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Minutes of the Board

June 25th, 2006 AGM

Board Members Present:

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, Mr. Norm Gilles, Mr. Sean Wong, Ms. Korina Ossetchkina, Mr. Paul De Francesca

Regrets:

Mr. Sriram Rangan, Mr. Dragan Kljenak, Mr. Josh Drury, Mr. Doug Meagher, Ms. Jelena Miljkovic

Others Present:

Sensei Tominaga, Sensei Waithe, Mr. Ken Benson, Mr. Ossetchkina, Mr. Zvonko Celebija, Ms. Joy Ang, Coach Jim Jennings, Mr. Kevin Northrup, Mr. Miro Pusic, Mr. Tim Suzuki

1. **Meeting called to start at 9:20 a.m.**
Notes recorded by Mr. Sean Wong.

2. **Minutes of Past AGM**
Motion by Mr. Gilles to pass the minutes of the last AGM. MOTION PASSED

3. **President's Report**

Mr. Pirrone announces his appreciation of the members of the board and committee heads for the hard work and the donation of time and patience to the organization.

3.1. Base Funding

KAO has been approved for base funding to be put towards administration. This approval is a result of KAO determination coupled with a change in government. KAO will be requesting a budget of \$10,000 to assist in the administration. Ontario has no funding and when compared to Karate organization like Karate Quebec and Karate BC. Mr. Pirrone is confident that Ontario success will surpass other Provinces.

3.2. Athlete Funding

Equal efforts have been put towards gaining funding for athletes. However in order to present a successful proposal, KAO would have to revise the number of events submitted to include all other minor events. The model of SWIM ONTARIO was used as an example as they have over 300 recognized events annually.

3.3. Toronto Open:

The T.O. was profitable this year. In addition, there has been interest internationally to partake in the future. Specifically, interest of a team style competition has come from Italy.

3.4. Prideful Moments:

Karate Ontario is proud to recognize the achievements of Sensei Tsurouka with the award of 10th dan as being the founder of the NKA and a foremost pioneer of Karate in Canada.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gilles submits P&L, Balance, & Proposed 2006-07 budget and reports that books are reasonable shape and healthy bank account. There is a foreseeable deficit for next year with the largest single expense being the support of the athletes to go to the National Black Belt Championships. Mr. Gilles would like to propose a capped budget for athlete and referee expenses. Committees are asked to be self-sufficient next year and suggest the possibility of introducing user fees for some committees. Currently, administration fees are being reduced in order to best benefit the athletes

5. Technical Committee Report

5.1. Sensei Tominaga reports that coaching seminars are offered 2 weeks before tournament. He observes that there is a relatively low technical standard level existing within the general membership. A meeting by the TC is proposed in order to increase these standards with a focus on increasing instructor standards. He wishes to utilize mentoring by individuals like Mr. Celebija and Mr. Carr. Sensei Tominaga wishes to establish dan and kyu belt certification guidelines for new clubs.

5.2. Referee seminars are being led by Mr. Simonitis for the northern region and future plans are being negotiated with the northern organizer.

6. Referee Committee Report

6.1. Mr. Zvonko Celebija reports no significant problems in the tournaments. There have been complaints about contact and request that there be an internet friendly mechanism to issue any complaints and tournament concerns.

6.2. A question of Shikaku was brought up from an incident at a previous event. Mr. Celebija recognizes that all officials at the time of the incident agreed on a Hansoku call. Therefore Mr. Celebija cannot resend the referees call. Mr. Celebija acknowledges however that a Shikaku call would not have been unreasonable.

6.3. There is a request by the RC for extra travel expense funding to those residing outside of the tournament district.

6.4. The RC wishes to see more women participate as referees. Ideally 6 or 7 would be a good representation. Currently there are 10 referees in all going to the nationals.

6.5. Referee Council also recommends that athletes must have at least a 50% participation in Grand Prix to be a part of the provincial team

7. Tournament and Membership Director Report

7.1. Membership Status

Mr. Pusic reports the following membership numbers

3300 Members (rounded off)

98 Clubs

550 Adults

1944 Juniors

750 Black Belts

7.2. Toronto Open:

There were 275 competitors at the event and proved to be profitable venture

7.3. Grand Prix:

7.3.1. Tentatively the dates of the remaining Grand Prix events are:

GP#2 - Oct 1st – Kitchener

GP#3 - Dec 3rd

GP#4 - Feb 25

GP#1 - May 13 (Next Season)

- 7.3.2. There is a suggestion that a larger venue would aid in spectator control and comfort and for athlete marshalling
- 7.3.3. Set up crews are hosting clubs are required for future events

8. Discussion:

The overall revenue picture discussed in order to address the potential of an operating loss for next year. A plan was worked out with much input from the membership that was present. The plan includes a proposed junior's only tournament for 2007. Coach Jennings motioned to accept the following plan:

Rate Increases:

- \$5 rate increase for all membership fees
- \$25 rate increase for dojo fees
- Additional non-point junior tournament to be headed by Mr. Pusic, Mr. Jennings, & Mr. Celebija
- \$70 cap for family all inclusive

Motion Passed

9. Advertising and Fundraising

The option of raising revenues from Wall Banners and Web banners and all other advertising revenue options will be investigated by Mr. Wong.

- 10. **Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Gilles to Adjourn - 11:50 a.m.

Motion Passed