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KSKA General Assembly 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 23rd October 2021
Time: 18.00hr (Central European Time)
Venue: zoom on-line

Agenda

1. Register of attendance / verification of entitled voters

Members in attendance:

Dirk Heene, Jim Martin, Michaylo Fedyk, Pasquale Petrella, Mike Cowburn, Livia Castro, Yvette Martins, Miguel Rocha, Armando Reis, Filipe Sancho, Ulrich Holzhauser, Brian Duncan, Tom van Achte, Tim Harte, Leslie Fedyk, Davide Aratori, Philip Lehrer.

2. Officers reports

- **Having arrived a little late to the meeting due to IT technical issues, Shihan Dirk Heene gave the Presidents welcome address then continued with the report of the President**

Over the weekend of 15th to 17th October 2021 the KSKA presented the first Gasshuku to be held within the dojo since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic and even though the assembly was governed to observe stringent Covid guidelines the event was deemed a great success and enjoyed by the 40 participants who were able to attend.

Thank you to the course organisers whose efforts are very much appreciated in support of the KSKA and who were also celebrating 50-years since the establishment of the club.

With the Gasshuku having been staged in Ham and with the majority of the course participants stemming from the country, this provided a good opportunity to evaluate the current situation with the Belgium Academy and assess the technical level of karate.

A prime example of the positive situation was the high technical level and overall standard that was presented by Tom De Gersem during his 5th Dan grading. Congratulations to Tom.

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Zoom training has proven to be a useful tool during the height of the pandemic, but it is subject to limitations resulting in a partial disconnect with the membership and especially with the technical aspects of our Kase-Ha karate.

It is imperative the KSKA stay connected as a group and to continue with the dojo based Gasshuku with these being a key component to the harmony of the Academy.

The two course instructors then coordinated the technical presentation whilst incorporating the kata's Jitte and Ji'in and highlighting the connections between the two kata.

To further enhance the learning experience, it is intended to present the kata Ji Oyo during the Fuji Keiko that is to be staged in Mullheim over the first weekend in November and where there are no current restrictions in place relative to travel or active training in the dojo.

The dates, venue and local arrangement are in place for the Natsu Gasshuku that is also to be held in Mullheim, Germany over the second weekend in May 2022 also the Aki Gasshuku that is to be held in Espinho, Portugal over the second weekend in October 2022.

Pascal Petrella advised of the intention to host the next KSKA Kangeiko in February 2022 with the arrangements being in place whilst the invitations are to be dispatched shortly.

In addition, local KSKA courses continue to be held in countries including Portugal, Finland, Germany, Israel, Belgium, Scotland and England to name but a few, whilst most are now able to return to the dojo for training and as such maintain the motivation and the spirit.

Although as we head towards the winter period and with the number of reported Coronavirus cases beginning to rise within some countries, we are to monitor the situation and keep you informed just as soon as we are able.

I wish you all the best and a strong spirit in these times.

Dirk Heene
President KSKA, 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 to work alongside them.

For although the period of effect from the Coronavirus pandemic has extended far beyond that which could reasonably have been expected, the administration of the KSKA has and will

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continue to ensure the Academy emerge a strong organisation when the situation returns to what is likely to become the new normal.

MC reminded those wishing to present a senior KSKA Dan grade during 2022 up to the level of 5th Dan, to submit their application to the Secretary a minimum of six months prior to the date of presentation.

For grades including 6th Dan and above then please refer to the KSKA website for details of the applied protocol including the system of evaluation that is applied by the Shihankai.

For those wishing to apply for or to renew their KSKA Instructors certificate then please submit your application to the Secretary where further details including the application form can be found on the KSKA website also within the News Letter(s). The cost remains at 25€.

MC wished to thank those who have already contributed to the KSKA News Letter(s), whilst requesting that members continue to submit future articles for inclusion and in order to maintain the current momentum.

Members are requested to inform the Secretary of any changes to their contact details, especially an email address in order to remain in contact also to ensure that members receive copy of the KSKA News Letters.

Any non-member who would like to receive copy of the KSKA News Letter are advised to contact the Secretary to formally request their email address be included to the distribution list.

• **Report of the Treasurer**

Livia Castro (LC) presented copy of the financial accounts that show a healthy residual position for the year when considering the current situation, whilst expenditure has been rationalised due to such as travel restrictions also the omission of costs that are associated with hosting the Gasshuku and the Kangeiko.

Copy of the finalised accounts were presented to the members.

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LC advised that Tom van Achte has recorded demonstrational footage taken during the Aki Gasshuku in Ham and where the KSKA Executive and Shihankai have agreed to provide free copy to the membership that will be available for collection during future courses.

Should one individual representing a country or region wish to coordinate the distribution of the DVD to local members then please inform LC to arrange for multiple copies to be posted.

Please note the logistics and cost of sending out individual copies would be prohibitive.

Armando Reis asked if it would be possible for non-members to purchase copy of the DVD also wishing to know the price?

Although this had not been the subject of previous discussion it was agreed by the meeting as being possible together with the price of 15€ per copy, but postal limitations as above would also apply.

- **Auditors Report**

There were no issues arising.

3. **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. The re-election of DH was proposed by Michaylo Fedyk and seconded by Jim Martin. DH was re-elected unopposed.

KSKA Secretary

Mike Cowburn volunteered his services to continue in the post of KSKA Secretary for a further period of two years. The re-election of MC was proposed by Jim Martin and seconded by Brian Duncan. MC was re-elected unopposed.

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4. Any Other Business

LC reminded the Membership to re-affiliate and to pay their membership fees from the 1st January 2022 at the same rate of 70€.

And for those who have not already paid their membership fee for 2021 LC is to send specific reminders.

With no further business the meeting closed at 19.00hr