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**Minutes of the Board**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006**

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, Mr. Dragan Kljenak, Mr. Sean Wong, Mr. Josh Drury, Mr. Doug Meagher, Ms. Korina Ossetchkina, Ms. Jelena Miljkovic

**Regrets:**

Mr. Sriram Rangan, Mr. Norm Gilles, Mr. Paul De Francesca

**Also Present:**

N/A

**1. Meeting called to start at 8:40 a.m.**

Notes recorded by Mr. Sean Wong.

**2. Minutes of Past Meeting**

To expedite this meeting, minutes of the meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 was emailed prior for review by the board. Minutes were accepted via a consensus of electronic votes.

**3. President's Report**

- 3.1. Karate Ontario's attendance confirmed the effectiveness of Karate Ontario training as several athletes returned from the US Open in Las Vegas and prize winners. Just to name a few who attended – Ada Bratic, John Barnes, and Jelena Miljkovic.
- 3.2. Efforts by Mr. Pirrone to secure funding by the Sport Alliance of Ontario have been fruitful as, after 13 years, the Karate Association of Ontario's eligibility has been approved. Suggestions were made as to what projects would require funding including a long-term athletic development programme.
  - 3.2.1. Further documentation is required for submission to the Alliance including policies and auditing. Policy development for this project will be led by Mr. Pirrone and auditing will be done by Mr. Gilles.
  - 3.2.2. A meeting at the Sport Alliance building is to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 which will be attended by Mr. Kljenak, if his business schedule permits.

**4. Technical Committee Report**

- 4.1. On behalf of the TC, Mr. Drury has submitted a motion to approve Sakura Karate.

**Motion Passed**

## 5. Referee Committee Report

- 5.1. Mr. Kljenak reports that the officials at the Team Training as positive as they were able to point out the required work for continued improvement.
- 5.2. A request has been made by Mr. Khosrow Khaleghpanah of Go Ju Do Karate to divide the Team Kata division for children into 2 division separated by age. The request has been reviewed by the Referee Committee and they would support this. The board has agreed that the tournament director may, at his option, divide the division if there are enough teams to warrant 2 full divisions.
- 5.3. The RC has observed that Kata flag eliminations, as used in Karate Ontario, is not the ideal way to determine the number 2 athlete. The lack of a repechage system has been identified as cause. A request has been made by the RC to re-introduce the scoring system. This system has suggested that would increase the quality of refereeing and the athletes. The board has agreed that the RC may adopt scoring for this season but the results are to be reviewed at the season's end.

## 6. New Business

- 6.1. At a meeting in Las Vegas, Mr. Pirrone recognized an opportunity to bring prestige to the Toronto Open by combining the event with the North American Cup. The board has reviewed the benefits of such a opportunity and unanimously agreed to support a joint endeavour.
- 6.2. Disciplinary Panel
  - 6.2.1. Two complaints have been received with regard to 2 separate incidences of inappropriate behaviour of a KAO member.
  - 6.2.2. A Disciplinary Panel has been created to look into the incidences. The said panel is to include Mr. Kljenak, Mr. Rangan, and Ms. Miljkovic.
  - 6.2.3. The Disciplinary Panel will make a recommendation to the board. The board's decision will be final. The individual may choose to appeal to the National Karate Association.
- 6.3. Masters' Division  
The board has agreed to the following:
  - 6.3.1. Nationals' Representation:
    - 6.3.1.1. Because there is an existing point system in place for Masters' Kata division, point earners of this division will be granted full team member status and receive funding.
    - 6.3.1.2. No existing point system exists for kumite divisions thus no Masters' Kumite representative from Ontario can be determined.
    - 6.3.1.3. Upon the advice of the KAO doctor, the future creation of a Masters' Kumite division is not recommended at a point earning division. Prior attempts to accommodate such a division proved to be unsafe. Therefore, there are no immediate plans for the creation of a Masters Kumite division.
    - 6.3.1.4. Participation in Kumite divisions by athletes over the age of 40 will first require an examination by his/her personal physician. This report must then be presented to KAO's doctor for final approval.
- 6.4. Pan American Games  
It has been brought the attention of the board that hosting for the Pan American Games has not yet been determined. The board has agreed pursue a bid to host the Pan American Games in Ontario.
- 6.5. Tournament Result Reporting  
A motion has been made by Ms. Korina Ossetchkina to include all divisions as part of the tournament results reporting. Currently, the report only includes point divisions. The point is brought up that it would benefit the membership in general if all winners were recognized and thus posted on the Internet. **Motion Passed**

## 7. Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Sean Wong to adjourn at 9:55 am: **Motion Passed**

Next Meeting is set for June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.