

## **Southeastern US Kendo Federation**

### Meeting Minutes

*August 4, 2013*

*Present:* Arai, Kunitoshi; Barr Ryoko; Canada, Tina; Eda, Shigetoshi; Hyun, Phillip;  
Maeda, Shinobu; Philbeck, Craig; Strawn, Ken; Watson, Mike  
Guests: Totten, Jim; Matsumura, Tadahisa

*Next meeting (tentative date):*

January 11, 2013, Berkeley Hills Country Club, Atlanta, GA.

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#### **I. Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by the Secretary. Accepted as read unanimously.

#### **II. 2013-2014 Budget**

Budget overview by Treasurer. Accepted as read.

New budget for 2013-2014 discussed by board.

Budget highlights for SEUSKF (Jan/20/2013-Aug/4/2013)

	<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>		20,865.22
<b>Deposits (US\$)</b>	Dues received for 2013	32,570.00
<b>Debits (US\$)</b>	AUSKF portion of member dues	-18,790.00
	Postage for mailings to dojos and menjo	-32.41
	BOD travel expenses	-1,900.00
	Seminar travel expenses for instructors (Jan-Aug)	-600.00
	Commemorative plaque for S. Imae	-76.48
	National team gym rental for tryouts	-600.00
	Registration and zekken for team to Jr. Nationals	-725.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>		30,711.33

Please see budget documentation at end of this report for full details of Treasurer's presentation.

#### **III. Discussion items:**

##### **a. SEUSKF tryouts and team for national tournament**

There have been two tryouts, one on May 25 and the other August 3. 23 men and 13 women. At the first tryout 4 men were identified and two of the women had been selected.

At second tryout and additional 3 men were selected for 7 total. So far these men have been selected:

Men-

Tamura/GKA  
Tokunaga/TKI  
Kim/TKI  
Eda/UT  
Choi/GKA  
Ro/GKA

Women-  
Robinson/NOVA  
Ku/NOVA

It has been decided that no more open tryouts will be held. The team(s) final decisions will come after holding team practices. A final decision on team will be made at least 2 months prior to National Championship.

Team fundraising-

We are looking into fund raising ideas and it was decided to check fund raising methods with Onitsuka sensei and Yang sensei on West Coast. It was also decided that local dojos should see if they have any fund raising ideas in their area or region wide that might be helpful. One suggestion was to check with local Japanese community clubs, businesses and such to see if they want to contribute (possible advertising opportunity with web site or programs etc). Mike Watson said he would send out an email to dojo contacts asking for ideas or input.

**b. Results and future of US Junior Championship**

A powerpoint show will be posted on the SEUSKF web site of the presentation given by Tad Matsumura for the BOD. A link to the show will be on the BOD page of the web site. Junior tournament items discussed: How to encourage youth kenshi; show that SEUSKF supports its youth members; godo keiko/seminar with youth; be fair for tournament; have tryout for youth team and have team practice(s)

2 teams, no subs

Costs (exclude parent cost)

\$450/person round trip

\$100 rental car

\$200/2 night lodging

\$1000 contributed from AUSKF

Registration \$25/person, \$715 total

Barr sensei requested reimbursement for Matsumura of \$250, Barr sensei request for reimbursement from AUSKF.

**c. SEUSKF annual promotion schedule**

It was communicated that there is an increased need to know about events in a timely manner. All promotional events should be okayed by the VP of Promotion ( S. Maeda) and should be sent to him for approval as soon as an event is being planned. This is to avoid problems with scheduling.

There was a request to try and compile all promotional events held in the SEUSKF by each dojo for the past 2 years.

**d. AUSKF referee seminar for SEUSKF-AEUSKF-EUSKF**

There will be an AUSKF referee seminar for the SEUSKF-AEUSKF-EUSKF (region 2) member federations on October 12 & 13 in Atlanta, GA. It will be hosted by GKA dojo. All yondan and above should try to attend and all sandan are also encouraged to attend. Hyatt Place will be registration hotel. Registration forms should be sent out soon.

