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**Minutes of the Board
Sunday, February 13, 2005**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, , Mr. Antonio Terra, Mr. Mark Pridham, Mr. Norm Gillies,
Mr. Dragon Kljenak

Also Present:

Mr. Zvonko Celebija, Mr. Jim Jennings, Ms. Kathryn Laidlaw

Regrets:

Ms. Kirsty Armit Mr. Sri Rangan, Mr. Hui Nguyen, Mr. Tim Kett

1.0 Meeting called to order at 9:10am

The meeting minutes were recorded by Mr. Mark Pridham

2.0 Review of previous Meeting Minutes, January 09, 2005.

As a copy of the minutes was not available, the minutes were not read and must be approved at the next scheduled board meeting

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Awards Committee – the nominations for annual awards will begin after the nationals (April 10th). A recommendation will be made by the Awards Committee whether we should have a banquet. In past years it was poorly attended.

3.2 It was suggested Dr. Murray be considered an honorary blackbelt for his years of service. Nationally, a request was received for all provinces to submit names for individuals that are deserving and we submitted Dr. Murray as our candidate from Ontario to receive this distinction.

4.0 Presidents Report.

- 4.1 The Murray Family Foundation made a charitable donation of \$45,000 to KAO. The use of this donation is unconditional and in no way is the use of these monies directed by the Murray Family Foundation, the board has 100% control.
- 4.2 The board will make a payment to Dr. Murray to address his honorarium that has been deferred in previous years. This will be paid to Dr. Murray immediately.

5.0 Treasurers Report.

- 5.1 Mr. Gillies reported the bank balance is currently in excess of \$100k.
- 5.2 It was reported one club was in default of paying \$800 to register competitors for the Dec. 2004 tournament as the result of an NSF cheque.
- 5.3 It was agreed the cost to athletes, coaches and official's to attend the nationals in Halifax in April 2005 will be \$350. Those requiring a track suit and gym bag will pay the additional cost. The actual cost is \$820 each. The Ontario delegation will be approximately 90 individuals with a total cost to KAO of about \$45k.

6.0 Tournament Directors Report.

- 6.1 No report was tabled

7.0 Membership Director Report.

- 7.1 Mr. Pusic reported approximately 25% of the forecast members have registered.

8.0 Technical Committee Report.

Mr. Pridham tendered the report on behalf of the Technical Committee as no TC members were present.

- 8.1 The NKA will conduct dan testing in June. Date and location to be confirmed.
- 8.2 Next style clinics will be June 26th featuring Goju (Yabunaka) and Shito (Moledzki). Officials and competitors as well as club coaches are encouraged to participate.
- 8.3 Shihan Toshimatsu Sasaki (JKF 7th dan, Shotokan 8th dan, WKF refereee) will conduct a seminar April 3rd at Eagle Karate. Offiical's, competitors and club coaches are encouraged to participate)

9.0 Referee Committee Report

- 9.1 Mr. Celebija commented provincial coaches must know the rules and must attend the refereee clinics and each Grand Prix tournaments.

10.0 Other Business

- 10.1 Mr. Jennings, Interim Provincial Head Coach reported since the last tournament date was moved from Feb 6th to Feb. 27th it has caused a conflict for competitors that are currently members of the national team. Those members are required to attend mandatory team training camp Feb 27th in Quebec in order to be eligible for PKF senior competition held in Argentina. However, if these competitors do not attend the Feb 27 Grand Prix, they put themselves in a situation where they may not have the points accumulation necessary to qualify for the provincial team. The board directed Mr. Jennings to come up with a way for the coaches to make a decision as points accumulation is not the sole consideration for the provincial team.
- 10.2 Provincial team training will involve three sessions, starting Mar 6th, to be held at ISK dojo. All three sessions are mandatory for team members.
- 10.3 There was some discussion regarding how many coaches are needed to attend the nationals. Mr. Jennings pointed out there are more responsibilities than simply being ringside. There are certain responsibilities to chaperone the younger competitors. It was agreed we would send 5 coaches including the team manager. (5 total)
- 10.4 Website Redesign – The new website is up and running. The address is <http://www.karateontario.org/> (unchanged)
- 10.5 Black Belt Journal
Mr. Pridham proposed a publication be issued following the nationals. He is currently collecting material and will forward to Mr. Kljenak for formatting and uploading to the KAO webpage
- 10.6 Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 pm followed by in-camera discussion until 12:45pm
- 10.7 Date of Next Meeting: March 20, 2005 9:00 am Doubletree Hotel