



Volleyball New Brunswick

Annual Report

2022

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Volleyball New Brunswick
Annual General Meeting Agenda

September 25th, 2022

7:00pm – Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome to New Members and Guests
3. Voting Eligibility-Constitution
4. Agenda-Any other Business
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting
7. Approval of the Minutes
8. Annual Reports
 - 8.1 President (Randy Wilson)
 - 8.2 Executive Director (Jilliane Portelli)
 - 8.3 Program Coordinator (Darcy McKillop to speak)
 - 8.4 Age-Class Committee (Nic Boucher)
 - 8.5 Senior Committee (Joy Porter)
 - 8.6 High Performance Female Committee (Monette Boudreau-Carroll)
 - 8.7 High Performance Male Committee (Dan McMorran)
 - 8.8 Beach Committee (Cherie Campbell)
 - 8.9 Referees Committee (Pat Thorne)
 - 8.10 Club Development Committee (Steve Lanteigne)
9. Approval of Reports
10. Annual Report from the Treasurer (Mel Gallant)
11. No approval of the financial statement and Treasurer Report (presented as information as accountant's financial statements not yet submitted)
12. Appointment of Accountant/Auditors
13. Province of New Brunswick Consultant Statement
14. Other Business
 - 14.1 Motion to have a full audit done for 2022
15. Election of Board Positions (2022-2024)
 - 15.1 President
 - 15.2 Secretary
16. Appointment of Board Positions (2022-2024)
 - 16.1 Age Class Competitions Chair
 - 16.2 High Performance Chair – Female
 - 16.3 Officials Development Chair
 - 16.4 Beach Chair
17. 2023 AGM - Date
September 24th, 2023
18. Ajournement

2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Volleyball New Brunswick
Annual General Meeting Agenda
September 23rd, 2021
7:00 – Zoom

Attendees

James Cress – Past President (Randy)
Randy Wilson – President (Regrets)
Rylee Bolden- Vice President
Melanie Gallant - Treasurer
Mélanie Desjardins Mallet- Secretary
Michaela Allaby – Executive Director
Abby Rivington – Program Coordinator
Cherie Campbell – Beach Chair
Pat Thorne – Officials Chair
Matt van Raalte – Officials committee member
Monette Boudreau- Carroll – High Performance Female
Dan McMorran – High Performance Male - Regrets
Joy Porter – Senior Chair - Regrets
Christine Powers-Tomsons – Sports and Recreation (Branch) GNB
Nic Boucher – Age Class Chair - regrets
Denis Robichaud
Geoff Colter
Joline Richard
Solange Gagnon
Natasha Dubé
Suzanne Landers

19. **Call to Order:** 7:02 pm
20. **Welcome to New Members and Guests** - James presents how the AGM will proceed
21. **Voting Eligibility-Constitution** – We do have quorum for AGM
22. **Agenda-Any other Business:** James asks if there any new business to add to the Agenda. Hearing none . Asks for a vote to approve the agenda.
23. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motioned by Cherie Campbell, seconded by Ryley Bolden.
24. **Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting**
25. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motioned by Matt van Raalte, seconded by Mel Gallant
26. **Annual Reports**
 - 26.1 **Presidents (Randy Wilson) – James for Randy** : We wish him well following his surgery. Randy has included in his report that this past year as been a tough one
 - 26.2 **Executive Director (Michaela Allaby):** Thanks everyone for joining. WE faced some unique challenges this last year. But with the partnerships we formed, we faced these challenges head on. Thanks Public Health and Sports and Recreation branch for their continued support.

- 26.3 **Program Coordinator (Abby Rivington)** : The vrs system that we transferred to is much better than Goal Line. It is a lot more user friendly. It is still a learning curve.
The recreational membership has been beneficial.
James congratulates Abby for all her hard work with our new VRS.
- 26.4 **Age-Class Committee (Nic Boucher)**: Regrets – James shares that the report mostly shared that it has been a tough year for our age-class athletes as most of the season and events were cancelled.
- 26.5 **Senior Committee (Joy Porter)**: Regrets: Also mostly cancelled because of Covid-19.
- 26.6 **High Performance Female Committee (Monette Boudreau-Carroll)**: Shares that they haven't really been able to do much with the Pandemic because no summer elite programs have really been able to run. So they are going to be behind in the level of play. Canada Games was able to continue, but the other athletes coming up will be behind in level of play. She has a meeting with the DDC and will keep us posted.
James : Monette, do you get a sense that the other provinces are in a similar situation? She says she feels as though other provinces took more chances instead of keeping the kids home and safe during the pandemic, so some athletes from other provinces, haven't been as far behind in skill.
- 26.7 **High Performance Male Committee (Dan McMorran)**: regrets.
- 26.8 **Beach Committee (Cherie Campbell)**: Our goal was to build the beach volleyball program in NB and she believes we have met that goal. 2 summer students were hired to run the beach program. 6 male athletes and 4 female athletes were named to beach Canada teams. 4 athletes are heading this weekend to Halifax for a VC ID camp. Still looking for a coach for the male team.
James: In terms of leadership (coaching), what are some things, strategies to get more coaches in the beach programs.
Cherie: hoping all these athletes will follow through later on and stick around and coach.
- 26.9 **Referees Committee (Pat Thorne)**: see report . (*Mel D Mallet : I apologize, I could not hear her*)
Matt van Raalte : we will be moving online for level 1 certification. We are in a restart stage as officials as a lot of refs have found other things, other work.
- 26.10 **Club Development Committee (Steve Lanteigne-regrets)**: See report as submitted.
- 26.11 **Coaching – Chair is open** – Abby says we have 2 coaches certified as facilitators in both official language. Clubs are more willing to host workshops if they are able to run them themselves. Having more facilitators will help us be able to offer this for clubs.
27. **Approval of Reports**: Motioned by Pat Thorne, seconded by Mélanie Desjardins Mallet
- **Annual Report from the Treasurer (Mel Gallant)**: Financial statements are in the report. Despite Covid our Balance sheet looks pretty healthy.
 - The group was able to leverage some different grants, loans, subsidies that benefited our financial performance
 - Retained earnings are down from last year due to the net loss we are reporting
 - Looking at the Statement of loss, you can see that our revenue and other sources of income are significantly down due to the pandemic; no memberships/events etc impacted that. We did receive the Canadian Wage Subsidy amounts which helped bring our net loss for the year to a more manageable position

