

Southeastern U.S. Kendo Federation



SEUSKF BOD meeting minutes: January 17, 2015

Present:

Phillip Hyun
Shinobu Maeda
Ryoko Barr
Kunitoshi Arai
Tina Canada
Mike Watson
Shigetoshi Eda
Ken Tamura

Not Present:

Craig Philbeck

Election of Board Officers results-

President: Phillip Hyun
VP Promotion: Shinobu Maeda
VP Competition: Ryoko Barr
VP Education: Kunitoshi Arai
Treasurer: Tina Canada
Secretary: Mike Watson
At Large: Shigetoshi Eda, Craig Philbeck, Ken Tamura

Committee membership:

Promotion Committee: Shinobu Maeda, Mike Watson, Craig Philbeck

Education Committee: Kunitoshi Arai, Phillip Hyun, Ken Tamura

Competition Committee: Ryoko Barr, Tina Canada, Shigetoshi Eda

Minutes from last meeting (September 6, 2014)- Prepared and read by Secretary Mike Watson

-motion to accept as read 1st-T. Canada, 2nd R. Barr. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report- Prepared and read by Treasurer Tina Canada

-motion to accept as read 1st M. Watson, 2nd K. Tamura. Passed unanimously

Old Business:

Non-profit status report- Success, we are now a federally recognized 501c(3) non-profit organization. Taxes and rules regarding fund-raising were discussed. Taxes for our organization are relatively simple to do until certain financial thresholds are crossed in terms of total amount of money collected during the fiscal year, relative percentage of money collected from membership fees compared to other sources of income (such as fund raising or tax deductible donations), and total amount of money collected through fund raising. It was decided that the Secretary would handle filing of taxes statement with the government with assistance, if needed, from the Treasurer.

New Business:

New dojo application- Han Mi Martial arts in Maryland has asked to join the federation. After discussions with the dojo leader and amongst the BOD it was felt that they seem to be a good candidate for inclusion. However, at current time they do not have a FIK recognized ranked leader and as such have been accepted at this time as a probational club. It was agreed that the dojo leader and students should be encouraged to take a shinsa to evaluate their current level and rank at least by the Fall SEUSKF championship but sooner if possible.

- Motion to accept 1st M. Watson, 2nd T. Canada. Passed unanimously

Budget issues- A request was made for \$300 to cover some of Maeda sensei's travel cost to FIK shinpan seminar in Las Vegas.

Leadership seminar for August BOD meeting- The board discussed the next BOD meeting and also training opportunities for membership. With the new Yondan promotion requirements for SEUSKF members it was decided we would try to hold a shinpan seminar. The tentative date discussed was the weekend of Aug 8&9, 2015 in Northern Virginia. More to come on this as time goes on.

Eligibility of BOD members- During the effort to get non-profit status and the last election period it became clear that we should set some kind of prerequisites for SEUSKF board membership. This was discussed. What the board put to a vote were the following requirements to be eligible to sit on the board:

Age: minimum of 21 years old, no maximum

-It was felt that younger members may not have enough experience dealing with financial, organizational, and other duties of the board including travel to board meetings without undue difficulty.

SEUSKF history: minimum of 2 years as a member in good standing of the SEUSKF.

- It was felt that it would be advisable for board members to be familiar with SEUSKF dojos and procedures.

Rank restrictions: None

Participation: Participate in bi-annual SEUSKF BOD meetings and also be a regular participant in Federation events.

The adoption was motioned by M. Watson and passed unanimously.

At this point there was a short break and the group split up into committee sub-groups.

Committee Reports-

Competition- Members: *Members:*

Barr (VP), Canada, Eda

It was noted that Nationals will be in summer of 2017. The plan is to:

- Choose team membership by Fall of 2016.
- Possibly have a godo-keiko for team members that are interested
- Tentatively have tryouts at January 2016 BOD meeting and either GKA May tournament or Spring/Summer Chapel Hill, NC.
- Target 10-14 on each team
- Coaches-

Head Coach- Hyun
Mens team- Tamura
Womens team- Arai
Youth team- Matsumura
Mudansha- pending
Senior- pending

- Selections based on try-outs; tournament results; and coach ability.
- Must be willing to go to team practices
- Announce preliminary team picks at SEUSKF 2016 tournament
- Possibly send mens and womens team to Detroit tournament in 2017

Education- Members:

Arai (VP), Hyun, Tamura (minute)

SEUSKF has four zones:

- West (include TN) will continue to lead by Hyun Sensei
- South (include FL) will continue to lead by Maeda Sensei
- Central (include GA) will continue to lead by Arai Sensei
- North (include VA) will need to reach out since there are less high ranking (4+) kendoist.

*Also trying to help 4th dan kendoist (Kazuto Yasuda, Pat Register and Rogers Gossett) from Memphis to promote to 5th dan which create strong foundation/base at Memphis, TN.

Candidate Dojo for Kendo Seminar(s):

- Baltimore-Annapolis Kendo & Iaido Club (Maryland)
- Northern Virginia Budokai: Contact person: Brian Sherry
- Shudokan (DC) Sensei/Contact: Wayne Scanlon

*Ken will be contacting dojo reps under supervision of Hyun Sensei and Arai Sensei for further details

Kendo Seminar(s) Focus:

- Regi
- What is Ippon or Yukodatotsu
- Fundamental/Basic
- (Godo keiko, Waza, Kata according to their level)

Date/Details:

- Date and Details - TBD after we contact the each dojo representatives but considering one seminar in April or May. If any schedule conflict will be holding in summer.
- Half day or One day in length
- Requirement: people with Bogu (no beginners) but open for all age.

Problem/future assignment:

- How to promote and support Iaido activities in SE.

Promotion- Members:

Maeda (VP), Philbeck (not present), Watson (minute)

The promotion committee had no major issues. It was felt we still need to make sure that:

People need to use same name at each promotion on menjo application.

Complete reminders of upcoming shinsa changes for kyu ranks and yondan.

Kyu ranks students will need to be able to do both sides (motodachi and kakerite) of bokuto ni yoru kihon waza keiko ho according to this schedule:

4th kyu- 1-3

3rd kyu 1-6

2nd kyu 1-9

In addition to having jitsugi.

Tentative date for next meeting- August 8/9, 2015 in Alexandria VA