



SEUSKF Board of Director meeting agenda-

BOD Present:

Arai, Kunitoshi
Barr, Ryoko
Canada, Tina
Hyun, Phillip
Ishimori, Nozomu
Maeda, Shinobu
Watson, Mike

Not present:

Becerra, Moses (was on video chat call in)
Tamura, Ken

Guests:

Teppe Tsurumi

The BOD meeting was hosted at the home of Ishimori sensei. Our thanks to Ishimori sensei and his wife for their wonderful hospitality.

Minutes from last meeting (January 19, 2019) –

Read by SEUSKF Secretary

Motion to accept minutes as read: 1st, Canada, 2nd Barr. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report (see appendix)-

Presented by SEUSKF Treasurer

Motion to accept treasury report as read: 1st, Watson, 2nd Hyun. Passed unanimously

Budget discussion: The proposed budget for 2019-2020 was virtually the same as the previous budget with no major changes (see proposed budget worksheet in appendix)

There was a discussion of ways to encourage iaido as well as possibly jodo. It was felt that Dach sensei in Memphis would be a good person to contact regarding the potential to host, direct, assist or participate in a seminar/event for iaido. Also potential for seminars in northern and southern regions. It isn't felt that we have as good a support system for iaido as we do for kendo and we want to support our iaido members as much as we can. We could handle a seminar by having the BOD organize it, a dojo host and organize, or some combination. If needed, we may be able to move some money from other budget items for support.

Old Business:

- New club: Memphis Kendo Association

Recently the Memphis Kendo Club split into two dojos. The Memphis Kendo Club is still under Dach sensei as has been. The new club has petitioned for membership to the SEUSKF. It will be named Memphis Kendo Association and the head sensei will be Patrick Register sensei (5 Dan). Presently both clubs had in excess of 10 members and meet all requirements for membership as a SEUSKF dojo. Club information will be sent to the AUSKF for addition to their records and Tina has already set up electronic registration on the AUSKF online membership registration site.

There was a question about dual dojo membership registration however it was explained that you cannot register as a member for two separate dojos.

New Business-

- Arai sensei announced he has arranged for a seminar featuring Yamamoto Masahiko sensei, 8 dan kyoshi and Yamamoto Mariko sensei, 6 dan rensshi multi-time all Japan women's winner, from Osaka. He asked for SEUSKF financial assistance for the seminar. After a short discussion the board voted on supplying GKA with \$1000 for assistance.

Motion to accept: 1st Becerra, 2nd Watson Unanimously accepted.

- There was a reminder that the SEUSKF Annual tournament would be held October 5 and 6 in Atlanta, hosted by the Atlanta Kendo Kai. Registration will be electronic and will be presented next by Teppei Tsurumi
- SEUSKF electronic forms and registration- Teppei Tsurumi (TKI)-

Tsurumi sensei presented information on the registration system that will be used. Called JOTFORM it can integrate with Google calendars as well as financial payment system such PayPal and can be linked to Google and SLACK.

Approvals can be sent automatically to dojo reps

Charge for compatibility we need is \$19.00 per month

Can be linked to credit cards reader for PayPal payment

Can sign waivers and other forms as well

Can include area for instructors' signature on testing forms

- All Japan Kendo Federation has a kendogu donation program- Contact Barr sensei. All donations will be done through Maeda sensei.

- Promotion eligibility rules-
Re-format SEUSKF promotion rules and guide. Incorporate all amendments into one document.

- Management of concussion, health, and harassment
Should we have a document that explains common regulations for etiquette, harassment, and health on the web site? Probably a good idea. M. Watson will work on this and have something ready for review before the next BOD meeting.

Other new business-

- Shinpans-

Encourage to buy their own shinpan accessories such as tie, regulation book, shinpanki (flags). Is there any budget to allow SEUSKF to present a set of shinpanki to people passing yondan (or maybe sandan)?

Team Updates-

Begin deciding on team members. Coaches decisions should get final committee approval. List to AUSKF is sent in April. Should we try to have a final decision for SEUSKF in January? Don't want to put it off too long.

Womens and seniors teams will need to be flexible with the members decisions. Possibly be able to make decisions in October after SEUSKF tournament for womens team.

5 Mudanshas

Try to have practice on Oct 6 before promotion (i.e. early)

Schedule another seniors tryout.

2020 National tournament will be in Detroit

- Team support-

Team requires support from managers and coaches and others.

Registration, bento, and nafuda will be paid for by SEUSKF for team members

Team managers need to be confirmed by email soon.

M. Watson will send out another announcement for the Amazon.Smile donation program that allows people buying from Amazon to have some of the money given to SEUSKF as donation. Will send out in time for Christmas shopping season.

Committee Breakout-

Competition-

Extend a request for volunteers for tm. Need managers. For interested parties let M. Watson know to add them to team sub-mailing lists.

Fundraising goals involve individuals, companies, and organizations. Remember that donations to SEUSKF can be tax deductible. If you accept a tax-deductible donation, please make sure you send that information to Tina Canada and Mike Watson for budget and tax purposes. All payments to the SEUSKF should be sent to the treasurer, Tina Canada.

Try to make any promotional items for fundraising are available before Christmas buying season.

We are shooting for 25K team budget.

Education-

Encourage a Northern region dojo or two dojos to hold a seminar in their region. SEUSKF will assist if needed. Possibly February/March time frame.

November seminar with Yamamoto sensei at GKA.

Potential for seminar with Tamura and Kim sensei? Investigate.

Promotion-

Set up JOTFORM for taikai and shinsa with Tsurumi sensei. Date of tournament, Oct 5; date of promotion, Oct 6

Re-format promotion instructions and regulations as discussed
Form for promotion may be able to automatically calculate time passed since last promotion date for eligibility

Encourage members to practice their shinpan skills by watching points, zanshin, ki ken tai, etc. while in line practice

Consider possibility of getting a program to do some kind of 'examiner' training for new 4/5 Dan to prepare them for sitting as an examiner for a promotion.

Next BOD meeting: Tentatively set for January 18 in Atlanta. Include final tryout for mens team and team practices/good keiko