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KSKA General Assembly 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th May 2016
Time: 18.30hr
Venue: Mierlo, Netherlands

Agenda

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

Members in attendance:

Dirk Heene, Jim Martin, Michaylo Fedyk, Pasquale Petrella, Pascal Lecourt, Mike Cowburn, Juan Pablo Delgado, Nico Ibscher, Cees Van Schaais, Tim Harte, Yvonne Doyle, Lesley Fedyk, Raymond Shannon, Gerry McGeoch, Mona Pfaus, Mike Rice, Oliver Sprinz, Arie Farcas, Arie Glickman, Natalie Baeffelos, Lovis Afara, Tomer Socolovsky, Armando Reis, Filipe Sancho, Narciso Borrallito, Lineal Tadvors, Clemence Jean-Pierre, Steve Thompson, Ian Gillis, Tim Van Orschol, Gerhard Schreuker, Jos Matthews, Lorenzo Marti, Roland Reiszek, Leonardo Schwartz, Jordi Millet, Gerard Schouten.

Observers in attendance included:

None registered

3. Officers reports

- Report of the President**

Refer to the attached.

- Report of the Secretary**

Mike Cowburn thanked his colleagues on the KSKA Executive and Shihankai for their valued support provided throughout the year also for the members contributions to the KSKA News

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Letter. Please keep these coming in, especially course advertisements as the News Letter is proving a valuable means of communication to the Academy.

Mike presented the meeting with a review on the uptake of the KSKA Instructors certificate and a reminder to the membership of the qualification criteria and application process.

Also the renewal period of three years will be approaching from some of the initial recipients and as such they will need to re-apply in order to retain their accreditation.

Application forms are available from the KSKA website including further details, where the cost of renewal is the same as for the initial application at €25.

Mike also thanked Gerard Schouten and his group for their excellent work in organising the Natsu Gasshuku in Mierlo and reminded the meeting the Akai Gasshuku in October 2016 will be held in Israel over the weekend of 7th to 9th October 2016 with details as posted on the KSKA website.

- **Report of the Treasurer**

In the absence of Alan Armstrong, Dirk Heene presented the meeting with copy of the final and audited accounts that continue to show a healthy balance.

Dirk Heene advised the KSKA bank account is currently held in the UK, but will be transferred to Belgium and is to include two signatures, Dirk Heene and the KSKA Treasurer once elected. Members were once again reminded to re-affiliate and pay their membership fees from the 1st January in support of the academy.

- **Auditors Report**

In the absence of Alan Armstrong there were no proposed changes to the current auditors at this stage, but this will prove necessary once the Academy's bank account has been relocated to Belgium with further details to be advised during the next General Assembly.

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4. Election of Executive Officers

KSKA Treasurer

Livia Castro was proposed for the vacant position of KSKA Treasurer.

Pascal Petrella raised a question regarding Livia's attendance on Gasshuku's, that was answered by Dirk Heene that Livia will be able to attend the Natsu Gasshuku, but due to workload may not always be able to attend the Aki Gasshuku, whilst Mike Cowburn will deputise during the Aki Gasshuku as necessary where this was accepted.

The election of Livia Castro was proposed by Steve Thompson and seconded by Raymond Shannon and unopposed, thereby Livia Castro was elected into office of KSKA Treasurer with immediate effect.

5. Any Other Business

- Shihan Dirk Heene advised the meeting of the Executives proposal to abolish the 'Provisional Membership status as this might deter some from joining the Academy. The topic was debated finally agreeing to operate with a combination of two systems as outlined below.

New applications received from students who have taken Dan gradings through the KSKA and as such are known to members of the Shihankai should be considered for immediate 'Full Member' status.

Those applying from outside of the KSKA who have not previously taken a KSKA Dan grade and as such may not be known to members of the Shihankai should be considered for 'Provisional Member' status and then reaffirmed as 'Full Member' after twelve months and following their first renewal.

- Shihan Dirk Heene advised the meeting of the intention to introduce junior KSKA Shodan grades that are to be recognised by the Academy.

From 14 to 16-years, junior karateka will be eligible to present a junior Shodan grading under the examination of a Senior Academy Member / Club Instructor, 4 Dan or above that would be recognised by the KSKA.

The grading criteria could be loosely based on the KSKA senior Shodan syllabus, but less rigid.

In regards to issuing a certificate in recognition of the Junior KSKA Shodan grade achievement, the choice will be left to the candidate to receive a certificate from the examination body or at an additional fee of €25 they can be issued with a KSKA Junior Dan grade certificate.

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From the age of 16-years and providing the student has continued to train with the KSKA, their grade can be affirmed through presenting the senior KSKA Shodan grading syllabus. The examiner(s) should be a member(s) of the Shihankai.

The full amount of 100 Euros must be paid for the grading.

From the age of 18-years and providing the junior Shodan grade has been affirmed as referred above, the student will be able to continue with their onward progression by presenting their Nidan.

- Gerry McGeoch asked the meeting for clarification on the accreditation of the KSKA Instructors Certificate, where Shihan Dirk Heene provided the response. The instructors' certificate is presented by the Shihankai and in recognition of regular attendance at KSKA events and in demonstration of the applicants' abilities.

Whilst some countries have in place a National Governing Body that will issue instructors certificates, others do not and as such the certificate is issued by the KSKA in recognition of their member status at 4th Dan level and above once the application criteria has been met.

- Jean Pierre Clemence asked the meeting why there were not more KSKA courses presented in France. Pascal Lecourt made the offer to host the Aki Gasshuku in Northern France in October 2017.

Raymond Shannon also made the offer to host the Aki Gasshuku in Belfast in October 2017 or alternately, the Natsu Gasshuku in May 2018.

Mona Pfaus also made the offer to host the Aki Gasshuku in Sweden in May 2018.

The Executive are to decide on the above proposal.

- Shihan Dirk Heene reminded the meeting and invited the membership support through purchase of the Legend of Taiji Kase, book and CD's that is produced by members of Sensei Kase's family.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 19.55hr

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Members of the Shihankai , members ,

Travelling to a lot of countries ,visiting our active groups and dojos,taking care of examinations and following up our members ,I see ,after already 12 years that Sensei Kase passed away ,that there is still a deep interest in the methodics and the teaching of our Sensei .

But on the other hand some individuals are personalising this heritage through one instructor . This is understandable ,but not the target of our Academy . A university is structured by the teaching of a core of professors . So is our Academy . The Shihankai,together with the assistant instructors and together with the senior Dan grades of our Ryu are representing the evolution and the instruction of the Ryu . The individual and personal accents are the freedom and the creativity of the interpretation of Kase's teaching . This makes the KSKA unique .

Different students from Sensei Kase are still following and are still inspired by his teaching , but they want to represent this in an individual , and not through an Academy, for different reasons . I am thinking about the senseis Lavorato and Shirai who have their proper organisations .I asked both of them to join us and take a responsibility in our Academy ... but clearly they refused because they want to act as an individual .

We act as a Group ,with a democratic structure , with the ability to exchange information and to be open to each others opinions . We are the only Ryu in the karate world with a leading ,instructing and inspiring team ,not only by the shihankai ,but with all the senior instructors of our system .

In the near future Karate will be through the WKF , an Olympic item . The picture and structure will be strongly determined by the sportive aspects of our discipline .From then on our significance will be more important to keep the traditional values alive that were mentioned by Sensei Kase and earlier through Gichin Funakoshi .The significant understanding of the Dojo Kun , the elementary elements of Budo and the physical and spiritual interpretation are values that we have to keep in our banner of honour .

Friday ,the 13 th of May 2016

Dirk Heene