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**Minutes of the Board**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, Mr. Dragan Kljenak, Mr. Sean Wong, Mr. Josh Drury

**Regrets:**

Mr. Norm Gillies, Mr. Doug Meagher, Ms. Korina Ossetchkina, Ms. Jelena Miljkovic, Mr. Sriram Rangan, Mr. Paul DeFrancesca

**1.0 Meeting called to start at 9:15 p.m.**

Notes recorded by Mr. Sean Wong.

**2.0 Minutes of Past Meeting**

To expedite this meeting, minutes of the meeting of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were e-mailed prior for review by the Board. Minutes were accepted via a consensus of electronic votes.

**3.0 President's Report**

3.1 World Championships

The president applauds the efforts of the coaches and the athletes of Ontario who competed at the 18<sup>th</sup> World Karate Championships in Finland. Congratulations are in order for Canada's new world silver medalist winner, Nassim Varasteh.

3.2 Long Term Athlete Development Plan

An LTAD Conference is being held at Doubletree at November 10<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great opportunity for Ontario coaches to take part.

3.3 Base Funding Cheque

The Karate Association of Ontario has just received its first cheque for the amount of \$14,105 from the Government of Ontario. This is the first time since 1992 for KAO to receive funding of any kind.

**4.0 Sport Karate Model**

The current report model for Sport Karate within the Karate Association of Ontario does not fully reflect the amount of activity that taking place at the various levels of competition. This reporting model is an immediate obstacle for receiving further funding. A request has been made for a volunteer to lead this task. Mr. Wong has volunteered to head this task. There was a motion to accept Mr. Wong and subsequently passed.

## **5.0 Income Benefits for Champion**

5.1 Discussion on financial awards for Nassim Varasteh was recognized as a significant gesture in recognition of her winning performance in Finland. This amount has yet to be determined as the board recognizes the importance of the necessary input from the coach as part of this process.

5.2 In addition, a seminar series has been proposed to offer international level athletes, like Ms. Vasateh and Mr. Baghbani, an option to teach the KAO sponsored event. The athletes would be paid a fee to teach. The plan is pending a written proposal.

5.3 Currently, financial awards for gold medalists are equal to the amount received by other medalists. The board agrees that the gold medalist should receive an amount greater than the other medalists. The financial award system for the athletes is currently under review and all agree that this should be factored into the award system.

5.4 Proposal to reduce monetary coverage for athletes traveling to Nationals is pending on Head Coach's report regarding actual achievements of second placed on KAO tournaments. HC report has not yet been submitted to the Board for discussion.

## **6.0 Technical Committee Clinics**

The board recognizes the efforts of the TC arranging clinics for the benefit of its membership. There was some confusion however on the announcement of the last clinic as no prior notification was given to any member of the board and thus there was no approval granted. As a matter of policy and efficiency the board requires proper procedure and would hopes that this oversight will not happen again.

## **7.0 National AGM**

The NKA AGM is coming to Ontario and the board is encouraging all black belts to vote in person or via proxies and make Ontario's voices be heard. A strong Ontario presence and representation is vital for our best interest.

## **8.0 Treasurer's Report**

N/A

## **9.0 Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 pm**

Date of Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Location: To Be Announced