- All in all, things look good considering what we've endured.
28. **Approval of the financial statement and Treasurer Report:** Motioned by Matt van Raalte, seconded by Cherie Campbell.
 29. **Appointment of Accountant/Auditors:** VNB appoints Teed Saunder Doyle
 30. **Province of New Brunswick Consultant Statement:** Christine Powers Tomlinson: It's been a pleasure working with Michaela and Abby throughout this pandemic, she thanks them for their cooperation and rolling with the punches. Christine has found herself as the middle man between sport organisations and Public Health. As it is national coaches week, she thanks all for still sticking around in these volunteering positions. Thanks us again for our cooperation.
 31. **Other Business:** - None
 32. **Election of Board Positions (2021-2023)**
 - 32.1 **Vice President:** Rylee Bolden letting his name stand (nominated by Dan McMorrان, seconded by Geoff Colter)
 - 32.2 **Treasurer:** Melanie Gallant (lets her name stand) (nominated by Pat Thorne, seconded by Matt van Raalte)
 33. **Appointment of Board Positions (2021-2023)**
 - 33.1 **Senior Chair:** Joy Porter
 - 33.2 **High Performance Chair – Male:** Dan McMorrان
 - 33.3 **Coach Chair:** vacant
 - 33.4 **Club Development Chair:** Steve Lanteigne
 34. **2022 AGM - Date and location:** TBD
 - 34.1 September 24th, 2022
 35. **Ajournement :**

Once again, James thanks everyone for their effort and their continued support.
Call for adjournment : 7 :52 pm
Motion : Mel Gallant

President's Report

On behalf of our Executive and our Board of Directors, I would like to begin by thanking our outgoing Executive Director, Michaela Allaby and our outgoing Program Coordinator Abby Rivington for their outstanding service and dedication to Volleyball NB. We wish them well in their new endeavours. In the same light, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Jaimie Randall, she carried out many duties for our organization as we transitioned through our hiring process to replace staff and did a very good job during some stressful times. Good luck in Ireland Jaimie!

I am extremely pleased to announce the two newest members to our team, Jilliane Portelli as our new Executive Director and Darcy McKillop as our new Director of Operations. We are confident that this duo will provide Volleyball NB lots of leadership and guidance into the future. As we move into a new and unknown stage of this pandemic, we find ourselves in a good place with our finances, and a vision for the next year. We see a need to review our Beach and our High-Performance Programs, and we also have our sights on a renewed Strategic Plan in 2023.

I would like to recognize our membership for working diligently throughout the pandemic and adhering to the restrictions to keep all of us safe. We must be cognizant and understand the impact that the pandemic has had on our association, finding gym times, attracting volunteers, adjusting to the guidelines set out by Public Health and the Sport and Recreation Branch has not been an easy task and its impact on our mental wellbeing. Thank you, your patience and understanding was greatly appreciated.

We did manage to run, successfully, our Age-Class Provincials, VNB Senior Open, the Jack Lawson Middle School Cup, Women's Senior Open, Provincial Elite Program, and our Beach season. Our partners USport, CCAA and the NBIAA. were also successful in getting their seasons in.

Thank you to our coaches, managers and our athletes of our Canada Games and Canada Cup Teams. Our CG girls beach team had a very good run and finished 4th, congratulations to Brett Boldon and Maddy Mills. Our CG beach boys finished strong and placed 9th. On the indoor side our guys finished 7th and the girls ended their week with an 8th place finish.

Volleyball NB has gone through a policy review with the Province and Volleyball Canada. On our website you will see the suite of Pan-Canadian Policies and the full version of our Safe Sport policy. The Safe Sport policy will require all members to receive some education.

I would like to thank Christine Powers-Tomsons at the Sport and Recreation Branch for her ongoing support and guidance, she has played a pivotal role for Volleyball NB. I would like to thank our Executive and Board, together we have dedicated many volunteer hours for volleyball in NB. To close, we ask everyone to continue to follow the Covid-19 protocols.

