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**Minutes of the Board  
Sunday, April 24, 2005 (in-camera teleconference)**

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, Ms. Kirsty Armit, Mr. Antonio Terra, Mr. Dragan Kljenak, Mr. Norm Gillies,  
Mr. Sri Rangnan, Mr. Mark Pridham

**Regrets:**

Mr. Hui Nguyen, Mr. Tim Kett

**1.0 Meeting called to order at 9:21am.**

**2.0 Matters of Discussion**

2.1 Minutes 2003/2004

Minutes are published on the Karate Ontario Website.

2.2 Official Karate Ontario Tournaments (4 per year)

Karate Ontario has 4 official tournaments per year. Is Iwata Cup sanctioned by KAO? Is the Iwata Cup considered as an official tournament? The only official Karate Ontario Tournaments are Karate Ontario Tournaments. Participants in other tournaments will be covered by insurance if sanctioned by the Board. For a certificate of insurance to be obtained through our insurance provider, tournament can only have Karate Ontario member participation. This topic is deferred pending further clarification and information. To be addressed by Wednesday April 27, 2005.

2.3 Athlete Sponsorship/Compensation

Jelena Miljkovic to be compensated \$250 for winning silver at the 2004 PKF.

## 2.4 Disciplinary Action

### 2.4.1 Robertson/Celebija

Mr. Steve Indig of the Center of Sport and Law to review disciplinary information and provide suggested disciplinary action to Mr. Pridham and Mr. Rangnan. The suggested disciplinary action(s) are to be brought to the Board for review.

### 2.4.2 2005 Nationals, Halifax Nova Scotia

Shikaku – an athlete at the Nationals received Shikaku for not leaving the ring. Kikan was given due to a recurring injury. Two other athletes then entered the ring. A second Shikaku could have been issued due to this event. Athlete was being told to remain in the ring and not accept the Officials shikaku by other athletes. A letter of reprimand will be issued to the two athletes in question as well as the Coach who was present at the time of this incident. Motion to issue letter of reprimand by Mr. Kljenak, seconded by Mr. Pridham. Voted, carried.

### 2.4.3 Following this event, another team athlete protested the penalty with the NKA President who is also the Karate Ontario President, based on this athletes “international experience”. Due to repeated physical contact by this athlete to the President, this athlete is suspended as of this date, 24 April 2005, pending final resolution of this matter. Ref Item 8.10, article 6 Constitution. Motion to suspend this athlete by Mr. Pridham, seconded by Mr. Kljenak. Voted, accepted.

### 2.4.4 During a discussion being held between Mr. Pirrone, Ontario team coaches and an athlete, Mr. Robertson approached the conversation to make reference as to why the Official had awarded this athlete with Shikaku.

Mr. Robertson’s reference involved the student, the Official, and the dojo Sensei; referencing reasoning for the Officials’ decision. At the time of the Officials decision, the Official was unaware of who the athlete was or what province was being represented. This Officials’ recommendation was made solely based on rules.

- A letter of complaint has been received from Mr. Celebija, the Official involved, in reference to the comments made by Mr. Robertson as to why the decision was made.  
A motion was made by Mr. Kljenak, for a letter of apology to be written by Mr. Robertson and be received by the Board no later than 02 May 2005 or suspension will be imposed on Mr. Robertson. This letter must be received in writing, by registered mail, addressed to the official Karate Ontario address, addressed to the attention of the Board. Motion by Mr. Kljenak, seconded by Ms. Armit. Voted, accepted.

## 2.5 Misuse of Karate Ontario logo

The President will issue a letter to our membership as well as the individual involved asking that misrepresentation of the logo Karate Ontario name cease and desist. This letter will be published on the Karate Ontario home page.

## 2.6 AGM Request (Constitution/Proxy)

Mr. Gillies received e-mail from Mr. Robertson requesting a copy of the constitution, proxy sheet, exact time and place of AGM, with reference to item 9.5 and article 9.4 eligibility. Registered letter to be sent to all registered clubs no later than 01 May 2005 for registering proxies and black belt registrations. Black Belt registrations must be received by the membership director no later than 06 June 2005 to be recognized as a member in good standing and eligible to vote or carry a proxy. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the club and its members are registered and in good standing, to be eligible to vote.

2.7 A request was received from Mr. Jacobs to receive copies of past minutes of Board. This request received a direct response from our President asking Mr. Jacobs to respond. This request from our president, has not received a response. Mr. Jacobs has been informed that the minutes are posted on our website.

**3.0 Meeting Adjourned at 12:09pm**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Sunday, May 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.