

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Alberta Taekwondo Association
February 4, 2012 – Edmonton, AB

Meeting Called to Order at 10:34am by Master Lo.

1. Roll Call:

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

Master James Lo, Master Linda Kwan, Master Ken Froese, Ms. Brenda Wichert,
Master Jim Rennie, Master Rim, Master Thai Le, Ms. Shelley Vettese-Baert,
Master Derek Sadler, Ms. Tracy Bonertz, Dr. Terry DeFreitas,

Guests: Grandmaster Su Hwan Chung, Ms. Eva Havaris (Taekwondo Canada
CEO), Sir Richard Ashby, Cheryl Lezarre

Absent: Master Eric Wah

2. Agenda - Additions/Adoption

- Alberta Open
- Alberta Sports Hall of Fame Nominations
- ATA Equipment Sponsor
- Funding to Alberta Athlete attending 2012 World Junior Championships

Motion: Master Kwan moved to adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Ms. Bonertz. Passed.

3. Minutes from BOD Meeting of May 13, 2011

Motion: Master Rennie moved to accept the Minutes from the May 13, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Bonertz. Passed.

4. Taekwondo Canada Update from Ms. Eva Havaris, CEO Taekwondo Canada

- Ms. Havaris spoke about the National Insurance Program and the benefits of Membership in Taekwondo Canada for Alberta Clubs and students.
- Need for partnership between Taekwondo Canada and Provincial Sports Organizations
- Need for WTF Taekwondo in Canada to be included in the Canada Games and Provincial Games to increase awareness of Taekwondo and access funding opportunities.

Motion: Dr. DeFreitas moved that the Alberta Taekwondo Association shall be solely affiliated with Taekwondo Canada and have no association with any other National or International Taekwondo body other than through Taekwondo Canada. Seconded by Master Rennie. Passed.

5. Alberta Open

- Taekwondo Canada has offered their drawing software for use in the Alberta Open.
- Master Rim has ordered a large banner and pamphlets for the 2012 Alberta Open, to be distributed at the US Open.
- Taekwondo Canada offered that the ATA could either purchase or rent LaJust equipment from the National office for use at the tournament.

Motion: Ms. Bonertz moved that individual competitors at the 2012 Alberta Open, to be held on March 24, 2012, must be a member of Taekwondo Canada in order to compete. Seconded by Dr. DeFreitas. Defeated.

Motion: Master Rennie moved that the registration fee for the 2012 Alberta Open shall include the membership fee for Taekwondo Canada (valid until August 31, 2012), which shall be submitted to Taekwondo Canada at the close of registration. (This motion to be redacted from the published Board minutes due to privacy and confidentiality.) Seconded by Dr. DeFreitas. Passed.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Ms. Wichert reported that Mr. Richard Godwin would perform an audit for the ATA's September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011 fiscal year. The fee will be \$750.00.
- Ms. Wichert also reported the following financial information:
 - August year end \$27,000.00 deficit
 - Bank balance at February 4, 2012 is \$12,000.00 with an additional \$10,000 to come from Alberta Sport within 2 weeks
 - legal fees paid to Bryan & Company \$9,900.00
 - legal fees paid to Bennett Jones \$37,000.00

7. Vice Chairman Report

- Master Rim has received two unsolicited offers for exclusive equipment sponsorship for the ATA. He will confirm details of the two offers and the Executive will determine which company is to be awarded a one year term.
- Master Rim suggested that the ATA nominate members for the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. Cheryl will look into the details so that this may be posted on the ATA's website to allow members to send in nominations.

8. Technical Director Report

- Master Sadler submitted a Poomsae Format Proposal for the 2012 Chun's Tournament and the 2012 Alberta Open.
- Alberta Poomsae High Performance training is progressing well, with good participation.
- Reported that the Learning Facilitator and Assistant Instructor courses held on January 28th and 29th were very successful, with 8 LF participants and 24 AI participants.

- Master Sadler will be hosting an NCCP Multi-Sport Module, with a maximum of 20 participants. He has offered to donate \$300.00 of the proceeds back to the ATA. Time and date to be announced.

9. Medical Director Report

- Dr. DeFreitas will coordinate a medical team of Athlete Therapists for the 2012 Alberta Open.
- She is also working with Taekwondo Canada to follow and report on concussion injuries.

10. Referee Director Report

- Ms. Bonertz has offered one Poomsae and one Gyrougi course, training approx. 35 referees from across Alberta.
- She has also developed scoresheets for Gyrougi.
- A National Gyrougi course was offered in 2011, with another to be offered on March 25, 2012.

11. Coaching Director Report

- Master Le reported that Team Training was going very well in Northern Alberta.
- He would like to see a plan implemented where athlete funding is based on participation in Team Training, to encourage more members to attend scheduled Team Training sessions.

12. Athlete Representative Report

- Ms. Vettese-Baert reported that she has been updating athletes and their parents via the ATA's facebook page.

13. Secretary-General Report

- Master Kwan reported that the recent Learning Facilitator course in Alberta was very well attended and highly successful.
- The ATA still has a \$5000.00 equipment grant from Alberta Sport that either needs to be spent on equipment or returned to Alberta Sport by March 31, 2012.
- She reported that the ATA has received their casino license and will be eligible for its first casino in Spring, 2013.
- Discussion ensued regarding pursuing corporate sponsorships from Alberta oil and gas companies. Ms. Bonertz will follow up.
- Discussion regarding 2012 Alberta Open fundraising possibilities, including a 50/50 with Olympic Tickets as a prize. Cheryl will follow up to get a 50/50 license from Alberta Gaming.

14. Membership Director Report

- Master Rennie reported that there are 56 registered clubs and 457 registered blackbelts.

15. Athlete Funding

- Master Kwan opened the discussion regarding athlete funding to Kaitlin Blankenau, the sole Alberta athlete to qualify to represent Canada at the 2012 World Junior Championships in Egypt. It was decided to award Ms. Blankenau \$700.00 from the ATA, with an additional \$300.00 in funding to Ms. Blankenau being donated by Master Derek Sadler.
- Though funding is not available this year to support referees, the ATA would like to recognize four referees who attended the 2012 Junior Nationals and Senior Olympic Team Trials in Vancouver. They are: Claudio Caamano, Grant Hauer, Anna Muller and Alain Johnson. The Board decided to award certificate to referees and officials who attended these games, and present them at the 2012 Alberta Open. Master Le will design a certificate.
- Discussion regarding funding to athletes who attended Junior Nationals and Senior Olympic Team Trials. No funding will be allocated as there was not an athlete who qualified according to the funding guidelines published on the ATA's website.

16. Annual General Meeting

- The Board discussed possible dates for the 2012 AGM.

Motion: Master Froese moved that the 2012 Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, March 24th, 2012 at 7:00pm. If the meeting cannot be concluded that evening, it will go to recess until the next day, Sunday, March 25th. Seconded by Master Rennie. Passed.

17. Review of Proposed Bylaws

- Sir Richard Ashby presented Version 5 of the ATA's Proposed Bylaws.
- Sir Ashby will take the Board's suggestions into consideration and revise the Proposed Bylaws. He will send the Proposed Bylaws to each Board Members upon completion for their approval to present the Proposed Bylaws for ratification at the 2012 AGM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm by Master Lo.