Randy Wilson

President

Volleyball New Brunswick

Executive Director's Report

This past year has been an incredibly positive one for Volleyball New Brunswick, as the challenges of the pandemic began to subside. VNB was able to return focus to core programming and finding ways to support and provide opportunities for individuals to play, coach or referee.

Indoor Club Season resumed and VNB hosted Age-Class Provincials, 2 Senior Opens, and the Jack Lawson Middle School Cup. After the hiatus in 2020-2021, and although the pandemic continued to cause challenges, I can imagine what a pleasure it was to host, compete, coach, and officiate in the club season and major events again.

The summer of 2022 Provincial Elite Program comprised 6 teams and a training group of 14U athletes. We sent 2 teams to Canada Cup, and hosted the Eastern Elites matches vs Nova Scotia. Thank you to Jaimie Randall, who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of these programs. I would also like to thank all the coaches who shared their time and expertise with the athletes involved, and the officials who helped us host the Eastern Elites.

Our Beach programming continued this summer, with the hiring of 2 summer coordinators to run the leagues and tournaments. We are grateful for the diligence of Taylor Clark and Emma Burns, who also helped plan, administer, and coach our Provincial Elite Camp at the end of July. VNB is forming committees to review our High Performance and Beach programming and we look forward to continuing to improve in these areas.

We were proud to send 4 teams to the Canada Games in Niagara, ON. Congratulations to all the athletes who represented New Brunswick at the Games; and thank you to the volunteer coaches and managers for their passion and dedication to their positions: Garrett West, John Roussy, Kyle Holder, Geoff Mabey, Kim Colpitts, Suzanne Landers, Andrew Bidlake, Darcy McKillop, assistant coach Marc White, and interim coach Jordan Brooks.

I am delighted to have joined VNB as Executive Director in May. VNB's administration was highly organized and for that, I would like to thank my predecessor, Michaela Allaby, as well as those who filled the role before her. I would also like to thank Randy, James, Pat, Jaimie, and the Board for their support during the transition.

Our staff further changed this July, with the departure of Jaimie Randall as Program Coordinator and the hiring of Darcy McKillop as Director of Operations, with this new role encompassing Technical Director responsibilities. Jaimie went above and beyond during her time at VNB; I am grateful for all her hard work and wish her the best as she embarks on a new adventure. Darcy is an exceptional addition to VNB, bringing with him a wealth of experience and passion for the sport. This summer marked his 9th time representing NB at the Canada Games.

I would like to congratulate VNB's President, Randy, on his recent retirement after 43 years as an official. Randy is a level 4 official and was a Head Referee Supervisor with Volleyball Canada's Referee Management Team. He was an exceptional referee and played an integral part in positioning New Brunswick as a leader in volleyball officiating development. Thank you, Randy, for your significant and ongoing contributions to our sport.

Volleyball continues to thrive in New Brunswick. With the support and guidance of the membership we can continue to promote, grow, and develop volleyball in our province.

Jilliane Portelli

Executive Director

Volleyball New Brunswick

Program Coordinator's Report

VNB Club Season

The 2021-2022 VNB Club Season was quite challenging compared to past years. With COVID-19 regulations changing monthly, it prevented our members from a consistent season of training and competing. VNB was able to run our Age-Class season but saw many interruptions as a reflection of the changing regulations. This resulted in many of our groups having to stop training for periods of time and events being canceled or postponed. As our community has started to recuperate and return to a semblance of normalcy, we are very hopeful that the 2022-2023 Age-Class season will run smoothly and uninterrupted.

Age-Class Provincials

VNB club season ran from September to December. We saw a larger portion of our membership return this year and also an increase of new teams from rural communities. Battling with COVID-19 regulations and Sportlomo technical errors, consistency was hard to find. Age-Class Provincials were held in December with a total of 99 teams. This year VNB continued to combine the 13U tripleball division as co-ed which ran safely. The 16U Male division final was postponed as a precaution of a potential COVID-19 outbreak. Fortunately, due to immense planning there were tight COVID-19 policies were in place and we were able to run our largest event without an outbreak.

Please see the registration numbers in the Membership Breakdown at the end of this report.

Senior Indoor Leagues

VNB was able to run a Women's Senior League and Men's Senior League. The Senior Open took place in December with 52 registered teams. Due to COVID-19 regulations, Women's Senior Provincials was unable to take place, and instead VNB ran a second open. In April we held our first Smashin' Into Spring Senior Open with 30 registered teams.

Coach Education

VNB hosted four coaching workshops over the last year. This includes VNB's first Development Coach Workshop to be taught in French and virtually. Moving forward, we are hoping to host more workshops in French.

Type of Workshop	Date	Location	Participants
Development Coach Workshop	October 2 nd – 3 rd	Moncton, NB	8
Adv. Development Coach Workshop	November 13 th - 14 th	Moncton, NB	1
French Development Coach Workshop	January 8 th -9 th	Virtual	9
Adv. Development Coach Workshop	March 19 th -20 th	Moncton, NB	5

Coaching Certifications continue to be a problem in NB. Our new registration system, Sportlomo, caused many issues both for administration and membership. With technical and user errors many coach certifications were not uploaded on Sportlomo or were not completed. At the time of Age-Class Provincials the system was not integrated with the Locker. This forced staff to do manual checks of every individual coach prior to the competition with a large portion not meeting the requirements. This

technical issue has since been fixed and we are hopeful that members will be more comfortable with Sportlomo next season.

