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**Minutes of the Board**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, Mr. Norm Gilles, Mr. Sean Wong, Mr. Josh Drury, Mr. Doug Meagher

**Regrets:**

Mr. Dragan Kljenak, Mr. Sriram Rangan, Mr. Mark Pridham, Mr. Paul De Francesca, Ms. Korina Ossetchkina

**Also Present:**

Sensei Suenori Tominaga, Mr. Zvonko Celebija, Mr. Jim Jennings, Ms. Darlene Ferri, Ms. Jelena Miljkovic, Mr. Miro Pusic

**1. Meeting called to start at 9:15 a.m.**

Notes recorded by Mr. Sean Wong.

**2. Minutes of Past Meeting**

To expedite this meeting, minutes of the meeting of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 was emailed prior for review by the board. Motion by Mr. Gilles to accept the minutes as electronically distributed:  
**Motion Passed**

**3. Position of Director**

- 3.1. Director Mr. Mark Pridham, has sent in his resignation due to an increase of his personal time demands. Motion by Mr. Drury to accept Mr. Pridham's resignation:  
**Motion Passed**
- 3.2. Two names have been submitted for consideration by the board to fill the vacant director position. Motion by Mr. Drury to accept Ms. Jelena Miljovic to act as director until the next AGM: **Motion Passed**

**4. President's Report**

- 4.1 The association is moving forward and overall is pleased with its direction.
- 4.2 The president, along with Ontario chief referee and KAO treasurer, made a presence at the Steveston International Tournament in British Columbia. This presence was a benefit to Ontario enhancing a positive image at an international event.
- 4.3 The president requests the creation of committee to assemble a Provincial Project Funding Report. Mr. Gilles, Mr. Drury, and Mr. Wong have agreed to volunteer help for this report.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1. Mr. Gilles reports a positive bank balance of \$35,554.38. An amount in the range of \$27,000.00 is either outstanding or considered to be upcoming expenses.
- 5.2. Banking arrangements, as per item number 11 as indicated in the minutes of the meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, have been completed.

## 6. Tournament Director's Report

- 6.1. Mr. Pusic reports everything is ready for the upcoming tournament and all medical support is in place. Medical support includes Dr. Murray to head the medical support team and St. John's Ambulance to act as secondary support and to perform an initial medical assessment.

## 7. Coach's Report

- 7.1. Mr. Jennings is pleased with the size of Eagle Karate Club and thus far the training camps have been well attended.
- 7.2. A request for sponsorship towards a seminar by Javier Mantilla was been made. The total of \$500 CAD has been motioned by Mr. Wong towards the seminar:  
**Motion Passed**
- 7.3. The issue of the coaching representation has been agreed upon as having no more than 4 individuals. It will consist of 1 head coach, 2 coaches, and 1 assistant coach. A request by the chief referee has been made that the coaching volunteers should ideally have a balanced representation of the different styles represented within KAO. Names have been submitted and all but the assistant coach has been agreed upon.
- 7.4. It has also been identified that further support will be needed for the monitoring of the under aged athletes. Mr. Jennings has requested a solution to this concern. The board has agreed to the importance of this issue and will contribute to its solution at future meetings.
- 7.5. The board approves direct collaboration between the TC and Coach for the purpose of improving of the performance of its Kata competitors.
- 7.6. A campaign called Ready, Set, Coach will be posted on KAO's website and identified as a good campaign aimed towards community oriented coaches.
- 7.7. Request for Gold campaign has been identified as an important objective for our provincial athletes. KAO has been prepared with a proposal for some time and will be ready to submit a request upon the NKA's completion of the NCCP Level 3.
- 7.8. For logistical reasons, Coach Manager, Ms. Ferri has recommended a different hotel that would be ideal for athletes and coaches alike. In addition, this choice will provide KAO with a savings just short of \$10,000.00. The board has agreed to support Ms. Ferri's requests.

## 8. Chief Referee's Report

Mr. Celebija report is positive as the overall attendance of the Grand Prix Series is increasing and in addition, the number of reported injuries is declining.

## 9. Technical Committee Report

Sensei Tominaga has requested that the position of TC Liason be offered to Mr. Drury. The board requests that the TC look into maintaining Mr. Pridham as part of the process and to include Mr. Drury at an official level. In the meantime Mr. Drury will act as the go between for the board and TC.

## 10. Disciplinary Committee

The formation of a disciplinary committee has been recognized as being necessary concerning an issue with athlete Ehsan Dibaji. The board agrees that the committee should consist of Mr. Kljenak, Mr. De Francesa, and Ms. Ossetchkina.

## 11. Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Sean Wong to adjourn the meeting 10:17 am: **Motion Passed**