



President's Report

June 10, 2018. Inverness

Welcome to our Second Annual Awards Banquet and AGM

Volleyball Cape Breton's vision to develop the sport and allow as many players to be actively playing and coached by well qualified and trained coaches at an affordable cost is starting to pay off. It is important to remind everyone that our goal is to become a regional organisation, designed to grow the Sport of Volleyball throughout Cape Breton, we are not a club.

VCB increased the number of players in Cape Breton by more than 80 new players, some of whom would not have had the opportunity to play club volleyball.

Our second year continued to be very another ambitious one:

- We continue to travel all over the Island trying to get as many people playing volleyball
- We continue to have Development Camps for 7 to 12 year olds in every area of Cape Breton
- Our Fundamental and Training to Train Camps continued to grow in various locations in Cape Breton
- Our Volleyball Cape Breton League grew to 12 teams this year and were hosted in various locations throughout Cape Breton
- We hosted Super Series III in Sydney with 13 teams (U16 &18) VCB's U16 Black and Orange played in the finals and Capers Black won and became one of the 8 top team in Nova Scotia
- We hosted multiple tournaments in all the age categories in Sydney and Port Hawkesbury (over 600 games). Next year we are planning to host one of the tournaments in Inverness
- We had 9 Coaches certified and trained with the level 1 development coaching certificate and will be having the practical's this summer
- We are currently in the process of creating High Performance stream (see website for more details)
- We will be hosting our summer camp in July, this year it will have a high skilled component and as always very limited spaces available (see website for more details)
- We continue to develop Novice Referee in Cape Breton, we now have referees in all areas of Cape Breton and we plan to train more this year
- We have kept playing volleyball affordable in Cape Breton and we will continue to do so. We believe that all our programs must be accessible to everyone
- We have a new design for our uniforms aligning the colours to the CBU
- We selected players for the U13, 14 & 15 Capers Tier 1 teams with players from all over the Island
- We had multiple teams competed in every age category at the Provincial Championships



We continue to create new partnerships; Colbourne Trophies are now onboard and they have provided us with all the trophies for this Awards Ceremony.

We have written few proposals for funding this year, we are happy to report that most of them were approve:

\$4,000.00 from Sport NS for equipment purchase balls and equipment

\$3,682.00 from Employment and Social Development Canada to hire a summer student

\$9,984.69 from Employment Nova Scotia to hire an Executive Director

Running an organisation with 16 competitive teams, over 120 development players, over 50 coaches, assistant coaches and managers, we had our challenges. Not everything worked as smooth as it should have, however our dedicated volunteers did everything possible to manage the situations as they arose. We have the administrative workload of a large organisation, not to mention dealing with emails, enquiries, complaints, ideas and once in a while, words of encouragement.

As we grow as an organisation, we continue to make some mistakes and we will probably make some more. The good news is that we are not making the same ones and we are learning from them and growing. We definitely have room for improvement as we have learned a lot this past 18 months. We ask for patience as it will probably take a few more years to get it to where it needs to be and even then it will not be perfect. We need to continue to remind everyone that our organisation is only a year and a half old.

We would like to highlight some of our achievements this year at the Nova Scotia Provincial Championship:

U13 Capers	Gold (Tier 1)
U13 Green	Silver
U14 Capers	Bronze (Tier 1)
U14 White	6th out of 16
U14 Green	Gold
U14 Orange	6th out of 24
U14 Royal	Bronze
U14 Black	Silver
U15 Capers	Gold
U15 Green	5th (White)
U15 Orange	5th out of 14
U16 Orange	5th out of 18
U16 Black	7th (Tier 1)
U16 Royal	12th out of 26
U17 Green	6th
U18 Green	5th out 14



We continue to see the confidence and growth in most of our kids on and off the court in a very short time.

We create and ran the CBVRSB Middle and High School leagues to allow all kids interested in playing volleyball to learn and play volleyball in an organised and reasonable cost to the players'. We expanded the reach of volleyball in Eskasoni middle School this past year and are looking forward to welcoming Membertou this fall. Volleyball was once again back in Neil's harbour when both the Middle and High Schools played league games at Cabot.

We plan to continue to have a good governance and policy board with volleyball development at its core. The idea is to have professionals who are neither parents nor coaches (ideally) to run the organisation but with input from all parties. We now have representatives from all regions of Cape Breton so that our organisation continues to operate as a true Cape Breton entity with skill development programming as our focus.

We will continue to endeavour for a Cape Breton league for all age groups including a senior league as we have seen the benefits of friendly competition and extra ball touches in game like situations. We will also try to get boys volleyball going in Cape Breton.

In 2019, Volleyball Cape Breton will be sending our U14 Tier 1 (high performance teams) to compete at the Nationals. We are also planning to send our Tier 1 (high performance teams) to the Disney Volleyball Showcase in Florida next spring in every age category. We will be starting fundraising campaigns soon to help pay for these tournaments.

VCB is pleased to announce the Chair of committees for 2018/19:

- Technical – David MacIsaac who is currently in Ottawa training towards his Level 3 NCCP certification and the high performance training.
- Fundraising/ Marketing - Johnelle Gallant
- Referee Development – Gilles Maillet
- Constitution, Policies and Bylaws – Ebou Secka
- Competition – Kyle Burchell

Anyone can be part of these committees, please let us know if you are interested.

Our continued partnership with CBU will bring more development and a brighter future for volleyball in Cape Breton. As we proudly take on the Capers colours, a few big announcements are to follow shortly.

We will be looking to develop an Action Plan (3 to 5 years) to give us direction for the future

Sport NS is looking to be active partners in our growth and development as the regional representative of volleyball in Cape Breton