

Annual General Meeting, Canadian Kendo Federation

27th of June 2014, 19:00 - 21:00

Room 232, Leacock Building, McGill University, Montreal QC

Head table CKF executive:

Hiro Okusa, President
Christian D'Orangeville, Vice-President
John Maisonneuve, Treasurer
Neil Gendzwill, Secretary

Members in attendance (note that CKF members are clubs, not individuals):

Note: quorum is considered to be 1/3 of members. Total member clubs is 72, 25 were directly represented and another 15 by proxy, so quorum was easily met.

Academie Martiale Serei represented by Yyves Cote
Aikido Yoshinkai Canada represented by proxy Eric Tribe
Calgary Iaido Club represented by proxy Eric Tribe
Chinook Kendo Club represented by Kyle Lee
Club De Kendo Isshin Montreal represented by Gilles Valiquette
Edmonton Kendo Club represented by proxy Hiro Okusa
Etobicoke Kendo Club represented by Paul Eric Marko
Forest City Kendo Club represented by David Mori
Halifax Kendo Club represented by Will Blades
Hayakawa Kendo Club represented by proxy David Mori
Hoshu Vancouver Dojo represented by proxy Eric Tribe
Isshin Kendo North Country represented by John Maisonneuve
JCCC Iaido Club (Mu Mon Kai) represented by Hanna Ikeda-Suen
JCCC Kendo Club represented by Teser Wong
Jung Ko Kendo Club represented by Hyun-June Choi
Kaigen Kai represented by proxy Goyo Ohmi
Kelowna Kendo Club represented by proxy Hiro Okusa
Kenshokan Iaido Club represented by proxy Goyo Ohmi
Markham Kendo Club represented by Lawrence Tsuji
McGill University Kendo Club represented by Tania Delage
Milton Kendo Club represented by proxy David Mori
Mississauga Kendo Club represented by Shigeo Kimura
Ottawa Kendo Club represented by Hughes Renaud
Quebec Kendo-Kai represented by proxy Christian D'Orangeville
Rai Un Kai represented by Eric Tribe
Renfrew Kendo Dojo represented by Yoshiaki Taguchi
Renseikan Dojo represented by proxy Eric Tribe

Ryerson Kendo Club represented by Simon Conlin
Saskatoon Kendo Club represented by Ken Miyaoka
Sei Do Kai (U. Guelph Iaido and Kendo clubs) represented by proxy Eric Tribe
Shidokan Kendo and Iaido Club (U. of Concordia) represented by Dean Jolly
Simon Fraser University Kendo Club represented by Hiro Okusa
Steveston Kendo Club represented by Ray Murao
Tateyama Kendo Iaido & Jodo Club represented by proxy Eric Tribe
The Rock Kendo Club NL represented by proxy Eric Tribe
Toronto Kendo Club represented by Anthony Walker
University of Waterloo Kendo Club represented by proxy David Mori
University of Victoria Kendo Club represented by Daisuke Hayashi
University of Western Ontario Kendo Club represented by David Mori
Vancouver Kendo Club represented by Akiko Fukushima
Youshinkan Dojo represented by Suguru Asaoka

19:15 - Start of meeting

Chair - Neil Gendzwill (Saskatoon Kendo Club)

Minutes – Akane D’Orangeville (McGill University Kendo Club)

Hiro Okusa, President - opening notes

Chair asked if there were any changes requested to the agenda.

Motion - Will Blades (Halifax kendo) requested addition of section for general comments during meeting, after new businesses' section.

Motion moved by Eric Tribe (Rai-un kai), seconded by Dean Jolly (Shidokan Iaido Kendo Club)

PASSED

Hiro Okusa - President report

Words of thanks for support during presidency. Notes about FIK: 57 countries registered, 12 countries are director countries including Canada. Next WKC after Tokyo will most likely be in Korea.

John Maisonneuve - Treasurer's report

Year end change for administrative reasons from December to March 31st, to adjust to the dates of CKC which usually takes place in end of June/beginning of July

Motion - John Maisonneuve (Isshin Kendo North Country): Appoint Stern Cohen for accounting review for next year

Motion moved by John Maisonneuve (Isshin Kendo North Country), seconded by David Mori (Forest City)

PASSED

Ray Murao - Team Canada report

Direction and selection different from past years; effort to help transitions of younger members, involving more people to participate to trainings and camps. Final selection after Nationals, choose 8 men and 8 women.

Hyun June Choi - Development Fund report

Goals initially were to encourage development of youth and remote regions (far from Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal) - through activities such as seminars. First year, funded 5 events for 2000\$ (2 were new events that took off because of the Fund). Second year, 3 events for a total of 1500\$. This year, 6000\$ to send the team of High School students to Japan. CKF put 7500\$ every year for the Funds.