VNB Provincial Elite Program

VNB Provincial Elite Program ran from early June until late July. Our Eastern Elite program held one competitive team at the 15U and 17U age groups for both female and male. Training groups were selected for the Early Elite program at the 14U level. VNB also sent two 16U teams to the Canada Cup tournament in Calgary. Training weekends were held throughout June and July with Elite Camp being hosted in Fredericton the week of July 23rd-30th. VNB hosted VNS in the 2022 Border Battle also known as the Eastern Elite Championship, VNL and VPEI did not attend.

Beach Volleyball

VNB held three By the Beach leagues this summer. Due to lack of registration in individual age groups, we combined them and had a 12U,13U,14U female league, a 15U, 16U,17U female league and a 14U,15U,16,17U male league. Our Beach Coordinators hosted two tournaments and one pop up tournament. We were unable to fulfill the partnership with the East Coast Games this year due to limited personnel and conflicts with other events. You can see more information about this in the Beach Volleyball Report.

Canada Games

Indoor Volleyball

Canada Games Indoor training took place from February to August with official team selections taking place in June. The women's team finished in 8th place and the men's team finished 7th place. Both teams proudly represented NB on and off the court.

Beach Volleyball

Canada Games Beach training took place from May until August. Brett Bolden and Maddy Mills were selected for the female team. They competed very tough and were VNB's top resulting team finishing in 4th place. Sebastien Doucet and Owen Flynn were selected as the male team. They also played great matches and finished in 9th place.

Social Media

The VNB website was fully updated in February so the French and English pages share the same information. It was noted that the French portion of the website was outdated with paging holding information from 2015. As of the end of August 2022, VNB had 4.4k on Facebook which is up 300 from our 2021 total of 4187 followers. Our Facebook page mainly targets parents/guardians, coaches, referees therefore, we design our posts based on our main users. Instagram now reaches 1751 followers, up 144 from 2021, most of which are our athletes therefore, we focus our posts on that page towards that demographic.

Membership Breakdown

September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

Gender	Athletes	Coaches	Officials	Other	Totals
Female	1182	72	97	80	1431
Made	346	55	72	41	514
Non Specified	239	32	0	5	276
	1767	159	169	126	
Total					2221

*1Numbers provided through Sportlomo***Jaimie Randall**

Program Coordinator

Volleyball New Brunswick

Age-Class Report

This year had 99 teams registered for Provincials which were held at the Moncton Coliseum in early December.

Here are the Provincial Champions for each age class:

Age Class Category	Champion
13UG	Reds Crimson Boys
14UG	Mad Vic
15UG	Reds Crimson
16UG	Reds Crimson
18UG	Reds Crimson
14UB	Spartans
18UB	Spartans

This year Age -Class Nationals were held in various locations.

Nationals results:

Team	Age class	Division	Finish
Reds Crimson	16UG	1	9th
Spartans	18UG	3	5th
Mad Vic	18UG	4	3rd
Spartans	18UB	2	5th

In 2023, Nationals will be held in various locations in May.

Nic Boucher

Age Class Chair

Volleyball New Brunswick

Senior Report

Last year's season that would have run from September 2021 through to May 2022 was cancelled due to many different reasons.

1. COVID and health concerns and the lack of ability to interact or travel between cities within NB would have been the number one reason for the league being cancelled last season.
2. There was a lack of facilities available to adults for use for extracurricular activities across NB. With the inability to host or for groups to practice or play, the season was cancelled.

We have seen an influx of new interested volleyball players to NB over the past year and hope that we can get them all engaged with local teams so they can start to participate and play volleyball again.

We are preparing to have a full season this year and have set a date of October 22nd in Fredericton for the Women's seeding tournament. This will get the season kicked off and communication on date has been sent out to all past team contacts.

Men's Sr. Division has been a struggle for the past couple of seasons. We have not seen the A level grow but the B level has maintained a pretty good group of teams that consistently continue to participate and play. This is an area I would like to see us focus a bit of effort on to ensure we maintain if not expand the men's side of VNB for the season.

We were able to squeak in the Sr. Open in December before restrictions were put back in place and it was very well attended. The feedback received was very positive and everyone was happy to be back on the court. The tournament is planned again for this year as it has been in the past at the Moncton Coliseum for the first weekend in December.

This year will be a challenging year I believe with some people away from the sport for potentially 12 to 16 months. We will need to try to manage this change and hope to be able to recover most teams from past seasons as well as recruit or get the word out to new players who would be eligible to play in the past couple of years to ensure we continue to maintain as well as grow our adult leagues.

We as always will need to be conscious of all fees and costs. They were rising prior to the cancellation and hope that we are able to maintain without gym, referee etc. costs rising once again.

