



NLSA 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President's Report

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On the Field 2022

June:

Our provincial teams competed in the U15/16 Atlantic Championships finishing with gold medals for the boys U15 and U16 teams and a bronze medal for our girls U15.

July:

Our U13 and U14 Girls provincial teams competed in the Atlantic Championships here in St. John's and our Maroon teams in both age groups brought home gold medals. In P.E.I our boys' U13 and U14 teams played also, and the U13 Maroon group captured gold and the U14 boys bagged the silver medal. Provincial teams also went to Ottawa for some valuable experience playing teams and taking in a CPL game was a great experience for the teams.

August:

Our Canada Games team departed for Niagara to compete in the summer showcase which resulted in the girls placing 9th and the boys 11th. August also saw us crown the Jubilee Trophy winners and in a hard fought contest Holy Cross prevailed 1-0 over Feildians to represent us at Nationals in Vaughan Ontario in October. August also played host to a number of PYL Finals and coming out on top were the following GU13 St John's, BU13 C.B.S, GU15 St John's BU15 St John's. GU17 St John's BU17 Mount Pearl.

September:

Was the month that hosted the Mens Challenge Cup Playoffs. Just like the women's final was contested by Holy Cross and Feildians and Just like the women the same club prevailed with exactly the same scoreline sending them to Vaughan in October also. There was also a PYL showdown to see which U17 teams would represent us in BC in October and they went to St John's GU17 and for the first time ever Paradise sent a team to represent the province at a national championship with the BU17. KGV was also the host to the Eastern Canadian Masters which saw NL being represented by Holy Cross Masters in a four team round robin.

October:

Our teams travelled to PEI for the U15 National Championship, BC for the U17 and Vaughan Ontario for the Senior competition. In PEI both St John's teams gave a great account of themselves with the girls finishing 7th and the boys 8th. In BC once again the girls finished 7th and the boy's 8th. But at the same time the real story was developing over in Vaughan where the

Holy Cross Men went undefeated the whole tournament only to miss out on the championship game on goal difference and capturing the Bronze medal. The women on the other hand made it to the championship game where they destroyed their opponents and for the first time in the province's history a female team brought home the gold medal. Malorie Harris became the top scorer at the Jubilee National championships since the turn of the century, scoring her 32nd and 33rd goals during the round robin. Malorie has now scored one or more goals in 23 games at Jubilee nationals, which is also a record (Note: she already held this record prior to the competition.). Jane Pope co-owned the golden boot award and was named tournament MVP.

November:

Athiei Achiek Represented Newfoundland and Labrador at the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite, National Development Centre.

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April:

The following boys were invited to the **Atlantic Canada Development Centre (ACDC)** and travelled to BC in April for the 2023 Whitecaps FC Academy Centre Combine. Evan Pearcey, Jack Turpin, Luke and Daniel Peddle, Colin Dyer, Nolan Martin and Cole Ledez

Congratulations to the following award winners for 2022 that will be honored at a luncheon on April 11th

Youth Female Player	Madison Burke	St John's Soccer Club
Youth Male Player	Jack Turpin	Paradsie Soccer Club
Senior Female Player	Jane Pope	Holy Cross Soccer Club
Senior Male Player	Jake Warren	Holy Cross Soccer Club

Youth team of the Year	Paradise Boys U17
Senior Team of the Year	Holy Cross Jubilee Team

Senior Official of the Year	Mohamed Odan
Youth Female Official of the Year	Megan King
Youth Male Official of the Year	Aubrey Nunes

Coach of the Year	Jake Stanford	Holy Cross Soccer Club
Executive of the Year	Ron O'Neill	
Volunteer of the Year	Craig Dyer,	Mount Pearl

Off the Field

April:

Held our Hall of Fame Awards Banquet, introduced our newest Honorary Life Member, Jean

Thompson and Inducted the following into the Hall of Fame, Blair Aylward, Jeremy Babstock, Scott Bishop, Richard Kelly, Jeff Warren and Debbie Shortall congrats to all. For the first time in 21 years the NLSA had a new president as Doug Redmond chose not to run again.

May;

Attended the Canadian Soccer Association AMM and was told that we had to start the process of Governance.

June:

Judi Kelloway and I met with Stephanie Geosits and started the process of Governance.

August:

NLSA announces another Honorary Life Member and have a special ceremony for Doug Redmond

September:

NLSA starts Strategic Planning Sessions with its members to put together a strategic plan for 2023-2026.

November:

Strategic Planning Session with our Board

January:

NLSA announces its award winners for 2022.

NLSA introduces The Purple Shirt Campaign for all referees to protect them from Abuse.

NLSA adds an Interim Competitions Committee for the 2023 season.

February:

Dragan Mirkovic retires after 22 years with the NLSA.

NLSA presents its new Governance Model to its membership.

NLSA Introduces the first all-female mentorship program.

Feildians Athletic Association honored with Canada Soccer Organization of Distinction Award.

March:

NLSA Introduces Martin Batterson as the new Referee Development Officer

NLSA Introduces Josh Kennedy as the Club Licensing Manager to help clubs align with Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program.

NLSA hosts a question-and-answer session on the new bylaws.

NLSA schedules a Special General Meeting

NLSA holds a SGM and passes the new bylaws by a vote of 163-0

Canada Soccer's Mike Whyatt attends and facilitates the coaches Symposium.

April:

NLSA to hold its Hall of Fame Ceremony and congratulations to the following Inductees, Leslie Pope Hopkins, Martin Batterson, Hannah Rivkin, Derek Strang, Jessica Wade, Stephanie Dyer

and Shane Antle.

NLSA Says goodbye to Maria Mackey who leaves her position as Youth Coordinator.

I would like to close by saying a special thanks to the following people.

Governance and Strategic Planning Committee for all the hours that were put from June to March.

Chair Judi Kelloway, Vice Chair Chris Bartlett and members Mark Lane, Renee Sherstobetoff, Ron O'Neill, and Colleen McConnell. Mark Marshall also sat on this committee.

The board of directors for their support over the past 12 months.

Connie Marshall for the female mentorship program.

Paul North for all his support over the past two years with the Referee Program.

Mike Howlett for all his support in the Referee Assigning.

Judi Kelloway, Ron O'Neill, and Mark Lane for countless office committee meetings

Jeff Babstock for his role as chair of the hall of fame committee

All our Provincial Coaches and Managers for everything they did for the program in 2022.

Special thanks go out to Mark Marshall for all the work he has put in with the provincial program, coaching education, club licensing. We continue to be on track with our 2020-2025 Canada Games presentation that was board approved in 2020. And hopefully all our coaches that have been certified over the past two years and the ones that are going through courses at this time will bring that knowledge back to the clubs so it will benefit every child in the province.

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