



Executive Council's Report 2017

Dear Taekwondo Family,

First let me thank you once again for the confidence you bestowed on me and my team to administer and lead the taekwondo Association of Barbados. Indeed our mandate is understood and we stand committed to re-opening the pathways to the several and varied opportunities which abound from our great Art, and ensuring that Taekwondo succeeds.

It has only been three months to 30 April since we came to office on 27 January 2017. We have been extremely hard at work to remedy the business of the Association, and have achieved quite a lot in the short space of time.

Activities

The following events were convened during the period under review. The hosting of the first tournament was deferred until 13 May 2017 since it was expressed that persons wanted more time to prepare athletes.

- Technical Seminar #1 – at “Pax Hill”, Girl Guide Head Quarters
 - This featured presentations made by Mr. Kurt Clarke [Personal Trainer and Fitness Professional] on Fitness in Sport and Dr. Shane Drakes on Managing Taekwondo Injuries.
 - There was also an intense technical training session which followed under the instruction of Mr. Ogeji Dottin.
- Technical Seminar #2 – at “Pax Hill”, Girl Guide Head Quarters
 - This featured presentations made by Mr. Jasper Blades [WADA Anti-doping Field Officer] on Anti-doping in Sports; Ms. Kimberley Rudder [Nutritionist] on Diet and Nutrition for Sports.
 - Another technical training session followed under the instruction of Mr. Ogeji Dottin.
- World Taekwondo Federation World Taekwondo Championships & Training Programme
 - We accepted an invitation to participate in the WTF WTC and Training Programme to be held in Muju, South Korea in June next month.
 - Mr. Askia Alleyne and Mr. Damien Taylor were selected to represent Barbados as Official and Athlete respectively and we look forward to them making us proud!
 - Participation in this event will be significant in restoring TAB's standing with the World Body and help pave the way for realizing development assistance and opportunities for Barbados MNA.
- World Taekwondo Federation General Assembly and Elections
 - I shall be attending the WTF General Assembly to be convened at the WTC in Muju, South Korea next month as the MNA representative for Barbados. This is a significant occurrence, as TAB has not been represented at the WTF GA for several years.

- This will be another step in the restoration of TAB's standing outside of Barbados.
- Candidature for World Taekwondo Federation Council member
 - I was nominated by our EC to be one of twelve candidates to sit on the World Council of the WTF.
 - I am pleased to report that the WTF elections committee accepted the nomination and my candidature.
 - TAB's President was officially included in the list of candidates to contest for a position as Council Member.
 - This can represent a tremendous opportunity for Barbados if I were to be successful in being elected to one of the three available spots for the PATU region on the WTF Council.
- Pan American Taekwondo Union General Assembly
 - TAB is currently not in good standing with PATU for non-participation in events and outstanding fees.
 - However, I was able to establish communications with PATU leadership, and am pleased to report that Barbados MNA will be allowed to attend and have a voice at the PATU General Assembly to be held in Korea right after the WTF GA and Election.
- Pan American Junior Championships
 - The Junior Championships is scheduled for August this year and Barbados has been encouraged to register a team for participation.
 - Once the funding avails, this will represent a great opportunity for our junior athletes to travel and compete against some of the best in the region.
 - Participation will also auger for restoration of our regional standing, and reactivate the mechanisms for Technical and other support from the regional body.
- Pan American Senior Championships
 - This is scheduled for the first quarter of 2018 and we will continue working toward having representation at those championships thereby creating more opportunities for our members.

Administration

The Executive Council met on 8 formal occasions and has maintained constant communication via the Whatsapp Group Chat to facilitate discussion, progress updates, courses of action, etc. Meetings of the Executive Council have been quite extensive and productive as members have been busy executing plans for the Association and taking strategic action to reignite, organize and streamline the administration. We wish to thank Lifetime Co-operative Credit Union for availing their premise for the EC to conduct its meetings.

Visibility

The need to raise the visibility and profile of TAB is paramount. The EC has undertaken a number of steps to ensure we can achieve this, primarily via social media, but also included interviews on CBC Television Sports:

- Website
 - We secured domains for www.taekwondobarbados.org along with the .net and .com extensions.
 - This will go a long way in ensuring compliance and creating our window to demonstrate our activity to the World.
- Facebook
 - The page has been updated and will be under management by the Media Relations Committee.
- Instagram
 - The MRC recently also launched TAB's Instagram account – tkdbarbados
 - We look forward to the great work as we continue our visibility push.

Committees

The following committees met during the period under review and began work to propel the Association moving forward. The activated committees comprised the following persons:

Constitution Review Committee

- Mr. Ogeji Dottin
- Ms. Marlo Hunte
- Mr. Damien Taylor
- Mr. Henderson Turton
- Mrs. Kristin Turton

Technical Committee

- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Mr. Askia Alleyne
- Mr. Ken Harewood
- Mr. Chetwyn Gilkes
- Mr. Damien Taylor
 - *Excuses were offered for Mr. Adrian Burnett

Media Relations Committee

- Dr. Leo Brewster
- Ms. Marlo Hunte
- Ms. Tisha Peters
- Mr. Henderson Turton

We look forward to activating the Fundraising, Disciplinary and Tournaments & Events Committees as we move forward. Persons interested in serving on committees of the Association can get in contact with any of the EC members or Club Heads.

It is an honor to be elected as President, and on behalf of our Team we look forward to working with you to make Taekwondo succeed in Barbados.

Yours Truly,

Henderson Turton

President