We had a fantastic new event this year where we were unable to have a full season and hosted a 2nd Sr. Open at the Grant Harvey Centre in Fredericton. We have very positive feedback on this tournament and if we can do that again this year I believe it will be well attended and become an expected tournament by all teams going forward.

Joy Porter

Senior Competitions Chair
Volleyball New Brunswick

High Performance Report - Female

Provincial Excellence Program

Did not run due to the pandemic.

Provincial Elite Program

We ran six Provincial Elite teams and a 14U training group. We sent a 16U girls and a 16U boys team to Canada Cup in Calgary. Our 17U and 15U boys and girls teams competed against Team Nova Scotia in the Eastern Elites, which we hosted in Fredericton. The 14U group attended a week-long elite training camp.

2022 Canada Games Indoor

Our men's and women's Canada Games teams resumed training and represented us proudly at the Games in Niagara, ON. The women's team finished in 8th place.

National Team

Talia Nixon was selected as a member of the U19 National Team. She spent the summer training with the team before joining Team NB to compete at the Canada Games.

Moving Forward

Looking back at the High-Performance Chair's report from past years, I think the main issue continues to be the overall level of our coaching certifications. I believe that since our first goal is for a better overall volleyball community, that we will only achieve it through strong coaching. Especially after the year we just had.

Monette Boudreau-Carroll

High Performance Chair
Volleyball New Brunswick

High Performance Report - Male

PROVINCIAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (PEP)

Plans were in place, but didn't materialize due to Covid restrictions.

PROVINCIAL ELITE PROGRAM

Healthy numbers for came out to 14, 15, 16, and 17U tryouts this past summer. The following teams were made:

14U – a training team that participated in the week-long elite training camp

15U and 17U – two teams that participated in the week-long elite training camp, and both participated in the Eastern Elites against Team Nova Scotia, hosted in Fredericton.

16U – we took the top 15- and 16-year-olds to the Canada Cup in Calgary. Ontario and Quebec did not send a team, nor did any other Atlantic province, so Team NB did very well against an all-Western field, finishing in 5th place out of 9 teams, defeating the 16U teams from BC, AB, SK, as well as the 17U's from SK in the 5th place match, while only losing to the 17U's from BC and AB.

CANADA GAMES INDOOR

The summer opened with training resuming in June, followed by a pre-Games tournament at the Canada Cup in Calgary where the team finished 7th out of 9 teams. At the Canada Games in Niagara, Team NB competed well in every match they were in, and capped off the Games with a 7th place finish (which was the best finish out of the Atlantic provinces).

CANADA GAMES BEACH

Team selection took place in May and June, and Seb Doucette and Owen Flynn represented NB, finishing in 9th place.

VNB ATHLETES PLAYING PRO

Connor McConnell (UNB) – 2nd year playing in Slovenia

Brad Merryweather (UNB) – 1st year playing in Denmark

THANK YOU

To all the VNB staff who worked extremely hard during one of VNB's busiest summers in recent years, and to all the coaches who gave their time to give a lot of young men a good volleyball experience this past summer.

NEXT UP

Age class season is underway and with that, identifying athletes for our Team NB programs for next summer. A far bigger task, however, is trying to find coaches on the boys' side who are interested in the pathway to becoming an elite coach. It is only then that we can truly start to run "elite" programming and training on a consistent basis.

Dan McMorran

High Performance Chair - Male

Volleyball New Brunswick

Beach Volleyball Report

Summer of 2022 was a summer of continuing to build the beach volleyball community within the province. Hiring of 2 summer staff, VNB chose to stay within the city of Fredericton with their league and multiple pop-up tournaments VNB made attempts to continue to grow from what they had accomplished in 2021.

I would like to report although the numbers changed in the leagues as to what teams were in what category VNB still remained with 31 teams enrolled in the league. Recommendations will be put forward that next year we reach out to Moncton and hire a university volleyball player (or honorarium to an adult) to monitor a VNB league in their city. VNB summer staff could do the scheduling. This would show the volleyball communities transparency in providing leagues throughout the province. And in doing so build the sport amongst the youth in our province.

It has come to my attention only two courts remaining in Saint John, available on a Friday night or Saturday for youth to play. Adult leagues take up the rest of the evenings. Will be offering to work with Timberwolves organization to see how/if myself/VNB can assist in securing funding/building courts.

Although it was a Canada Games summer the Atlantic Tour has yet to revive since COVID. However, NB teams travelled to NS and PEI and participated in tournaments, whether it benefitted training purposes or for fun. Recommendations will be sought to revive the Atlantic Tour. A committee was formed in 2018 and a proposal was put forward. I will be requesting VNB to speak with VNS, VPEI and NLVA to revisit this proposal. After speaking with many during/after CG this could be very welcomed and necessary with CG 2025 only 3 years away.

A list of numbers below collected from groups that provide beach programs within the province is showing once again that our younger age groups are willing to play This is a great cross training opportunity from indoor for them to stay within the sport of volleyball. It is imperative we continue to focus on the younger ages next summer providing a safe and fun environment, to keep them long-term building up a potential athlete pool for the CG Summer games in NFLD in 2025 and NB hosting in 2029.

