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KSKA General Assembly 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th October 2017
Time: 18.00hr
Venue: Dresden, Germany

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, Mike Cowburn, Juan Pablo Delgado, Nico Ibscher, Livia Castro, Yvonne Doyle, Lesley Fedyk, Raymond Shannon, Gerry McGeoch, Oliver Sprinz, Arie Gliksmann, Leonard Schwartz, Tomer Socolovsky, Geoff Beasley, Steve Thompson, Roland Reiszek, Gerhard Scheuriker, Fabienne Kürner, Paolo Longo, Martin Tietz, Jirka Achilles, Felix Croonenborghs, Gertjan Fieret, Tom De Gersem, Christian Le Romancer, Morgane Tousch, Stephen van Beek, John Smith, Peter Cerar, Tomy Shebelle, Ulrich Holzhaeuser.

3. Officers reports

- Report of the President**

Shihan Dirk Heene (DH) advised the meeting the KSKA membership remains healthy and has continued to grow to the current level of 148 (at the time of writing).

DH continues to make periodic visitations to Mrs Kase who at 91-years young is doing remarkably well and continues to sign the KSKA Dan Grade diplomas. 46 diplomas have been signed so far this year in recognition of the successful Dan grade achievements.

At the Natsu Gasshuku held in May 2017 in Gandia, Spain a good attendance was recorded together with reports of excellent training, albeit this was the first Gasshuku that Dirk was unable to attend as the timing fell within his recovery period.

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Organisers of the Natus Gasshuku in Gandia were once again thanked for their hard work and dedicated efforts.

DH advised that it has been six months since his heart surgery and that his recovery was going well. Having recently attended a weekends training course in Luxembourg that was instructed by Sensei's Ibscher and Delgado, he was able to train that further aided in his recovery.

There are a good many courses being presented by members of the KSKA around the countries and instructed by members of the Shihankai that is encouraging for the future.

DH reminded those present at the meeting of the importance of paying their membership in a timely manner in order to support the KSKA.

Congratulations were expressed to Christian Le Romancer and Gerhard Scheuriker for passing 6th Dan also Andrew Shannon for passing 2nd Dan during the Aki Gasshuku in Dresden.

- **Report of the Secretary**

Mike Cowburn (MC) thanked his colleagues on the KSKA Executive and Shihankai for their valued support as provided throughout the year and the assistance that is being received from Livia Castro KSKA Treasurer. Livia is good to work with and is very supportive.

Despite their having been a few recent challenges, MC expressed his optimism towards the future of the Academy especially following the elevation of Nico Ibscher and Juan Pablo Delgado to a position on the Shihankai, whilst the selection process of further Assistants to the Shihankai is ongoing.

A further reminder of the availability of the Instructors Certificate for the qualifying members of the Academy was advised together with details of the application process.

Also the renewal after three years for 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.

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• **Report of the Treasurer**

Livia Castro presented to the meeting copy of the final accounts that continue to show a healthy balance. Content of the accounts are believed fully transparent.

Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Raymond Shannon and seconded by Pascal Petrella.

Members were once again reminded to re-affiliate and pay their membership fees from the 1st January in support of the Academy.

• **Auditors Report**

Appointment of new auditors has proven necessary due to the Academy's bank account having been relocated to Belgium. There were no issues arising.

4. **Election of Executive Officers**

KSKA President

Shihan Dirk Heene volunteered his services to continue in the post of KSKA President.

The election of DH was unanimously agreed by the meeting and for a period of two years.

KSKA Secretary

Mike Cowburn volunteered to continue in the post of KSKA Secretary

The election of MC was unanimously agreed by the meeting and for a period of two years.

5. **Any Other Business**

- Due to recent changes proposed by the KSKA Executive and supported by members of the Shihankai, amendments have been made to the Articles of Association (Statutes) that required ratification from the membership.

Copy of the draft Articles of Association were circulated to the membership in advance of the meeting together with the obligatory invitation to attend the General Assembly and 14-days in advance. There were no objections to the proposed amendments.

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As such the Articles of Association, final draft dated October 2017 were agreed by the members where copy can be found on the KSKA website.

Details of the next two KSKA Gasshuku were advised to the membership. The Natsu Gasshuku in May 2018 is to be held in Newcastle, Co Down, Northern Ireland, with the course being organised by Sensei Raymond Shannon. Details are included on the KSKA website.

Details of the Aki Gasshuku in October 2018 that is to be held in Glasgow, Scotland and organised by Sensei Jim Martin were also advised, where the course advertisement will shortly be posted on the KSKA website.

Advice regarding the necessity to book accommodation well in advance of both the Natsu and Aki Gasshuku was given to the membership with hotel details being included on the course advertisements.

As there being no further business the meeting closed at 19.15hr