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**Minutes of the Board
Sunday, September 11, 2005**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Sebastian Pirrone, Mr. Dragan Kljenak, Mr. Sean Wong, Mr. Mark Pridham, Mr. Josh Drury,
Mr. Paul Defrancesca, Ms. Korina Ossetchkina.

Also Present:

Mr. Antonio Terra, Mr. Zvonko Celebija, Mr. Isao Yabunaka, Mr. Miro Pusic.

Regrets:

Mr. Sriram Rangnan, Ms. Kirsty Armit, Mr. Norm Gillies.

1.0 Meeting called to order at 8:12 am. Minutes recorded by Mr. Josh Drury,

2.0 Review of previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 17, 2005 board meeting were reviewed. After a few revisions, they were approved.

3.0 Presidents Report.

No report tabled – the president and first vice-president offered a few comments regarding means of communication and the empowerment of committee members.

4.0 Treasurers Report.

No report submitted at this time.

5.0 Tournament Directors Report.

No report submitted at this time.

6.0 Membership Director Report.

No report submitted at this time.

- 6.1 A motion was made to increase the membership director's reimbursement to \$900.00 per month. Motion approved.

7.0 Technical Committee Report.

No report submitted at this time.

- 7.1 Mr. Pridham acting as the liaison for the technical committee chairperson expressed a concern on behalf of the technical committee. The issue of 'replacing' committee members, the consideration of such and how previous members are informed of their discontinuation of service was asked to the board.

The board responded by stating that they do not feel that previous members are replaced by other members based on a criterion that a member may or may not possess. The appointment of technical committee members is done by the board with the best interest of karate in Ontario in mind. Sometimes new members are put onto the board to allow for more opportunity to be given to other members.

It was also agreed that a letter of recognition and thanking for service should be given to previous committee members when they are no longer sitting on the board.

8.0 Referee Committee Report

No report submitted at this time.

- 8.1 Mr. Antonio Terra made mention that the door of the storage unit was going to be changed. A motion was made to change the lock also at this time. Motion approved.

9.0 Other Business

- 9.1 The Technical Committee manual as previously drafted will require some revisions and will not be approved at this time.
- 9.2 Committees are set up so that a proper division of labor exists. Committee members are charged with being responsible and autonomous in their affairs except in situations that warrant the board's approval. Committee members are reminded of their empowerment and to conduct business in such a regard.
- 9.3 Timely responses are needed by board members. If no response is given to a board member within a 48 hour time frame, the whip will take effect. If no response is garnered to such queries that require approval, than a vote of "in favor" will be taken.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Having board meetings on a Sunday causes undue hardship to the board members. The possibility of having meetings on specific weekday evenings was discussed. A concern was raised that dates need to be made firmly and far in advance. The dates for upcoming board meetings were set for October 21, 2005 and December 9, 2005 both to be held at Karate Club Eagle at 7:30pm.

It was also discussed that it is possible to hold board meetings with members that are not physically present. New technologies allow for attendance without physical presence.

Such technologies as 'Skype' and teleconferencing will be looked into for upcoming meetings to allow board members as well as the members of KOA to be present in all meetings except for when 'in camera'.

- 10.2 A new group of doctors are needed to be trained. Mr. Romualdo Ferri is to be contacted as he made a mention of knowing 1st Aid group who may be of assistance. Mr. Sean Wong expressed the interest of contacting him and will take on such responsibility.
 - 10.3 Mr. Kljenak made a mention that intentional injury in kumite is an act that is not covered by the insurance policy. In such a case whereas an athlete is given 'Shikaku' for malicious intent as his or her behavior is in violation of the rules and could result in injury that jeopardizes insurance coverage, such athlete may face legal action for his or her said behavior.
 - 10.4 A further issue of insurance coverage was mentioned by Mr. Kljenak. Any types of practice with weaponry are not covered by the insurance policy. Member dojos that do use weapons should be made aware that such activities do not fall under the coverage and other insurance which is available should taken by such dojos if they so desire it.
 - 10.5 The posting of KOA member dojos on the internet causes an issue with privacy. The club registry as compiled by the membership director is not to be posted as is. Dojos are to be contacted and express their permission for such information to be posted before the web administrator does so.
 - 10.6 A mention was made that the logo for Karate Ontario should be more reflective of the organization. Mr. Wong will look into different possibilities.
- 11.0 Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 am

Date of Next Meeting: Friday, October 21, 2005 at 7:30 pm
Location: Karate Club Mississauga Shotokan
261 Queen Street South
Mississauga, ON