

# Kase Ha Shotokan Ryu Karate - Do Academy 加瀬派松涛館流空手道

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## **KSKA General Assembly 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Time: 19.00hr  
Venue: Cork, Ireland

### **Agenda**

- 1. Shihan Dirk Heene gave the Presidents welcome address**
- 2. Register of attendance / verification of entitled voters**

#### **Members in attendance:**

Dirk Heene, Velibor Dimitrijevic, Jim Martin, Michaylo Fedyk, Pasquale Petrella, Pascal Lecourt, Alan Armstrong, Mike Cowburn, Juan Pablo Delgado, Nico Ibscher, Tim Harte, Yvonne Doyle, Lesley Fedyk, Sandie Hopkins, Steve Thompson, Ian Gillis, Ashley J. Cowburn, Tadhg O'Mahony, Barry O'Connell, John Merritt, Lorenzo Marti, Roland Reiszek, Leonardo Schwartz, Jordi Millet, Gerard Schouten, Charlotte Bohlin, Annette Pavlovic, David Vincente.

#### **Observers in attendance included:**

None registered

### **3. Officers reports**

- Report of the President**

Dear Members, Members of the Shihankai,

When the Academy was founded in 1989 the idea from Sensei Kase was to continue the practice of karate after the level of Sandan, in order to find and discover different dimensions in the human capacity.

Already in 1995 it was clear that not everyone was on the same way of thinking. The Academy changed the name into KASE HA. Some Shihans decided to follow this road and the courses in Andorra showed us clearly what was happening.

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In 2000 Sensei Kase was ill and a group of instructors was selected to assist the Sensei on his courses, this group were called “The Shihankai”. When in 2004 Sensei Kase passed away, again many people left for various reasons.

The Shihankai members continue to try through the Gasshuku’s that are held twice a year, to maintain and progress Sensei Kase’s principles.

Now in 2015 this group is still taking care with the help of some younger and able instructors. But if we see that only 122 members have paid their contribution this year and that the numbers are beginning to shrink, then we need a kind of facelift also to reinvigorate our connections.

We still believe that this lifetime karate has a deeper meaning and can still be developed, but we need the support of the membership in their positive thinking and practice through meeting and training together on the Gasshuku’s.

Thank you.

Dirk Heene  
President of the Shihankai  
10 October 2015

- **Report of the Secretary**

Mike Cowburn thanked his colleagues on the KSKA Executive and Shihankai for their valued support provided throughout the year also for members contributions to the KSKA News Letter. Please keep these coming in, especially course advertisements as the News Letter is proving a valuable means of communication to the Academy.

Mike presented the meeting with a review on the uptake of the KSKA Instructors certificate and a reminder to the membership of the qualification criteria and application process. Application forms are available from the KSKA website including further details.

Mike also thanked Tim Harte and his group for their excellent work in organising the Aki Gassuku in Cork and reminded the meeting that the Natsu Gasshuku in May 2016 will be held in Meirlo, Netherlands over the weekend of 13 to 15 May 2016.

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### • **Report of the Treasurer**

Alan Armstrong presented the meeting with copies of the certified accounts showing Income and Expenditure together with the current Balance Sheet and talked the meeting through the detail.

The balance has reduced on the previous year due in part to the reduction in membership renewals as referred within the Presidents report and reminded members that a timely renewal is imperative for the future success of the KSKA.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Sandie Hopkins and seconded by Tim Harte. There being no counter proposal the accounts were accepted by the meeting.

### • **Auditors Report**

The Treasurer proposed no changes to the current auditors that was accepted by the meeting.

### **4. Election of Executive Officers**

There were no Executive Officers scheduled for re-election this year.

### **5. Any Other Business**

- Shihan Dirk Heene advised the meeting that Sensei Jim Martin is to step down from front line instruction on future Gasshuku's, but wishes to remain in position as a member of the Shihankai and retain the post of Vice President.
- Tim Harte, put forward copy of the Dojo Kun and requested the KSKA consider its adoption as a study of the key principles.

The Shihankai is to consider this aspect whilst taking into consideration factors including copyright.

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- Shihan Dirk Heene invited interested countries or groups to consider hosting a future Gasshuku, whilst advising the meeting that an approach has been made by Israel to host the Aki Gasshuku in October 2016.

The meeting was asked if there were any alternative proposals for the October 2016 course and in the absence of any other proposals Israel is to be considered.  
The date for the Aki Gasshuku will be 7th to 9th October 2016.

- Gerard Schouten ask the meeting, if there was a minimum number of members required to maintain the KSKA in the present form also proposed the introduction of a junior membership level.
- Shihan Dirk Heene responded that members are responsible for the timely renewal of their membership in order to support the KSKA, whilst the intention of Sensei Kase was to further develop the level of karateka from Sandan and above through the coming together as an Academy.
- Gerard Schouten raised the question of payment for training on Gasshuku's, asking if it was possible for non-members to pay for training on a daily rate. This is to be considered further by members of the Shihankai and Executive, whilst in the meantime and until an agreement is reached, then arrangements are to remain unchanged.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 20.00hr