023-2024
- Encouraged the use of the mobile apps iRef Academy and iRef Pre-Game
- Reviewed the NOCP Levels
- Any officials who are not receiving the regular emails from CBOC should contact their zone rep to insure CBOC have/are using the correct email address.



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There was a long discussion about the proper process for getting new officials started in the game. There was a concern expressed by Zone # 4 whether we are to use GamePlan immediately or ClassMarker and what are the best ways to get new officials registered properly (online preferred). Dan indicated we need to ensure the terminology we use in NB is properly aligned with GamePlan/NOCP and that the Executive would be looking to ensure this alignment is achieved within all zone over the course of this upcoming season.

**Secretary/Treasurer – Written & Oral – Highlights:**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ending Aug 31, 2023, indicating a surplus for the year of \$ 5,064.72. On the question, Clayton Mitchell made a very good suggestion that the S/T look to invest more of our bank account surplus in a tiered, higher yielding investments to gain more annual interest. S/T indicated he would investigate it.

**M Peter DeMerchant / Bruce Hendry the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a balanced budget for 2023/2024 with projected revenues and expenses of \$ 16,150 for the year.

**M Peter DeMerchant / Harold Coughlan the budget be accepted as presented. Carried**

**Zone Reports:**

- Zone 1 – Written & Oral – Dirk Bishop
- Zone 2 – Written & Oral – Todd Messer
- Zone 3 – Oral – Jeff McGinley
- Zone 4 – Written & Oral – Dave McGrattan
- Zone 1 – Written & Oral – Mike Redpath
- Zone 1 – Oral – Guilman Roy

**M Dave McGrattan / Brent Smith we accepted the reports as presented. Carried**

**Correspondence**

Danny noted he had received correspondence from Allyson Ouellette, Executive Director of NBIAA concerning their ongoing No Swearing campaign. It was agreed our group would support the NBIAA in this endeavor. Danny also noted he had received correspondence from Tyler Slipp of BNB about possibly meeting to discuss the heavy weekends we run into with tournaments in the latter part of February.

**Old Business**

Danny discussed the fitness testing we want to incorporate for the AUS/ACAA panels. The Executive will look to plan a live meeting for the AGM in 2024 where the fitness tests can be resumed.



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Don Walker asked a question about the criteria used for the Final 12 selections. Adam/Peter/Jeff Smith all responded to Don's question on how the selections were done and some of the obstacles that could potentially influence F12 selections. Don seemed satisfied with the response.

### Past-President

Adam presented the New Brunswick 2023 winner of the Wink Willox award. The recipient was JP Richard of Zone # 5, an excellent selection and well-deserved honoree! Congratulations JP.

Adam then reported on the Seward Neilsen scholarship award and that he had recused himself from the selection process. S/T Peter D announced that Ian Humphrey of Fredericton was the winner of the 2023 Seward Neilsen scholarship. A student athlete who is now at UNB, Ian is also a very capable young official with a bright future ahead of him. Another well-deserved selection, congratulations Ian!

Adam then made the Nominating Committee report. He indicated that calls for candidates for the positions of President and Vice President for the 2023-2025 terms had been asked for in August. Both incumbents, President Dan Patterson and Vice President Brent Smith indicated their interest in another term and by the deadline there were no further applications and the Nominating Committee move that Dan and Brent be declared re-elected to the positions of President and Vice President for 2023-2025.

**M Adam Humphrey / Peter DeMerchant the report of the nominating committee be accepted, and Dan and Brent be declared elected by acclamation. Carried**

**M Dave McGrattan the meeting adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM**

Member	Zone	Member	Zone	Member	Zone
Dirk Bishop	1	Peter DeMerchant	1	Dave Gallagher	1
Bruce Hendry	1	Guilman Roy	1	John Vail	1
Marc Colwell	2	Adam Humphrey	2	Todd Messer	2
Chantal Rochon	2	Kyle Woodworth	2	Jeff McGinley	3
Don Walker	3	Harold Coughlan	4	Mike Dobblesteyn	4
Spencer Jeffrey	4	Jeff MacDonald	4	Dave McGrattan	4
Tom McGrattan	4	Clayton Mitchell	4	Danny Patterson	4
Jules Roche	4	Benjamin Tait	4	Mike Redpath	5
JP Richard	5	Brent Smith	5	Jeff Smith	5



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## **Appendix - Reports**

### **President's Report**

Who would have thought that 2 years could pass so quickly. As I finish up the second year of my term, I am so impressed with the level of professionalism that we continue to display in this province both on and off the court. Our numbers are growing almost as quickly as the game. A sincere thank you goes to all of you for the work that you do every time you step onto the court.

We finally had a year with no interruptions. This has seemed like a long time in coming and as we return, we are noticing a large increase in the number of games being played at all levels. We are also seeing the continued disruption that fans, parents, and even players are not contributing. We must remember to remain professional and civil as we introduce new people to our sport. Violence towards officials, recruitment of new officials, development of officials are all things that are discussed at our National Meetings. These are held monthly and provide us a chance to voice concerns on a larger scale. Most Provinces are also seeing these issues more and more.

