

General Meeting, September 12, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Patricia Potter, Dave Wilkins, Lori Wilkins, Master Zeke Petkovic, Tom Gougoulas, Caleb Zimmerman, Elizabeth Saika, Ken Ripley, Elizabeth Windover, Mike Bridgeman, Barry Benstead, Master Doug Gagel, Alison Williams.

CITY CONTRACT WITH FCTKD –Changes in Policy

The meeting began with a presentation from London City representative Michelle Kerr. She spoke about the changes in city policy concerning partnerships with groups offering classes through the Spectrum catalogue. Despite the fact the policy paper put forward at the meeting was not actually the final copy, it was stated that the City was asking for \$5 million dollars of Liability coverage. Also it was noted that the clause # 5.8 of the new proposed contract would cause conflict with club practices; 5.8 states that “Spectrum” classes must not be mixed with regular club classes: “The Service Provider (FCTKD) shall ensure that only participants registered with the City’s Recreation Program are allowed to participate in the Recreation Program.”

After Ms. Kerr left a discussion between members followed.

Master D. Gagel and E. Windover favored going along with the new agreement. D. Wilkins had issues with the city misrepresenting information to him in the past. Master Z. Petkovic stated the city had difficulties with the non-profit FCTKD due to pressure from Private clubs trying to edge into the Spectrum courses and complaining that clubs like FCTKD were getting an “edge”. Master Z. Petkovic wished to negotiate with the city. D. Wilkins noted that FCTKD serves a segment of the city that would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in martial arts due to expensive private club fees. B. Benstead questioned the lack of an “exit clause” for FCTKD in the new contract and C. Zimmerman commented that the openness between club branches could be lost due to the city’s new policies. T. Gougoulas noted that since all schools would submit 5% in Dues and Fees to FCTKD the various students should be able to visit all the branch schools. Though no date was settled upon it was deemed prudent to set up a “meet and greet” with city officials to remind them of the seventeen years of service of FCTKD and present our issues to them directly. Master D. Gagel suggested the club lawyer should review the city’s new contract. E. Windover motioned that funds be extended for the legal review of the new policy; seconded by C. Zimmerman. Motion carried. P. Potter would send an email to Michelle Kerr to notify her that the club was seeking legal advice.

DUES AND REMITTANCE: D. Wilkins submitted a proposal for a Dues Remittance worksheet to be utilized by the different schools’ Head Instructors to calculate the amount each school would owe FCTKD in Dues. P. Potter had concerns that due to “exceptions” to the worksheet’s presently defined format that the club needed the details concerning the “exceptions” also defined before we could proceed with a vote. C. Zimmerman suggested that an acceptance vote on worksheet be postponed until further details concerning alternate agreements with FCTKD are worked out.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FCTKD AND WORLD SEIKIDO: D. Wilkins presented a list of Instructors for 2007. Also presented was a formal contract of the agreement between FCTKD and World Seikido. This was draw up by D. Wilkins, CEO of The Art in consultation with the Founders, Master Doug Gagel and Master Zeke Petkovic. The Agreement was to formalize and standardize the structure that new instructors were to follow concerning the establishment of their own branch schools. It also covered expectations for instructors' behaviour (Founders of World Seikido can remove or suspend an Instructor at anytime, upon notification FCTKD agreed to also remove or suspend the Instructor until such time as he or she would be reinstated). Another example addressed the issue that new programs or new locations for programs must first be approved by the Founders of World Seikido.

T. Gougoulis moved that the Agreement be accepted; seconded by C. Zimmerman. Motion passed. The Agreement was signed by Master Zeke Petkovic, Master Doug Gagel, Alison Williams (for absent President Fatima Almeida) and by Patricia Potter, Vice President.

FINANCIAL REPORT: L. Wilkins was still waiting for certain receipts concerning expenses for the Annual Picnic before she could present a final report.

INSURANCE: Insurance costs were up to date and covered.

ANNIVERSARY: In consultation with Master Gagel, E. Windover booked the Komoka Community Centre for Saturday, November 24th, 2007. E. Windover request for cheque for deposit for the booking of Komoka Community Centre. D. Wilkins expressed concern that communication was not open concerning the date and that such decisions need to follow a defined structure before they are finalized. P. Potter apologized for the mix-up, as it had been understood that the Founders' wishes only were needed to proceed. In future, such decisions would need the approval of the Executive and Board of Directors before they could be finalized. C. Zimmerman suggested that different meetings could be set up to organize the activities of the different club events in order to reduce the complexity and length of different meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.