

**Minutes**  
**2009 Annual General Meeting**  
**Alberta Taekwondo Association**  
**March 27, 2009 – Calgary, AB**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Master Simon Chung
- Master James Lo
- Master Myung-Ok Yu
- Master Linda Kwan
- Master Thai Lee
- Mr. David Zyluk
- Ms. Tracy Bonertz
- Mr. Richard Ashby
- Master Derek Sadler
- Master Chokri Dridi
- Master Joo-Han Cha
- Master Yong Soo Kim
- Master E. McKenzie
- Master Robin Peterman

Approval of Agenda:

**Motion to approve the Agenda by Master Chokri Dridi and seconded by Mr. Richard Ashby; approved by all.**

**Approval of Previous AGM Minutes** - Minutes not available.

**Constitutional Amendment:**

The Chairman of the ATA turned the meeting over to Mr. Richard Ashby to chair the meeting for the discussion on the proposed amendment to the Bylaws.

The amendment having been given previous notice, Mr. Ashby opened the floor for debate. He explained procedure of nomination and election if the new bylaw is adopted, and that the process of handing the ballots as explained in the "Nomination & Election Policy" paper attached are not part of the bylaws, simply the policy of how the process of the elections would take place.

Two typographical errors were pointed out in the amendment for members to correct (13.7.1. and 13.7.4).

**Amendment - an amendment was proposed by Master Chokri Dridi, to change the word “August” to the word “September” in section 13.7.1. There was no second. Motion defeated.**

**Amendment - an amendment was proposed by Master Chokri Dridi, to insert the words “of positions” after the word “number” in section 13.10.3.1. Seconded by Ms. Tracy Bonertz. Motion carried.**

**Amendment - an amendment was proposed by Master Chokri Dridi, to insert the following sections;**

**13.7.4.1 A person can be nominated for more than one (1) office.**

**13.7.4.1.1 If elected to more than one (1) office, the nominee shall chose which office in which to serve, and the other office(s) shall be filled by the nominee who received the next highest number of votes.**

**Seconded by Master Chung. Motion carried.**

**Debate having concluded, Mr. Ashby called for the vote on the amendment to Article 13 Nominations and Elections, as amended. Motion carried by 2/3 vote as required.**

Mr. Ashby turned the chair of the meeting back to Master Chung, the ATA Chairman.

### **New Bylaws as amended:**

#### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **13 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

13.1 All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

13.2 Only Special Members and Masters of a Constituent Do-Jang, 5TH Dan or higher may be nominated and elected to the positions of: Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman and 2nd Vice-Chairman.

13.3 Any Black Belt, 2nd Dan or higher, may be nominated and elected to the positions of: Secretary-General, Treasurer or Director.

13.4 The nomination and election of Special Members takes place first.

13.5 Candidates interested in becoming Special Members must be nominated and elected by those "Masters of the Constituent Do-Jangs" of the Society in attendance at the Annual General Meeting before any election of Officers can take place.

13.6 Once the Special Members have been elected, the nomination and election of the Board of Directors is conducted.

13.7 Nominations:

13.7.1 Nominations for any elective office shall be made by a member of the Alberta Taekwondo Association on the prescribed form which must be in the hands of the Secretary-General not later than 12:00 noon on the last working day of August.

- 13.7.2 The Secretary-General shall advise all Constituent Do-Jangs and Associate Do-Jangs by July 15th of the requirements of the Bylaws for nominations for elective office and specify the address to which nominations must be delivered.
- 13.7.3 The Secretary-General shall then have the names of those nominated printed and send to all Constituent Do-Jangs and Association Do-Jangs sixty (60) days before the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.7.4 If there is only one (1) nominee for a position, the Chairman shall declare that nominee elected by acclamation. This so nominated and elected officer shall not appear on the ballot.
  - 13.7.4.1 A person can be nominated for more than one office.
    - 13.7.4.1.1 If elected to more than one (1) office, the nominee shall chose which office in which to serve, and the other office(s) shall be filled by the nominee who received the next highest number of votes.
- 13.7.5 When more than one person has been nominated for an office, the Secretary-General shall have the necessary ballots prepared.
  
- 13.8 Nominations from the floor shall not be allowed.
  
- 13.9 Only members nominated shall be eligible for election.
  
- 13.10 Balloting
  - 13.10.1 A single pre-printed Ballot listing each position and the nominees for such shall be issued to those entitled to vote at the time of registration.
  - 13.10.2 A polling station shall be open to receive ballots at the time of registration and in a place adjacent to the registration desk.
    - 13.10.2.1 Ballots shall be marked by placing an X opposite one name for each of the eligible positions for election. If more than one name per position is marked for any position, the ballot will be considered spoiled, and shall not be counted for any position.
  - 13.10.3 A candidate must receive a majority of the total of such votes to be elected.
    - 13.10.3.1 If less than the prescribed number of positions receive a majority vote, those who do have a majority vote are elected, and
    - 13.10.3.2 all other candidates remain on the ballot for the necessary repeated balloting.
  - 13.10.4 Balloting will continue until a candidate for each position receives the necessary majority vote to be declared elected.
  
- 13.11 Further particulars of the nominations and elections process is specified in the "Alberta Taekwondo Association - Nomination & Election Policy".

## **Financial Matters and Report:**

Mr. Larry Doyle reviewed his audited statement of the ATA's financial business for 2008. This was adopted by the members present. Master Chung will forward the audited statement to those who request it. The following motion was put forward by Master Peterman and was agreed to by general consensus. Those wishing to see the audited statement prior to the AGM shall request it from the Treasurer, who will forward it if the request is approved by the President. Master Lo suggested that a fee be assigned for this. David Zyluk disagreed with charging for it.

## **Business Review:**

- a) **Chairman's Report:** Master Chung presented to the Board discussion with regards to how to support athlete development. Calgary and Edmonton are currently running Team Training. Master Thai Lee is helping run Edmonton's training. General training centers are available throughout the province.
  
- b) **Sports Matters:** Organized team training, but the Calgary training is less well organized. Hope to have athletes from both southern and northern Alberta meeting to train. Selection of coaches for Senior and Junior nationals will be based on those coaches whose athletes do the best. The ranking system is not completed. There will be 3 coaches and 1 head of team. Ranking for athletes is likely to be based on placement in tournaments. The board is going to further review this and will present the final draft prior to the next AGM. Master Chan Woo Lee wanted to ensure that Alberta Athletes and coaches train together to ensure quality training, athletes and coaches. Membership Director gave a quick report.
  
- c) **Martial Arts Matters and Report:** There will be 4 regional qualification (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, and Western) and one national qualification tournament for team trials for Worlds. CF and aboriginal athletes will not have to qualify for team trials. Master Chung feels like we should try and apply for more national tournaments. Master Yu expressed his concern about the cost for CTA fees for membership, coaches and athletes.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 PM by Master Rennie.**