Canada Games 2022 came with many challenges, securing coaches, selecting teams and an appeal process, booking training facilities etc. As many may have felt that this was a challenging year this in fact has always been an issue during CG cycles. This was not a “this year problem but a every year problem” which I can attest to as far back as 2009.

Team NB women’s beach team placed 4th, an incredible finish considering all the adversity their faced.

Watching them perform at CG it is evident their Indoor experience helped make a difference with both playing USport.

Size matters which showed in the results especially on the men’s side. When playing to their strengths they were successful but struggled against the bigger and stronger players.

A working group has been formed to review the selection criteria, training opportunities, coaching certification, appeal process, among many other things and meeting September 29th, 2022, to begin as

time is of the essence with 2025 approaching fast. While in Niagara completing Technical Duties on behalf of Volleyball Canada, I had a chance to talk with many of the coaches on their selection process.

Some provinces picked by players trying out on their own and were evaluated over a period a time. The two that appeared to be the best pairing were put together and an alternate was selected.

Other provinces held a qualification tournament 25-60 days in advance of the Canada Games. Some coaches are selected in advance and have no say in who they work with, and others only name the coach based on the winning team. This would be like what curling does for the games. Two provinces felt that not the best team won the qualifier and struggled with the training and performance. Another province had an athlete become injured. Was told only out a week but then it ended up being 8 weeks. They had already named the athlete so they could not switch and in fact missed taking the better athlete that was performing well above the recovered injured athlete.

Moving forward the committee will review these different formats to determine what the best process can be.

VNB approved hosting a Beach volleyball Level 1 officials' clinic via zoom. This was a 3-hour session held throughout the week.

In attendance were the following:

Koen Vanraalte (a youth who wanted to boost his volleyball IQ on the beach side of the sport).

Alicia Moore (a current level 1 indoor official, 16u player)

Phil Karaotios – Moncton area

Clare Kelly – Saint John area

Bailey Stockford – Fredericton area

Emma Burns – VNB summer student who ran the leagues.

We recorded the session so those that couldn't attend the session could watch at a later date if necessary.

The following weekend VNB hosted their first youth volleyball tournament where the officials completed their practical portion and written theory test. It was amazing to see four courts all being officiated at once. The sounds of the multiple whistles were really a treat to hear, and athletes appreciated it. Recommendations will be put forward to VNB to have officials return to the adult tournaments to follow what other PSO's are doing.

We were able to secure an official from almost all different regions and believe this is the most beach officials VNB has ever had. Next year we hope to be able to send some of these officials to officiate at our VC beach nationals as well as secure someone from the Bathurst region. This will help cut down travel/meal expenses which is one of our goals.

VNB summer students: able to hire two this summer with the success of grant application. Emma Burns and Taylor Clark (our goal to hopefully have these two return to build momentum for 2023 summer) who were responsible for the following but not limited to...

VNB By the Beach Leagues:

U14/15/16/17 Boys- 10 teams (last year 15-17u had to be cancelled due to lack of interest)
U12/13/14 Girls – 6 teams
U15-U17 Girls – 15 teams

POP UP Tournaments: Registration was \$60.00/team

Fredericton: June 25th –26th

9 senior women, 7 senior men

8 youth female, 6 youth male

Lobsterfest Parlee: July 9th-10th

8 senior women, 7 senior men

9 U14, 7 U15 boys, 6 U15-U17 girls

Fredericton: August 14th

Coed 2's adult did not go ahead.

Coed 2's youth had the most teams to date 12 and that is with both Beach and Indoor CG volleyball teams away.

Phil Karatois hosted a tournament at Parlee Beach August 20th. 14U had 20 teams, 16u 5 teams

Timberwolves: numbers not available at time report submitted

Maritime Beach Academy – 48 athletes 12 boys an increase from 2021 of 40 athletes (U12-U16)

Spartans: 106 girls and 28 boys between 11U-18U

2021= 47 female 34 male (U12-U16) 12 female 10 male (U18) 2 male (U20)

Reds (1st year with a 3 different beach programs) 33 females and 12 males

Bathurst- Dan Pilon will attempt to provide a clinic/couple of tournaments summer of 2023

Edmundston area- am unaware of any beach program.

Cherie Campbell

Beach Development Chair

Volleyball New Brunswick

Referee Chair Report

VNB Officials Association continues to bounce back from Covid-19. This is illustrated by our registration numbers in level 1 at 48 new members. Our growth is largely due to the dedication of our Zone Assigning Officers and the new online level 1 course created by our Executive and the strong support of our VNB Executive. We are also extremely fortunate to have strong support from both of our universities and colleges. Our stakeholders look at the bigger picture, whereas they recognize that they are not only developing their athletes and building programs, they also want to provide support in developing referees – this is crucial for our referee committee, and we thank them for this.

2021 Summer Events

This past summer VNBOA was involved in volleyball across the world. Matt van Raalte was in the Netherlands for his first FIVB World Championships.

