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KSKA General Assembly 2018 Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 13th October 2018

Time: 19.00hr

Venue: Glasgow, Scotland

Agenda

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

Members in attendance:

Dirk Heene, Jim Martin, Michaylo Fedyk, Pasquale Petrella, Mike Cowburn, Juan Pablo Delgado, Nico Ibscher, Livia Castro, Yvonne Doyle, Lesley Fedyk, Tim Harte, Miguel Rocha, Henrique Carrico, Jose Santos, Oliver Sprinz, Leonard Schwartz, Brian Duncan, Ewen Davidson, Kevin Cowie, Manuel Valero.

3. Officers reports

- Report of the President**

Dear members,

Welcome to this meeting on the second Gasshuku to be held in Glasgow (the first one was with Sensei Kase in 2002).

The evolution of the KSKA is not disconnected from the general evolution in our society. We are depending on the economical, social and mental development of our environment. To adapt to the changes of a situation, without losing your objective is a basic attitude in martial arts.

Specific in the KSKA with the content of Kase Ha, the objective is clear: follow and develop the instruction of Sensei Kase in the Shotokan Ryu.

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Sensei Kase left his heritage in the memory of his students. Nothing was written or recorded except some books about katas.

Sensei Kase's heritage is recorded on the Kase Ha grading syllabus and is for now the only reference that we have to the methodology and philosophy of Sensei Kase's instruction. After 15 years of experience (2002-2017), the Shihankai have decided to upgrade and clarify some of the more difficult items in this syllabus that were often misunderstood and wrongly interpreted by the examination candidates and their instructors.

In Feb 2018 the Shihankai gathered in Mullheim to consider this matter. Until now (8 Months) we have tested the content during different seminars also in our dojo training. The senior members (5th dan and above) have also had their influence through expressing their experience and opinions so we now intend to present a new and clearer version of the KSKA Dan grading syllabus that is to be applied from January 2019. During future Gasshuku (Espinho in May 2019 and Luxemburg in October 2019); also in Glasgow, parts of the syllabus was included, we will explain and teach the members how to interpret and practice the new program. Please, do not misunderstand! Nothing changed about the content of the program, but now there is a better spread out over the different levels that is aimed at promoting a greater degree of continuity and development.

Concerning the Dan grade diploma's (certificates) things have been slightly complex since Sashiko Kase passed away as she and Mrs Kase were the key persons involved in the production of the certificates.

Understandably, since April 2018 Mrs Kase has stayed in Japan with her family, but is planning to come back to Paris at the end of Oct 2018. Then I will contact her and see how we can continue with the procedure of the diploma's.

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Since March there have been different examinations but the diploma's are not ready yet due to the above. So there is a delay.

The recording of the gradings is retained safely so there is no need to worry and the certificates will be presented as soon as possible.

The main objective is that we maintain the training and progress in our karate. Through this way I want to thank the members of the Shihankai, Executive and all the members of our Academy for their efforts and trust in the development of our Karate. Thank you

Dirk Heene

KSKA President and Member of the Shihankai.

- **Report of the Secretary**

Mike Cowburn (MC) wished to thank his colleagues on the KSKA Executive and Shihankai for their valued support over the past 12-months.

MC gave a further reminder of the availability of the KSKA Instructors Certificate for the qualifying members of the Academy together with detail of the application process.

Also the renewal after three years for some of the earlier recipients and how to re-apply.

Application forms are available from the KSKA website where the cost of renewal is the same as for the initial application €25.

MC invited members to advertise their domestic courses by providing copy of the course advertisements for launch on the KSKA website.

MC thanked those who have already contributed to the KSKA News Letter, whilst requesting members to submit articles for inclusion in future issues.

Members are requested to inform MC of any changes to their contact email address in order to remain in-touch also to ensure that members receive copy of the KSKA News Letter.

MC requested that members provide him with copy of 4th Dan and above Dan grade applications for in some instances the official forms are being handed to the grading

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examiner, but this short circuits the official procedure that requires notification to all members of the Shihankai, a task that is performed by the KSKA Secretary.

Finally, MC reminder the meeting of the legal requirements that are imposed on European member states under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that applies to the KSKA. Copy of the KSKA's GDPR policy is available on the website, whilst a reminder was given of the basic restrictions that includes the taking of photographs or film footage during official KSKA training seminars other than in respect of the central demonstrations and providing that individual permission of those within the demonstration is obtained.

- **Report of the Treasurer**

Livia Castro (LC) presented to the meeting copy of the final accounts that show a slight reduction in balance from the previous year together with an explanation as to why this has occurred. Content of the accounts are believed fully transparent.

Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Yvonne Doyle and seconded by Brian Duncan. Members were once again reminded to re-affiliate and pay their membership fees from the 1st January 2019 in support of the Academy.

- **Auditors Report**

Appointment of new auditors was necessary during 2017 due to the Academy's bank account having been relocated to Belgium. There were no issues arising.

4. Election of Executive Officers

KSKA Vice President

Shihan Jim Martin (JM) volunteered his services to continue in the post of KSKA Vice President.

The election of JM was proposed by Pascal Petrella and seconded by Leonardo Schwartz whilst being unanimously agreed by the meeting and for a period of two years.

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KSKA Treasurer

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The election of LC was proposed by Pascal Petrella and seconded by Yvonne Doyle whilst being unanimously agreed by the meeting and for a period of two years.

5. Any Other Business

- DH advised the new KSKA Dan grade syllabus should be available on the website from early 2019.
- Brian Duncan asked if there was to be a period of transition between the old and new Dan grade syllabus that was confirmed by DH.
- Details of the next KSKA Gasshuku were advised to the membership and available from the website. The Natsu Gasshuku in May 2019 is to be held in Espinho, Portugal.

Details of the Aki Gasshuku in October 2019 that is to be held in Luxembourg where copy of the course advertisement will shortly be posted on the KSKA website.

Advice regarding the necessity to book accommodation in advance of both the Natsu and Aki Gasshuku was reminded to the membership with hotel details being included on the course advertisement.

As there being no further business the meeting closed at 19.47hr