

SEUSKF BOD Meeting Aug11, 2007

Prior to the start of the meeting President Ken Strawn passed out AUSKF membership cards that he had received to be distributed. It was noted that some cards might be missing for some dojos and that each dojo would need to look over its records. If any cards that had been expected were not present they should contact Ken Strawn or Shinobu Maeda for assistance in correcting the problem.

The meeting was held in Atlanta on AUG 11, 2007.

Present at the meeting were:

Maeda, Shinobu
Hyun, Jin-Kee
Strawn, Ken
Arai, Kunitoshi
Souder, Bob
Barr, Ryoko
Watson, Mike

Not present:

Liu-Canada, Tina
Nieves, Frank

At 12:20 the meeting was called to order by President Ken Strawn and minutes from the previous meeting of Jan 27, 2007 were read by Mr. Watson. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Mr. Hyun and seconded by Mr. Souder, motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report for the first half was read by Mr. Strawn.

SEUSKF Treasurer's Report (period 3/27/07 to 8/7/2007)

Prepared by Tina L. Canada

Account Summary:

* The Opening Balance has been adjusted since the 3/26/07 Treasurer's report to reflect the correct balance in the SEUSKF account after balancing the account on 5/1/07 *

SEUSKF Membership Summary (as of 8/7/2007)

Total 2007 membership--366*

Total SEUSKF dues collected in 2007--\$6,815.00

Total AUSKF dues paid by SEUSKF membership--\$13,175.00

Membership Breakdown:

17 yrs & under

18 yrs & over

Male

Female

96

270

309

57

* Two member dojos have not sent dues (Emerald Coast of Pensacola & Ken Shin Kai of Richmond).

Membership list

South Eastern United States Kendo Federation 2007

Dojo	Number of members
Annapolis Kendo and Iaido Club	8
Baltimore/Annapolis Kendo Club	10

Charleston Kendo and Iaido Club	15
Charlotte Kendo Club	14
East Georgia Kendo Club	8
Emerald Coast Kendo Club (Pensacola, FL)	0
Georgia Kendo Alliance	61
Georgia Nihongo Gakko	12
Gulf Coast Kendo Club (Bradenton, FL)	31
Heaven Kumdo (Tampa, FL)	0
Il Kum Kwan (Atlanta, Ga)	15
Ken Shin Kai Kendo Club (Richmond)	0
Koryo Kendo Club	34
Meguro Kendo Club (Ft. Myers, FL)	7
Memphis Kendo Club	22
Nashville Kendo Club	17
North Raleigh Kendo Club	5
Northern Virginia Budokai	15
Orlando Kendo Club	7
Peachtree City Kendo Club	5
Renshinkan Kendo Club (Satellite Beach, FL)	6
Shi Sei Kai (Miami, FL)	5
Shudokan (Alexandria, VA)	11
South Florida Kendo Club	16
Tennessee Meiji Gakuin	17
Triangle Kendo Club	25
TOTAL	366

A motion to accept was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Souder, motion passed unanimously.

A proposal was made by Mr. Strawn that the SEUSKF change its fiscal year from its present calendar year to July-June. The reason is to allow better fiscal planning based on membership for the year. In its present format the expense planning is done prior to membership monies being received. A motion to accept a July-June fiscal year, starting with July 1, 2007 was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Souder and passed unanimously.

The proposed budget for the 'new' 2007-2008 fiscal year was presented

by Mr. Strawn for Ms. Liu-Canada:

Proposed Budget for July 2007-June 2008
Amount in Treasury at July 2007.....\$14,091.54
Budgeted expenses:
National Championship.....\$1600.00
BOD travel expenses.....\$3000.00
SEUSKF website expenses.....\$100.00
SEUSKF seminar (and promotion) expenses...\$3000.00
Admin expense (includes check acct. fees).\$380.00
Total expenses.....\$8080.00

The following announcements were made:

-Kitamoto 2009, it is Mr. Strawn's opinion that we will likely be able to send two people as the SEUSKF should be at the top of the list that year. To attend you must be sandan or above and be willing to pay your travel expenses. SEUSKF will pay for the tuition expense.

-Tryouts for the 2009 World Takai in Sao Paulo Brazil begin this fall.

-GKA has made a proposal to host the 2011 AUSK National Championships in Atlanta. More on this as time approaches but it was agreed that all SEUSKF dojos will be called upon to help at the tournament.

-2008 AUSKF National Championships. Possible team members were discussed. It was noted that the SEUSKF will pay for entry fees and nafuda. More details to be discussed and presented after committee break out session.

-Mr. Strawn reported that he has been in communication with possible new clubs that are trying to get started in these locations: Columbia, SC, Wilmington NC, and Winthrop University, Rock Hill SC. In addition he has received inquiry from Daytona Beach but has not received any reply to his response emails.

A question was raised regarding SEUSKF dues for youth. A proposal was made to lower it from \$15 to \$10 per year. This proposal was not pursued due to lack of support.

Agenda item 1E regarding consequence for member dojos that fail to pay their SEUSKF dues on time was discussed. It was proposed that at one week past due a verbal or written warning would be issued by the SEUSKF president. If one month or more late, the membership of the dojo would be prevented from any promotional testing for 3 months from when dues were received. A motion to accept these terms was made by Mr. Souder, seconded by Mr. Watson. The motion passed unanimously.

The last item under old business was to amend the procedure for requesting travel funds. This item was tabled for later discussion.

New Business:

The first item of new business was promotion requirements and scheduling.

As per the information Mr. Maeda received from Murikami sensei (AUSKF vp of promotion) it had been decided to abort the previous SEUSKF plan to allow dojo promotions up to nikyu. The new regulations require 5 yondan or above to make up the examination panel for kyu level promotions and it was felt by the BOD that most dojos would be unable to meet this expectation. Discussions revolved around how to bring equity and availability of promotions up to ikkyu/shodan levels to all areas of the SEUSKF region.

There was a break at 1:47. The meeting reconvened at 2:02.

After long discussion the following resolutions were decided on:

SEUSKF would create 5 geographic sub-regions within the federation for scheduling shinsa up to ikkyu/shodan. These sub-regions would consist of West. East. North, South, and Central. The sub-