2022 Summer Events

VNBOA was heavily involved in volleyball. We have the following officials participating in many events:

Matt van Raalte – Norceca Senior Men Pan-American Cup – Tepic Mexico July 9 – 18

Balyee Stockford – Canada Cup – Calgary Alberta July 20 – 24

Jen Brown – Canada Summer Games – Niagara Falls Ontario August 16 – 21st (Referee)

Matt van Raalte – Canada Summer Games – Niagara Falls Ontario August 16 – 21st (Supervisor)

Pat Thorne – Canada Summer Games – Niagara Falls Ontario August 16 – 21st (Supervisor)

2021 September

In September the VNBOA hosted a series at ESA to create videos for the new level 1 and 2 online courses in NB. VNBOA brought in officials from Saint John, Nackawic and Fredericton to help create these videos. VNBOA would like to thank the work of JP Demers, Jenn Brown, Carol Gatien and Matt van Raalte on the creation of the new programs. This was well received around the province with 48 new referees and 14 referees taking the level 2 clinic.

Nova Scotia volleyball also used our program for their level 1 theory clinic.

2021 October - November

This is our busy time of the year for referees as it is our VNB age class season along with Usport and CCAA matches. VNBOA continued to support and development their level 3 officials and up-coming level 3 officials during this time.

VNB continues to grow, and this allows many of our young referees to get much needed floor time to improve on their skills as a referee.

The online level 1 clinic was launched during these months, and we had some good success with our membership growth. Thanks to JP Demers for looking after the level 1 program registration and online use this past season.

2021 December

VNB hosts both of their flagship tournaments during this month and they continue to grow. The Senior Open has become one of the premier events in Atlantic Canada and allows our officials to gain much needed experience at all levels. This has become one of the key components for level 3 officials.

Cherie Campbell and Pierre Luc Arseneau used this event to pass their floor test for level 3.

VNBOA also hosts the Age Class Provincials which continues to grow, and we are running out of room in the ten-court facility – not a bad problem 😊.

2022 January - February

VNBOA continued with the U Sport and CCAA matches. A concern is the decline in Senior Volleyball in the province. This used to be a development area for our officials but those leagues seem to be slipping away.

The online Level 1 Clinic opened again during this time to prepare for the NBIAA and Middle School season in March. Nova Scotia also used our level 1 online Theory clinic for their new referees during this time.

Matt van Raalte ran an online Level 2 Theory Clinic – 13 referees attended the course from across the province. The new method allowed more people to take part in the course.

JP Demers ran a level 3 clinic for one referee (Balyee Stockford) for the theory portion of the course during the Month of February.

2022 March

VNBOA has many highlight opportunities in March for both CCAA and U Sport caliber play. The ACAA changed their playoff format which allowed for more referees to have an opportunity to take part in the playoff format.

- Matt van Raalte travelled to PEI for the Women's Semi-Finals
- Mark Gough travelled to Halifax for the ACAA Women's Final series
- Pat Thorne and JP Demers were a part of the Men's ACAA Final series at STU
- Matt van Raalte and Darren Doucette travelled to Acadia for the AUS Women's Semi-Final match
- Matt van Raalte travelled to Halifax for the AUS Women's Final series

CCAA Nationals

- NB has a great opportunity with the Women's CCAA Nationals held at Holland Collage in PEI.
 - o Minor Officials Cherie Campbell, Jenn Brown and Annie Tremblay
 - o Major Official: Darren Doucette
 - o Supervisors: Pat Thorne, JP Demers (Supervisor in training)

U Sport Nationals

- NB had one nomination for the Men's U Sport National Championships in Winnipeg Manitoba
 - o Major Official – Matt van Raalte (R2 for the Gold Medal match)

2022 March – May

NBIAA Season

- This is truly our busiest time of year for our referees and the VNBOA would like to thank the Zone Assignors for a wonderful job of getting all the matches covered during this season.
- The tournaments are becoming larger, and the growth of the sport is exploding. It was great to see the athletes back to doing what they love

- VNBOA was able to do floor tests for our level 2's during the NBIAA Junior Provincials and Senior Regionals. We were able to move 13 referees to the level 2 certification during this time.
 - Zone 3 – Camilla Drost, Dom Drost, Jon Carrier, Jack Roy,
 - Zone 4 – Larry Boudreau, Debbie Hughes, Clara Kelly
 - Zone 5 – Renee Rendal, Danny Cormier, Albert Guay, Kaylee Deveau,
 - Zone 6 – Carla Dickson
 - Zone 7 – Sam Hachey
- The NBIAA Showcase returned to true form at the Grant Harvey Center. This was a great event put on by the NBIAA. This year we were able to add minor officials (Scorekeepers, lines people) which as a great learning opportunity for our young referees.
 - During this event we were able to complete the floor test for four level 3 candidates. We are happy to report that all four received their level 3 badge at this event.
 - Zone 1 – Marc Michaud
 - Zone 3 – Stephane Nadeau, Baylee Stockford
 - Zone 4 – Carol Gatien
 - This means that we had 6 referees move to level 3 this year. Congrats to all.

