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The Nova Lumberjacks Society is proud to announce some changes to our board of directors.

Since our inception in January of 2016, NLS has been proud to contribute to the growth and development of lumberjack sports and axe throwing through our events and initiatives. Today, we are happy to announce that we will continue to do so under the leadership and guidance of our new president, Suzy Atwood.

Suzy has been board member since 2018 and integral to NLS initiatives since that time. The 2022 World Double-bit Axe Throwing Championships, hosted in her hometown of Barrington, were a personal passion project for Suzy and certainly the event would not have achieved the incredible success it did were it not for her drive, dedication and love for her community. Suzy is also a fierce and accomplished axe throwing competitor, with international wins and multiple podium finishes at the World Championships.

Please join us in welcoming our new President, Suzy Atwood!

Additional board changes;

- Burlin Nickerson is stepping down as president but staying on as a director. Burlin has served as president since 2018 and during his tenure we saw enormous growth in our flagship event, Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championships. We thank Burlin for all his work, dedication, contributions and time during his time as president.
- Geoff Larkin will be joining the board and has become lead event organizer for the Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championships which he successfully led last year, hosting the event in his hometown of Middle Musquodoboit for the first time.

- Kendra Nickerson will be leaving the board after serving as treasurer since 2019. Kendra has been steadfast in her duties, and we are sorry to see her go and thank her for all the hours she's contributing helping to keep the books for the NLS. Thank you Kendra!
- David Coady will take on the role of Vice President, previously held by Ryan McIntyre who will step down from the role to take on duties as interim treasurer.
- Ericka Sutherland remains as board secretary, and Darren Hudson remains as a director.

Further updates include;

- An exciting return of the Canadian Double-bit Axe Throwing Championships, an event NLS last held in 2019. This competition is an Open format and will bring axe throwers from around the world to compete over 3 days at Wild Axe Park in Barrington. Competitor registration will open soon. Mark your calendars for August 15-17!
- The 2024 Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championships will take place Saturday October 4th in Middle Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia in partnership with the Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society, for the second year in a row, as part of Harvest Fest! This event will attract the best lumberjacks and lumberjills in eastern North America and is not to be missed!
- The 'Athlete Travel Support Fund' returns for another year in partnership with Axe To Grind Foods and will provide funding to travelling athletes, pursuing their passion of the sport around the world. Application period will open soon!

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