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KSKA General Assembly 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date: 11th October 2014
Time: 20.00hr
Venue: Luso, Portugal

Agenda

- 1. Shihan Dirk Heene gave the Presidents welcome address**
- 2. Register of attendance / verification of entitled voters**

Members in attendance:

Dirk Heene, Velibor Dimitrijevic, Michaylo Fedyk, Pasquale Petrella, Pascal Lecourt, Alan Armstrong, Mike Cowburn, Tim Hart, Yvonne Doyle, Lesley Fedyk, Ian Gillis, Ashley J. Cowburn, Miguel Rocha, Filipe Sancho, Tadhg O'Mahony, Barry O'Connell, John Merritt, Ray Merritt, Norman Gomersall, Lorenzo Marti, Frank Schubert, Joaquin Pacheco, Nico Ibscher, Jean-Pierre Clemence, Thomas Gilgin, Roland Reiszek, Jani Somppi, Renaldo Portas, Narciso Borralho, Leonardo Schwartz, Arie Glikzman, Grzegorz Konieczka, Jordi Millet, Armando Egidio Reis.

Observers in attendance included:

Anita Cowburn, Manuel Martin, Rui Cacete.

3. Officers reports

- Report of the President – copy of the President's report is appended.
- Report of the Secretary - Mike Cowburn thanked his colleagues on the KSKA Executive and Shihankai for their valued assistance during his first year in post also to the membership for their help in advancing the KSKA News Letter from the idea stage into publication and welcomed copy of articles, course reports or other news items to be included within future issues. Mike also asked members to confirm their latest email addresses as some may have changed.

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- Report of the Treasurer – Alan Armstrong presented the meeting with copies of the certified accounts showing Income and Expenditure with a Balance Sheet and talked the meeting through the detail. The balance continues to be healthy healthy. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Tim Hart and seconded by Norman Gomersall. There being no counter proposal the accounts were accepted by the meeting.
- Confirmation of Auditors – the Treasurer proposed to change the auditors to Deveraux-Hunt for reasons of accessibility. The motion was proposed by Frank Schubert and seconded by Ashley J. Cowburn. There being no counter proposal the change was accepted by the meeting.

4. Election of Executive Officers

- Election of the Vice President – the re-election of Jim Martin to the position of Vice President was proposed by Alan Armstrong and seconded by Yvonne Doyle; there being no counter proposals the meeting unanimously re-elected Jim Martin to the position of KSKA Vice President and member of the Executive Committee for a further two years.
- Election of the Treasurer – the re-election of Alan Armstrong to the position of Treasurer was proposed by Arie Gliksman and seconded by Velibor Dimitrijevic, there being no counter proposals the meeting unanimously re-elected Alan Armstrong to the position of KSKA Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee for a further two years.

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5. Any Other Business

- Tim Hart, requested that senior country representatives of the KSKA be permitted to attend Dan gradings. This matter is to be referred to the Shihankai for further consideration with their decision to be advised.
- Shihan Dirk Heene reminded members their annual affiliation fees are due to be paid from the 1st January and in this regard of the need to support the Academy by ensuring that membership renewals are paid on time.
- Shihan Dirk Heene also requested that members support the KSKA Gasshuku through their regular attendance as these courses are designed for the bringing together people from all countries and of all abilities in order to enhance and further their development.
- Arrangements for the next Gasshuku were confirmed for Müllheim, Germany over the weekend of Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May 2015.
- Grzegorz Konieczka suggested it to be an idea to show DVD's of Kase Sensei during a Gasshuku in support of the key principles of the training that are being covered on the course.
- Tim Hart requested more information for instructors to be incorporated within the Gasshuku's including key instructional points. In this regard Spain have developed 9 x instructional modules that are being finalised prior to introduction into the Spanish system and as part of an instructors training and development programme. The Shihankai are to consider this point further.

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After 10 years without Sensei Kase we still keep going on, maintaining and developing the Shotokan Ryu Kase Ha karate DO.

The 'DO-aspect' – following the road- is the most difficult to maintain. Sometimes it is hard to hold on to the attitude of keeping the compass set on a particular destination or goal.

Many and diverse obstacles occur and it needs discipline and some forward-looking to steer the helm in the right direction.

First of all we need to keep the source clean and remember the basic principles of BUDO and the curriculum that Sensei Kase gave us. Many members have never actually seen Sensei Kase nor have they trained with him. So for the Shihankai and the KSKA-members it is important to talk about Sensei Kase's Shotokan Karate and to teach the way he did, in order to keep the traditional values.

Meanwhile many people left the ship and have been looking for a different approach, forgetting to contribute the yearly membership fee or never coming to the Gasshukus or they just remain dormant members without any connection.

Developing and progressing first of all means regular training, adjust the training principles to the guidance of a good instructor and being creative in the approach of Karate-Do. Continuous thinking, correcting and research are elementary aspects of a vital, living Academy.

That is why I am very grateful to the members of the Shihankai, the executive committee and the colleagues in our Ryu who are helpful, positive and who are supporting the idea of reaching for a different dimension through our karate practice and the research of KI, HARA and a better humanity.

"Today is today... tomorrow is tomorrow".

Dirk Heene
President of the Shihankai
11 October 2014