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KSKA General Assembly 2019 Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 12th October 2019

Time: 19.00hr

Venue: Luxembourg

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, Geoff Beasley, Miguel Rocha, Henrique Carrico, Jose Santos, Oliver Sprinz, Thomas Gilgin, Peter Cerar, Brian Duncan, Ewen Davidson, Armando Reis, Jarmo Niiranen, Ashley Coburn.

3. Officers reports

- Report of the President**

It is now about 17 years ago when the Shikankai gathered for the first time under the leadership of Sensei Kase.

Since 2004 this group have been leading the technical structure of the Academy by way of instruction and examinations.

Since then some members have left the KSKA Shihankai for personal reasons and interest with new instructors coming in. This then forms part of our natural evolution.

In the last 2 years we have adapted the revised examination syllabus and now everybody seems to be prepared to present their gradings according with the new system.

Evolution and progress are important, but also is tradition and stability that offer great value. Especially the Gasshukus that are significant for this matter.

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In every country the “Shidoinkai” (group of 5th Dans and above) provides a body of experience with their advice and in doing so they are supporting the senior group by offering technical guidance of the KSKA.

Many good suggestions are coming from the active groups across the Academy. However, some never reaching the structure of our organisation.

That is why this group should be more actively promoted and given the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas especially at the Gasshukus also to the Secretary.

In this spirit we shall continue our advancement, not being led by one individual but acting as a ship with a fully engaged crew working and sailing our course together in the journey of karate-do.

All the best

Dirk Heene, President of KSKA 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, where it is a pleasure working alongside them. MC thanked those who have already contributed to the KSKA News Letter, whilst requesting further members to submit articles for inclusion in future issues in order to maintain the current momentum.

Members were invited to promote their domestic courses by providing copy of the course advertisement to the Secretary to launch on the KSKA website.

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 Letters.

Any none-members that wish to receive copy of the KSKA News Letter are advised to contact the Secretary to formally request copy and include their email address.

Finally, a reminder to 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.

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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 and accepted by the meeting.

Members were once again reminded to re-affiliate and pay their membership fees from the 1st January 2020 and at the new and increased rate of 70€.

• **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 President

Shihan Dirk Heene (DH) volunteered his services to continue in the post of KSKA President for a further period of two years.

KSKA Secretary

Mike Cowburn volunteered his services to continue in the post of KSKA secretary for a further period of two years.

5. **Any Other Business**

- None arising

As there was no further business the meeting then closed at 19.50hr