



SEUSKF Board of Director meeting agenda-

Meeting was held virtually on ZOOM

Attendees:

BOD members

Arai, Kunitoshi

Barr, Ryoko

Becerra, Moses

Hyun, Phillip

Ishimori, Nozomu

Liu-Canada, Tina

Maeda, Shinobu

Tamura, Ken

Watson, Mike

Guests

White, Walter

Minutes from last meeting –

Minutes read by Secretary.

Minutes accepted as read unanimously

Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer stated that there had been no change since the previous report. No income, no expenses.

Minutes accepted as read

Approved unanimously

Old Business:

BOD election

Elections will be held this year. Secretary will send out announcement and nomination invitation in late Spring following the standard procedure in which a call for nominations is sent out. When the nomination period is over all nominees are contacted to confirm they are willing to serve on the board for 3 years and to ask for a short bio or statement to put on the ballots. Ballots are then sent out, typically via certified mail, to dojos. Each dojo with voting status gets one ballot and may vote for up to 9 of the nominees. Ballots have a due date to be returned and are then counted by the secretary and at least one other witness. Results are made known to the current board and the 9 highest vote getting nominees. Should there

be a tie for the last board spot there will be a runoff, this has been an online ballot in the past. New board to be instated at Jan. 2022 meeting and serve for 3 years.
approved unanimously

YouTube Channel- what do we want to put there?

There was a discussion of ideas for what kind of content to add to the SEUSKF YouTube channel. Ideas include practice clips by dojos as a way of introduction of their dojo to other SEUSKF members, instructional videos, potentially ones from SEUSKF, and recordings of SEUSKF town halls, tournaments, seminars, and potentially gradings. Of course, people featured in the videos should be contacted to get permission to share the video first. There are all ideas discussed. First off, we plan to begin posting SEUSKF Town Halls. They will be private links and not public.

Nationals 2021 Updates?

No updates have been made available at this time and we are in holding pattern.

Virtual seminar

It was thought that it might be a good idea to have some kind of virtual seminar(s) or Town Hall type meetings to encourage engagement of our members. It was decided that each committee should discuss potential ideas for online seminars.

Dojos practicing?

While waiting for Walter White's presentation the board discussed current state of practice. Some dojos are able to practice with lower student count and mostly no jigeiko, some without bogu at all. Some dojo had no in person practice at all presently. Koryo dojo and the North Raleigh dojo (Olevsky sensei's club) were both having indoor in person practices but with limited contact.

Web site transition?

Walter White was present to discuss the possibility of changing the SEUSKF web site to a new host and maintenance program. The main question left to investigate is mailing lists and costs. White sensei was asked to begin getting a web site template and design together while we investigate costs of the web site that includes all options such as host site, commerce capability and mailing lists.

New Business-

Set up SEUSKF survey?

This would primarily be a way to determine the number of dojos practicing in southeast and what kind of practice they can do. Would be similar to AUSKF survey and could be done using google forms. AUSKF survey received 117 answers out of 243 total dojos, less than half. It was decided the secretary would work on a form to send out to SEUSKF dojos.

2021 Federation dues

Federation dues will be lowered this year.

As announced by AUSKF fee structure for 2021-2022 membership year will be:

Adult (18 years and over)	\$40
Children (17 years and under)	\$20
Full Time Students	\$20
One Time Initiation Fee	\$10 (new members)

The SEUSKF board voted to reduce the rates for SEUSKF membership also. The reduced SEUSKF are below:

Adult (18 years and over)	\$20
Children (17 years and under)	\$10
Full Time Students	\$0
One Time Initiation Fee	\$0 (SEUSKF doesn't charge an initiation fee for new members)

Renewal date is March 31, 2021.

Kendo outlook for 2021

There was a discussion about what the board can do to keep members involved in kendo a little bit despite in person practice being difficult for most areas. It was felt if we do a ZOOM town hall/ Q&A type session one thing we could get feedback on is what future things might be of interest. It's limited right now of course but the board wants to reach out to the membership to keep them involved and interested. Maeda sensei felt that if we had regular meetings, once or twice a month, that it would be easier for people to get into a groove of being at the meetings. After quite a bit of discussion the board decided that twice a month ZOOM session with flexibility to do a practice session, suburi, just discussions etc. Canada sensei thought she could do the first one on February 6th with another Feb 20th.

Committee Breakout-

Competition-

Ishimori sensei's national tournament plan was revised from previous meeting. Selection issues were defined in the process of team selection and management. Selections should not change, i.e., should be one selection process and not change. Having a guideline of selection gives a roadmap to be followed.

Coaches' issues can be varied but issues should go through head coach. BOD wants to support coaches in this process.

AUSKF will go back to normal schedule which may mean if they hold one this year it may only be 2 years till the next one.

Education-

Education committee said they would wait to see feedback on virtual seminars to see what might be useful to our members. Possibly include a question in survey.

Promotion-

The promotion committee primarily went over the new promotion form in development. It will be a pdf that has fillable spaces, some required and some only under certain circumstance. The secretary shared the form on screen and went through the changes discussed. It was also noted that we should be asking sensei's to send in forms for their

students instead of the student sending in their own forms. This would ensure that the sensei is aware of the promotion request.

Other new business-

Small discussion on requiring COVID vaccinations for all attendees at SEUSKF events in the future or not. No decision was made.