



**Creston Judo Club
AGM Minutes
Sept. 21, 2025**

Attendance: Amy Kuo, Derek Hall, Megan McKendry, Megan Smith, Leelen Sameulson, Tara Sandoval, Jessica Birdsall, Laura Knudsen

Call to Order: 2:09pm

1. Approval of Agenda for AGM
Motion to approve the agenda for 2025 AGM: Moved by Megan McKendry, 2nd by Tara Sandoval. All in favor. Passed.
2. Approval of Last AGM Minutes
Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2024 AGM: Moved by Tara Sandoval, 2nd by Laura Knudsen. All in favor. Passed.
3. President's Report – Amy Kuo
 - a. As in Appendix 1 – President's Report
Motion to accept the President's Report: Moved by Leelen Sameulson, 2nd by Tara Sandoval. All in favor. Passed.
4. Treasurer's Report – Tara Sandoval
 - a. As in Appendix 2 – Treasurer's Report
Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with addition of- amended totals including renovation costs: Moved by Laura Knudsen, 2nd by Megan McKendry. All in favor. Passed.
5. Coach's Report – Laura Knudsen/Leelen Samuelson
 - a. As in Appendix 3 – Coaches Report
Motion to accept the Coach's Report (presented by Laura Knudsen): Moved by Megan McKendry, 2nd by Tara Sandoval. All in favor. Passed.
6. Board Members Carrying over – Amy Kuo, Megan McKendry, Megan/Curtis Smith, Derek Hall
7. Board Members stepping down:
 - a. Tara Sandoval – Treasurer
 - b. Shawn Moore – Vice President (previous resignation)
8. Voting of New Members
 - a. Minimum board requirement: 3-11 members
 - b. Nominees:
 - i. Jessica and Aaron Birdsall
 - ii. Leelen Samuelson***Motion to elect Jessica and Aaron Birdsall and Leelen Samuelson to the board of directors: Moved by Tara Sandavol, 2nd by Laura Knudsen. All in favor. Passed.***
9. Old Business – None



10. New Business

- a. Change of Signatories at bank: Tara Sandoval, Mark Artyniuk, and Melissa Beaton will be removed as a signatory for Creston District Credit Union accounts 208926 and 339747, and signatories will be updated based on the assignment of Board member roles at the General Meeting to follow the AGM.

Motion to revise the signatories at Creston and District Credit Union as specified above and by the details in the General Meeting to follow: Moved by Laura Knudsen, 2nd by Amy Kuo. All in favor. Passed.

Adjourn: 2:39pm



Appendix 1: President's Report

It has been an eventful 2024-2025 year for our judo club.

We have had the opportunity for various regional training events for our junior and senior judokas with clubs in Cranbrook, Invermere, and Fernie, including hosting a referee seminar in September and Petite Samurai training in Creston in October.

Fundraising efforts have been ongoing with bottle drives and the Valetine fundraiser with roses donated from Pealows. Tara and Laura were also instrumental in seeking sponsorships from several local businesses.

Our judokas travelled into Alberta and across BC to attend different training camps and tournaments. Our senseis won double gold at the BC Open in Vernon and one of our senior judokas attended the BC Judo Provincials in Prince George. We also had two in-house tournaments – the Post Turkey Throwdown Showdown and the Pre-reindeer Rumble.

We have been seeking a different space for our dojo for a number of years. A few months ago, an opportunity came up for us to move into a new space at the former fire hall. This space has given us more area to train, is more accessible, and is a more visible and centralized location.

I am thankful for our small, but active board of directors who have been able to guide this club through the season.

And a huge amount of gratitude for Senseis Laura and Leelen. They have devoted an incredible amount of their time and energy into the Creston Judo Club on and off the mats. Without them, we would not have judo in Creston.

I am looking forward to this new judo season and the new opportunities it might bring.



Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Creston Judo Club Sept 2024 - Aug 2025

Income

	Donation	Registration / Belt / Gi	Bottles/ Fundraising	Rent
Ford	250.00	11,146.30	1,766.80	500.00
Creston valley Tire	200.00		619.35	500.00
Local 308	501.00	2,100.00	686.40	735.00
Wild West	200.00			735.00
Denne	300.00			735.00
May Day	1,000.00			735.00
Lorne mann	175.00			735.00
Kemlee	350.00			735.00
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	2,976.00	9,046.30	3,072.55	8,350.00
	Total			23,444.85

Bottles	roses
1,766.80	619.35
686.40	

Expenses

		<u>Reno</u>	
Reimbursements for travel	1,630.41	Drywall	292.34
Year end BBQ Awards	311.66	Sub Floor	820.00
Bottle sort Supplies	352.01	Cleaning Walkway	400.00
ARES Gym rental	435.00	Foam Mats	1,540.00
Jennifer Parker Expenses	170.28		
Sensei Reimbursement Laura	6,683.56		
Sensei Reimbursement Leelen	3,800.76		3,052.34
Judo membership fee	810.00		
Club registration	136.49		
Fortis	549.11		
Rent	9,826.32	Net Loss	- 4,313.09
Reno	3,052.34		
Total	27,757.94		



Appendix 3 – Coaches Report

Coaches report for the 2024/25 season:

The 24/25 season was a season of ups and downs. More focus on training camps instead of tournaments this last season. We attended 4 tournaments throughout BC and AB, with our novice athletes really shining.

We attended 8 training camps, 3 in the Kootenay's, 2 in Alberta. And 2 Kata training camps. All were well attended, and the kids and Sensei learned a lot.

The next seasons timeline is being adjusted due to the constant trend of athlete drop off in the month of May and the season end BBQ will continue to reflect that this year. Also, instead of doing a Blossom fest float we are going to consider a Christmas parade float. It aligns better with our season.

It was noticed by Leelen and I how hard it was to blend newcomers and seasoned athletes to the classes. So, we have purposed a different class structure for the 25/26 season to give our returning athletes a better practice time while still welcoming new students.

There was also a decline in the interest for fundraising efforts. If we go forward with this as a means of supplementing club income, we will need to look at different ways to do it.

Sensei Leelen and myself are hoping to grade for our next dan in Blackbelts with the other Kootenay Judo members, and we may need support in this as the season progresses.

Leelen and I are looking forward to a great season,

Sensei Laura