Hana Ikeda Swen - Iaido and Jodo Development Fund report

Committee reorganized to have members representing all regions. Since 2012, the Fund assisted events and seminars across Canada (Thunder Bay, Etobicocke, Calgary, BC). First Canadian Iaido Championship in 2013, with Japanese sensei as guests, for which the Fund gave 3400\$. Need more promotion of the Fund, especially in the Eastern regions.

Christian D'Orangeville - Kendo Written Examination Committee report

Main objectives are to make members curious and improve their knowledge of kendo culture (in both French and English). Not an academic evaluation. Only one fail in three years.

Eric Tribe - Iaido and Jodo Committee of the Board report

In earlier Board of meeting, the Iaido and Jodo committee was formalized. Iaido and Jodo activities in 2013: 19 Iaido seminars, 14 Jodo seminars, 3 gradings - Iaido and Jodo members are very active, better communication among members is needed, hence the committee.

19:50 - Motions, Questions and Comments

Motion - Hiro Okusa (Simon Fraser University Kendo Club): Change of number of directors from 10 to 8. Smaller government to make decisions faster and more efficient.

Motion moved by Hiro Okusa (SFU Kendo Club) , seconded by John Maisonneuve (Isshin Kendo North Country)

PASSED

Question - Will Blades (Halifax): very centric to Ontario, Quebec and BC, support for remote regions would be needed. Kendo or Iaido seminar every year would be appreciated.

Answer - Neil Gendzwill: Use Development Fund.

added comment - Hana Ikeda Suen: would it be possible for the CKF to send emails or reminders to clubs and members about the existence of the Development Funds? Answer: yes.

Comment - Allan Nichols (University of Victoria Kendo Club) : About Juniors - juniors might have not been accepted in the Nationals (in the first emails), and that was taken negatively by juniors and parents. More financial and moral support would be greatly appreciated.

Answer - Neil Gendzwill and Hyun June Choi: Poor communication, but mostly due to organizational issues because no juniors in the city.

Comment - Brian Asa (JCCC): Brian and Paul Eric Marko managers of Team Canada; trying to raise money outside the Kendo community. National Bank agreed to sponsor 6000\$ over the next three years; the CEO will be present at the Nationals. Simon Conlin put together a Team Canada advertisement video. Year book also was their initiative, and the orders are rather light, please tell club members to order - Orders through Steven Quinlan (Kingston Kendo Club)

Comment - Hiro Okusa (SFU): grading certificates are done by volunteers; writing them and sending is a lot of work. Done by Mrs. Taguchi, David Chiu and Mrs. Hayashi.

Comment - Glen Yamada (Mississauga Kendo Club): August 16th - First Canadian Master Tournament for people who are 48 years and older, minimum 5 dan and above. Guest from Japan, Hara Sensei from Keisicho, who will also lead a kata seminar.

Question - Yoshiaki Taguchi (Renfrew Kendo Club): About Nationals - before, first place was automatically on Team Canada, and we should keep that system.

Answer - Ray Murao: In the past, the winner was automatically selected indeed. For this time, the first place does not get automatic selection in order to encourage younger members to be motivated and not put the older members as an obstacle to the younger ones. For Team Canada to be successful, we cannot keep using the older guys.

Answer - Daisuke Hayashi: Before, we used to start collecting candidates only one year before the WKC. This time, candidates were presented two years before the WKC.

Answer - Hiro Okusa: the board is already committed to leave decision to Murao sensei for Tokyo 2015. Changes can be made for next one.

20:26 - Elections

Reminder: according to the motion, up to 8 directors can be elected.

Candidates: Dean Ara (Renbu Kendo Club), Hyun June Choi (Jungko Kendo Club), Alexander Cook (Ka Muso Kai), Christian D'Orangeville (McGill Kendo Club), Neil Gendzwill (Saskatoon Kendo Club), Shigetaka Kamata (Etobicocke Olympium Kendo Club), John Maisonneuve (Isshin Kendo North Country), David Mori (Western University/Forest City Kendo Club), Richard Schwarting (Sei do kai), Patrick Suen (JCCC Iaido Club), Eric Tribe (Rai-un kai), Glen Yamada (Mississauga Kendo Club).

Ballots received and counted by:

Mark Gringas, Montreal Kendo Club

Hanna Ikeda-Suen, Mu Mon Kai

21:30 - Results

Comment - Ray Murao: About omission of First place - winning championship is still an important thing. Coaches will be looking at that person nonetheless. However, first place will not be automatically selected.

Comment - Hiro Okusa: Uegaki sensei passed away, he practiced until his last days in Sunrise Kendo Club. Minute of silence.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hyun June Choi

Christian D'Orangeville

Neil Gendzwill

Shigetaka Kamata

John Maisonneuve

David Mori

Patrick Suen

Eric Tribe

21:33 - End of meeting