**e. 2013 Championship**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual SEUSKF Championship tournament will be hosted in Chapel Hill, NC by Triangle Kendo & Iaido (TKI). The tournament will be held on September 21 with a promotional on September 22. The event will be at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in Fetzer Hall, gym A. A registration packet has already been sent out to member dojo.

It was announced that Kunitoshi Arai sensei had graciously accepted an invitation to be referee-cho for the tournament.

There will be 5 courts running and all sandan and up are expected to help out as referee, all referee will receive a free bento-style lunch. It was announced that Koki Ariga sensei has been invited and also a special guest from Japan, Masaru Fujiwara sensei (7 Dan) would attend.

A demonstration of the 9 bokuto ni yoru kihon waza keiko wo would be demonstrated by James Parker sensei (6 Dan, renshi) and Shinobu Maeda sensei (7 Dan, kyoshi).

**f. Non-profit status for SEUSKF**

Mike Watson reported that he was ready to submit the paperwork for incorporation in North Carolina as a first step to becoming a national non-profit organization. It was related that there would be a \$60 fee for filing in NC and that the next step would be filing for federal non-profit status. The federal filing fee was expected to be \$850. Mr. K. Gauvey had offered to help Mr. Watson, in a non-official, pro-bono way, to get the filing done correctly. Emergency fund would be used to pay for filing fees.

**g. Iaido Shinsa**

Mr Watson said he had been contacted by Frank Nieves sensei regarding possible support for holding an Iaido Shinsa. It was decided that Mr. Nieves would need to make a formal request to VP of Promotion, Shinobu Maeda, but that the BOD was in favor of reimbursing him to our ability (max. reimbursement possible is \$500) upon his request to Maeda sensei.

**Committee Breakouts:**

**Education Committee-**

Arai-sensei reported that the following seminars are planned in this and next year.

August 25 (Sun), 2013: Seminar at Nashville Kendo Club

September 7 (Sat), 2013: Seminar at Charlotte Kendo Club

November 2013: Seminar for Knoxville Kendo Club and University of Tennessee Kendo Club

March 2014: GKA invites Kim Jung-Gook sensei from Korea and host a seminar

May 2014: GKA invites Arima-sensei (8 dan, Osaka fu-kei) and host a seminar

Strawn sensei pointed out that it is important to make sure each region in SEUSKF receive equal opportunity of kendo basic (keiko-ho kata etc.) and referee seminars.

Arai-sensei pointed out that, at AUSKF level, competition committee is responsible for referee seminars, which is different from our practice. He recommended to follow the AUSKF standard.

**Competition Committee-**

Fund raising ideas for SEUSKF teams and individuals in preparation for 2014 AUSKF Championship. Barr sensei said she would try to contact Chris Yang sensei about what they do for fund raising.

**Promotion Committee-**

The promotion committee decided to rescind the ruling from 2007 that requires 6 months to pass before being eligible to test again and instead make it a non-binding recommendation. Tina Canada said she would write up the changes to the Policies and Procedures for posting on the web site and also to the 'How to Guide for Promotions' Promotion items should be sent directly to VP Promotion.

A reminder to make sure that all promotion applications use the name of the member as it appears on their AUSKF member card. This allows better/easier tracking for promotions.

We are interested in implementing an additional requirement for yondan test applicants that requires applicants to have proof of referee involvement. This can be done by attending referee seminars or by acting as referee in tournaments. We will model our system after the west coast federations that use a form that is signed off on by the tournament director or referee-cho to verify participation as a referee in a tournament or the seminar sensei for participation in a seminar. More details on this will be discussed. Mike Watson would have a form prepared by the next board meeting for discussion and finalization. Effective date of implementation is slated for October 2015.

We see implementation of both the bokuto ni yoru kihon waza keiko wo requirement for kyu ranks as well as the referee requirements for yondan to become effective starting October, 2015. This will allow time for instruction and details to be ironed out.

It was decided that the 6 month wait to take a previously failed promotion exam would be made a suggestion as opposed to a requirement.

**Other business:**

Due to cost increases there was a request to increase the meeting facility allowance to be increased to \$250 per meeting or \$500 per fiscal year.. This passed unanimously.

The next BOD meeting is tentatively slated for January 11, 2014 at the Berkeley Hills Country Club in Atlanta, GA.