2022 Volleyball Canada Nationals

- VNBOA returned to the VC Nationals in May this year by providing 8 referees with the opportunity to attend
 - Referees:
 - Zone 3: Stephane Nadeau, Darren Doucette, Baylee Stockford
 - Zone 4 : Carol Gatien, Jenn Brown
 - Supervisors :
 - Zone 2 : Pat Thorne
 - Zone 3 : JP Demers, Matt van Raalte
- Highlights of the event:
 - Team Canada Red and White Games
 - Major Official – Matt van Raalte
 - Minor Officials – Darren Doucette, Jenn Brown, Carol Gatien
 - U16 Tier 1 Div 1 Gold Medal Match
 - Carol Gatien was nominated at R1 for this match

Our Challenges:

The ongoing challenge is to constantly search out quality match and tournament play to help our referees continue to grow. This requires a linkage to our friends in Atlantic Canada and across Canada. It is important to note that when we do reach out to our friends, they are always helpful which is and will always be greatly appreciated.

Our Growth Goals

- ❖ To continue the programs that are currently in place for referee development
- ❖ To create a pipeline for upcoming officials in the national program
- ❖ To continue to support rural areas of the province in referee development opportunities
- ❖ To continue to build on Safe Sport and communication with our officials around this concept.

GRATITUDE – we are not an island upon ourselves

- ❖ Thanks to our VNB Executive (Randy, Riley, Melanie G, Melanie D, & James) and our VNB office staff (Michela, Jamie) without their strong support and guidance both on the financial side and human resource side, it would be very difficult to function and thrive. They take the phrase “we are in this together” to a whole new level.
- ❖ Thanks to the NBIAA, UNB Fredericton, UNB Saint John, UdeM, STU, Crandall, and MTA for your continued support of referee development
- ❖ Thanks to Scott McLean as the NRC for his strong leadership and support having a strong leadership core at the national level and have that extended into our Province and into Atlantic Canada is extremely vital to our referee development programs.
- ❖ Thanks to VC – Ryan Bunyan for his support at the national office.
- ❖ Thanks to friends in Atlantic Canada – we need to continue to work together to help improve the quality of service to our members and maintain that level of consistency so that our referees can grow and excel.
- ❖ Thank you to OVA for allowing our officials opportunities to grow their skills within your province
- ❖ A HUGE THANK YOU to VNB Officials Executive – we are a small group (Pat, Matt, JP, Randy, Peter, Jenn, & Mark), but we all take on a role for the development of officials and support of one another.
- ❖ Thanks to the VNB Zone Assigning Officers (Rita, Pat, Matt, Jen, Mark, Carla, Marc, Mae & Glenda) who continue to be leaders in their zones and are on the front lines working with officials and all of our partners.
- ❖ Thanks to the coaches, the players and the families -

The names above are not just names to us – they are friends and family who continually work together, laugh together and support one another, not just for referee development but for the development of volleyball for the greater good of all.

Submitted on behalf of the VNB Officials Committee

Pat Thorne/Matt Van Raalte

Officials Development

Volleyball New Brunswick

Club Development Report

Club Development committee is focused on the strategic and operational aspects of volleyball clubs in the province. However, to describe it more succinctly, club development is mainly focused on defining programs then recruiting volunteers to lead, manage and coach as well as the athletes. Operationally, activities are mainly focused on executing tryouts, forming teams and getting programs for the group but also handling all aspects of registration and finance for the club.

This past season largely was focused on returning to play and assessing the impacts from Covid. In general, most clubs showed resiliency despite the pandemic however, many programs showed a decline. The summary is below.

<u>Team</u>	2019	2022	Decrease
<u>13UG</u>	12	12	
<u>14UG</u>	22	21	-1
<u>14UB</u>	7	5	-2
<u>15UG</u>	20	14	-6
<u>16UG</u>	18	16	-2
<u>16UB</u>	9	7	-2
<u>18UG</u>	22	18	-4
<u>18UB</u>	6	6	
<u>Total</u>	116	99	-17

Common challenges for clubs remain from previous years including:

- access to adequate training and competition facilities,
- recruiting and certifying coaches for programs with increasing requirements for volunteers.

Clubs are a major contributor to the VNB strategic plan and continue to work various objectives including growth. With growth focusing on the base of the program pyramid, clubs continue to focus on ways to grow early competitive (11U-14U) and grassroots programs. We are looking forward to introducing and collaborating on new 11U programs and working to grow triple ball programs to suit both girls and boys in these age groups. Establishing a distinct 17U girls program is also a priority to have programs all follow the single age model as currently as many as 12 athletes are lost at this age per club.

Finally, the club development committee was established with a focus to allow clubs to collaborate and allow leaders to share ideas on best practises that make New Brunswick volleyball stronger. To do this, club registration was required which was established in the 21-22 season. This information will be used to invite club leaders to participate in club development discussions.

Best of luck to all clubs for this coming season.

Steve Lanteigne

VNB Club Development Committee Chair
Volleyball New Brunswick

Calendar

September 1, 2022: Membership Registration begins

September 25, 2022: Volleyball New Brunswick Annual General Meeting

November 16, 2022: Age-Class Roster Lock

November 22, 2022: Senior Seeding Tournament

December 10-11, 2022: VNB Senior Open

December 16-18, 2022: VNB Provincials

February 4, 2023: VNB Awards and Hall of Fame Banquet

May 12-14, 2023: Jack Lawson Middle School Cup

May 2023: Volleyball Canada Nationals

TBD: VNB Senior Provincials

Treasurer's Report

Financial statements to be added