Summerfest continues to be one of the biggest events and officials from across the Maritimes are starting to reach out and understand the benefits of so many games in so few days. Huge thanks for all that help by giving up the weekend in the summer to travel to Saint John. It is also important to recognize that we are also growing in the number of largely competitive age class and other opportunities such as the Moncton summer tournament that allow our officials to hone their skills. This is truly becoming more of a year-round activity.

We are still seeing a rise in people that are interested in becoming officials. This has placed an increasing burden on our zone reps and it's a good problem that we haven't been able to enjoy in a few years. I would encourage all our more experienced officials to give of their time and knowledge as we grow and learn together.

Violence towards officials, recruitment of new officials, and development of officials are all things that are discussed at our National Meetings. These are held monthly and provide us a chance to voice concerns on a larger scale. Most Provinces are also seeing these issues more and more. There are big changes coming that will impact our province in terms of National registrations, improvement to the NOCP clinics and more information that is available through GamePlan to bring consistency across our country.

### **Recognition time**

I would like to personally thank Seward Neilson for his tireless dedication to our sport. Seward has decided that he will not be working games this year and it truly is a loss. He is still willing to mentor officials, and this is a tremendous gift. Congrats to all officials that were awarded and worked the Final 12 games at TD Station. Once again you demonstrated your professionalism and dedication to the game.



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- A Girls – Nancy Currie and Scott Wood with Nick Smith as the Standby
- A Boys – Scott Brown and Chris Lorde
- AA Girls – Jared Joudry and Clayton Mitchell
- AA Boys – Dan Wilton and Dirk Bishop with Adam Doherty as the Standby
- AAA Girls – Matt Whipple and Corey Orchard
- AAA Boys – Dave Gallagher and JP Richard with Mike LeBlanc as the Standby

Congrats to Todd Messer on attending Nationals this summer as a Referee Coach. We are truly fortunate to have such knowledge in our province.

Finally, I cannot say enough how much Peter, Brent, Jeff, and Adam do on your behalf. Their tireless dedication to you and for this sport know no bounds. Thanks to you, our organization is in wonderful hands and will be for the foreseeable future. I will leave you with this thought, the more we continue to do things in the same way because they are comfortable is the moment we cease to grow. Challenge yourselves and push to be better. Doing something that pushes that comfort level benefits us all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Patterson  
NBAABO President

**Vice President**

This is to notify you of the rates that will be in effect for the coming basketball season for officials. We had previously negotiated with both your groups to take regularly scheduled, small rate increases, every three years. At our 2021 AGM, the schedule was adjusted, and we delayed the increases for a year due to the lost season as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new rates for the 2023/2024 season are listed below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned!

Our major partners, AUS; ACAA; NBIAA and BNB have all been notified accordingly!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>U11</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>U13, U14, Middle School 8 min quarters</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>U13, U14, Middle School 10 min quarters</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>High School – Junior and Senior Varsity</b>	<b>\$46</b>
<b>U16, U18</b>	<b>\$46</b>
<b>Wheelchair</b>	<b>\$46</b>
<b>BNB Intermediate &amp; Masters</b>	<b>\$51</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent Smith  
Vice-President, NBAABO Inc.

**Interpreter**



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**1. Year in Review**

- CBOC Super Clinics
- NOCP II evaluations (Woodstock)
- Summerfest evaluations (Saint John)
- ACAA evaluations

**2. NOCP (National Officials Certification Program)**

- NOCP I & II clinics will be offered for NB officials Fall 2023 (details and dates to be provided)



**\*\*it is important to let your Zone rep know if you are interested in moving up the referee development pathway.**

**3. Rules & Interpretations**

- no rule changes for this upcoming season ☺
- The best resources to find rules/interpretations are (1) the “FIBA iRef” app, or (2) Gameplanbasketball.ca. or (3) <https://nbaabo.homestead.com>

**4. Technology**

-I highly recommend each NBAABO member download, become familiar with, and use the following 2 apps available in the App Store and Google Playstore:

1. FIBA iREF Academy
2. FIBA iREF Pre-Game

**Past-President**

As Past-President, two of my main duties are:

- Chairing the Nominating Committee  
Calls were put out to the membership in August regarding elections for the President and Vice-President positions. In both cases, only the names of the incumbents were submitted, thus returning each to their positions.
- Chairing the Honours & Awards Committee  
For the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, NBAABO is proud to have submitted a name to CBOC for recognition with the Wink Willox award. CBOC will announce in a few weeks’ time all of those across the country that are being recognized this year. If you are not familiar with the lengthy list of NB officials that have been previously recognized, I urge you to check out this information on our website --

<http://nbaabo.homestead.com/Acknowledgements.html>

NBAABO also made a submission to CBOC regarding the Ritchie-Nicurity scholarship.

We have not heard from BNB as to any Service Award presentations this year. Should BNB recognize 1 or 2 officials, as they have done in the past, we do have names prepared to pass along to them.

