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Minutes of the Board

June 25th, 2006

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

Also Present:

N/A

1. Meeting called to start at 8:22 a.m.

Notes recorded by Mr. Sean Wong.

2. Minutes of Past Meeting

To expedite this meeting, minutes of the meeting of April 23rd, 2006 was emailed prior for review by the board. Minutes were accepted via a consensus of electronic votes.

3. President's Report

3.1. Base Funding Approval

The forward momentum between KAO president and the Sport Alliance towards receiving government funding is continuing. We have been approved for base funding and require the submission of a budget in compliance with their recommendations. Further programme funding such as athlete development and etcetera will require further review.

3.2. Competition Model

To increase further funding the, utilization of a different competition model has been suggested by the Sport Alliance. The example of Swim Ontario's model of 395 events per year was compared to KAO's 4 Grand Prix. Swim Ontario calculates all events including local club and non-point competitions. This model should be investigated further to have as an option if in the event we choose this direction.

4. Treasurer's Report

KAO's bank balance is positive as of our March 31, 2006 year end. This is not an accountant's report and thus does not include upcoming expenses. Using the current income and expense model, a projection of a \$23,400 deficit is forecasted for next year unless committees become more self-sufficient or fees are increased. Currently, only the NCCP Committee has submitted their budget and is recognized as self-sufficient.

5. KAO Team Selection Process

5.1. Clarity has been requested by board with regards to athlete Saeed Baghbani. Records show that he has not been a member for 2 years but requests to be on this year's KAO Team. Coach Jennings report that this hiatus is due to the recovery process of a knee injury and fulfils the necessary criteria to be on the team.

5.2. KAO Recommendations: Mr. Baghbani's record presents a unique situation. The board requests direct notification by Mr. Baghbani on his intentions and that he first becomes fully reinstated as a KAO member by paying his outstanding membership dues before a decision could be firmly made on this issue.

5.3. Motion by Mr. Wong: Accept Mr. Baghbani as a member and the coach's recommendation to be on the team should he fulfils KAO recommendations.

Motion Passed

6. Coaching At The Nationals

6.1. Offers from Mr. Malcolm Fischer and Mr. Steve Hails have been submitted to the board to be on the coaching staff. All major positions have already been filled and there have been no further requests by the head coach for more coaching assistants. The board agrees that despite the offering of skill and knowledge of these individuals that the request came too late since the coaching staff was selected.

6.2. Motion by Mr. Wong: Leave the current coaching staff the same and revisit the discussion next year for Mr. Fisher's and Mr. Hail's position on the coaching staff.

7. Disciplinary Panel

7.1. Re: Item # 6.2 in the minutes of April 23rd, 2006: In a fact finding inquiry with regards to the above item, the member involved has chosen not to participate in the procedure and as of May 2nd, 2006 resigned from the Karate Association of Ontario. A decision from the disciplinary panel will be released shortly with respect to the inquiry.

7.2. Motion by Mr. Wong: Consequential details to be worked out by Mr. De Francesca

Motion Passed

8. North American Cup

Ontario has been chosen to be a candidate for the North American Cup by the newly organized North American Karate Association. The board proposes to have the event adjunct to a Grand Prix tournament this fall. The event will help countries involved with their respective Pan Am team selection. Having such an event is deemed to add prestige to Ontario and thus have the support of board to continue with the ongoing plans.

9. Toronto Open

9.1. Reports indicate that the Toronto Open was successful in terms of attendance and feasibility. The event was profitable and the board recognizes the hard work of Mr. Zvonko Celebija as being instrumental to the accomplishment.

9.2. On June 19th, 2006, a letter as received from a competitor in regards to an incident in Kumite (Women's Black Belt Division). An injury occurred during Ashi Barai where the complainant reports receiving an injury. The degree of the injury has not yet been medically confirmed and conflicting details have caused some confusion with regards to intent. The board will continue to find clarity on this incident and present its findings at a later date.

10. Motion by Mr. Wong to adjourn at 9:04.

Motion Passed

Next Meeting:

TBA