This is also the second year that NBAABO is awarding the Seward Neilson Scholarship. As I had a conflict of interest with regards to one of the nominees, I recused myself from the selection process, leaving the committee of Peter and Seward to decide on a recipient.



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In addition to these committees, I also served on

- Sectionals and Final 12 Committee

After two years of covid interfering with Sectionals, we were able to return to a full high school playoff schedule in 2023. This was the first time for NBIAA's new playoff format (1 game each of Fri and Sat) to be used. It unfortunately leaves fewer opportunities for officials to gain the experience of working playoff games. At the Final 12, three officials were recognized with first-time invitations, with a fourth receiving their first on-court assignment.

- ACAA assigning

As for each of the previous 11 years, I looked after assigning of officials for the ACAA games in NB. We successfully negotiated a sizable (30%) increase in our travel pool to account for higher gas and additional travel requirements. Overall, the season went well, with an issue that arose late-season being dealt with. Six of our officials were selected for the ACAA Championships. Looking ahead, Danny is currently working on a new contract with ACAA that will take us through to 2027. The Collegiate Committee has already met and mapped out our plans for the upcoming season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Humphrey  
NBAABO Past-President

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**Zone # 1**

Following is the report on the activities within Zone # 1 for the 2022-2023 season.

- We ran our rules clinics in October and early November over 4 nights and did them all on-line using Microsoft Teams
- During the year, a total of 1,400 assignments were made, twice as many as the 677 we had in 2021/22.
- We had 7 officials assigned to the NBIAA Sectionals.

Congratulations to Dave Gallagher, Dirk Bishop, John Vail, Jared Joudry and Corey Orchard our representatives at the Final 12 this year. John worked the "A" Boys final; Jared worked the "AA" Girls final; Dirk worked the "AA" Boys final; Corey worked the "AAA" Girls final and Dave worked the AAA Boys final.

- No disciplinary issues dealt with during the season.
- We are short of officials, so we need to actively recruit more people over the summer!!!
- All officials should consider a trip to Summerfest in Saint John. It is a great opportunity to get some games in, meet other officials and get some great pointers on improving your game.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dirk Bishop  
Zone # 1 Representative

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**Zone # 2**

1. We had 40 officials in our zone last season which included 7 new officials. Smallest group in many years.
2. We had Approximately 2000 games last year
3. Having the middle school season overlapping the high school season meant most officials working every day.
4. Our partnership with the minor association had 25 Junior officials working. We offer a Pre-season clinic to them and some evaluations where possible.
5. Clinics and Zone meeting set for October. We have 15 new recruits confirmed for the fall.

Recognition.

Rashida Atkinson & Marc Colwell – Level 2

Mike Murray- AUS

Matt Whipple – ACAA & Final 12

Dan Wilton- Final 12

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Todd Messer**

**Zone # 2 Representative**

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**Zone # 3**

No Report Submitted

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**Zone # 4**

Numbers:

An extremely busy year in Z4S (all 12 months), handled expertly by Zone Assignor Jeff MacDonald. Our games and assignments doubled from last year.

-Games ~ 1,900

-Assignments ~ 3,800

-38 officials worked high school level games or above

-10 new officials added to Horizon Web Ref

-Level 1 achieved - 8

-Level 2 achieved - 1

-Level 3 achieved - 2

National Awards:

Huge congratulations to these two legends!

-Ted Early Award - Seward Neilsen

-Wink Willox Award - Tom McGrattan

Playoff assignments:

Congratulations on an outstanding season!





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- Final 12 - Clayton Mitchell, Adam Doherty, Mike Leblanc
- ACAA - Spencer Jeffery
- AUS Men - Dave McGrattan
- U SPORTS Men - Dave McGrattan

**Semi-pro league officials:**

- MWBA - 7
- ECBL - 5

**Summerfest:**

- Preliminary L2 evaluations for 6 officials
- Still issues with some teams and logistics
- Support from our L2+ officials across the province is always helpful
- Officials from NS and PEI participated

**Concerns:**

- Coach/parent abuse issues are still occurring (we upgraded several situations to NBIAA and BNB, and one was escalated to CB)
- Process alignment with NOCP and GamePlan
- Recruiting and retaining young officials

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dave McGrattan**

**Zone # 4 Representative**



**Zone # 5**

A very busy season for zone 5 with more teams than normal for our area. Seems post covid, more and more want to play.

Main challenge for our zone was the volume of minor games and tournaments so we proactively met with the minor associations to keep schedules limited on weekend tournaments and had boys/girls play on alternate weekends. This was a huge help to achieve coverage. We did enlist help from other zones at times.

**ACAA Assignments:**

- JP Richard
- Jeff Smith
- Mike Redpath

Both Jeff and JP worked the men's final of the ACAA tournament.

**NBIAA Final 12 assignments:**

- Nancy Currie
- Scott Wood
- Mike Redpath
- JP Richard

10 new officials worked the 2022-2023 season.



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Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Redpath

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Zone # 5 Representative

**Zone # 6**

No report submitted.