



# **Alberta Taekwondo Association**

**Date: Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Location: Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel, Edmonton AB**

**Time: 8:00pm**

**Attendees: Master Jim Rennie, Master Simon Chung, Mr. Len Tucker, Mr. David Zyluk, Mr. Jeremy Wilhelm, Dr. Terry DeFreitas, Master Sandy Bowman, Master Linda Kwan, Master Paul Mollins, Master Robin Peterman**  
**Absent: Master Yoon Ha, Master James Lo**

- 1. Call Meeting To Order –Chairman**
- 2. Review Minutes Of Last Meeting**
- 3. Old Business (From Previous Meeting Minutes)**
- 4. New Business**

## **Tournament Director Report: 2005 Junior Provincial Tournament**

- Tournament set up is 4 rings in the center, referees and head tables on the outside of the rings; medical table will be set up in the center of the gymnasium.
- Color belt divisions have been made up – black belt divisions will be made manually when weigh-ins are done.
- We will start immediately at 10:00am with color belt poomse; adults should be able to start at 1:00pm, with a possible lunch break; we should be finished by 5:00pm.
- Medals will be presented at the rings after poomse divisions – medals will be presented at the podiums for sparring divisions after individual divisions are completed.
- 8 x 8 rings size due to limited space.
- Griffinator Martial Arts Supplies bring two uniforms for best referees.
- Referee meeting schedule for 9:00 – 9:45 am; Coaches meeting at 9:45am.
- Master Chung suggested that more organization is needed for future tournaments.

## **Referee Director Report: 2005 Junior Provincial Tournament**

- Final count of 15 referees for the tournament, enabling us to run 4 rings.
- Would like to see a policy in place as to what time the scales need to be at the weigh-in site for pre-weigh in.
- We have been notified that some athletes will be late for weigh-in due to road construction. **Motion by Master Peterman to allow the 2005 Junior Provincial Championship weigh-in to go past the designated finish time of 9:00pm due to extenuating circumstances (only up to midnight). Seconded by Master Bowman – all in favor – passed.**
- Mr. Wilhelm mentioned that we need to have very qualified referees for Junior A's, who are properly dressed and qualified to referee. Master Peterman mentioned that he did e-mail referees about proper attire prior to tournament.
- Master Rennie mentioned that there had been some dissension from people who have attended National Referee seminars but have not been able to get a national certificate. Master Rennie feels that the ATA we should address the problem in order to increase the involvement of referees in tournaments. Master Peterman mentioned that he has been looking for ideas to improve referee motivation and is open to ideas to implement that will be effective, including promoting referees as a valuable resource. He also has had trouble getting National certificates for referees. He would like to see the IR's help out at

local tournaments. Mr. Wilhelm suggested that money isn't the answer - referees want to be valued. Master Peterman suggested that too many tournaments and increasing costs contribute to the problem. Master Rennie suggested that for Junior Provincials, we will march the referees out at 10:00am, plus have the referee oath read; perhaps making refereeing more attractive to students. Master Kwan mentioned that she has only been responsible for the last two years of National certification, and will provide a list of names to Taekwondo Canada for processing, hopefully by the AGM in May. Prior to the last two years, she is uncertain what Taekwondo Canada will do regarding outstanding certificates (Master Yu and Master Jobain were Referee Chairs during this time). There have also been some problems with seminar results (e.g. 'passing' or 'not passing') which have been delegated to Master Wayne Mitchell. Mr. Tucker noted that instructors need to promote referees from within their clubs to help solve the problem. Master Kwan suggested that appreciation is a problem, with inequitable treatment at tournaments. Master Rennie suggested that if this tournament is well run, perhaps that will bring back referees and it is up to us as a group to make it more efficient. Mr. Tucker noted that it is up to all of us, not just Master Peterman, to work on this issue.

#### Miscellaneous: **2005 Junior Provincial Tournament & Other Issues**

- Some people have gone over on their weigh-in by small amounts – it was decided by the Board to allow these athletes to go up to another division, rather than be disqualified, for health purposes. This decision made solely for the 2005 Junior Provincial Championship – it does not apply to Seniors. Master Peterman would like a policy on this issue.
- Master Peterman would like to see rules of responsibilities for tournaments, including Director's roles & responsibilities. Master Rennie mentioned this would be a good topic for future discussions, especially regarding future sanctioned tournaments
- Agreement that progress is being made e.g. 4 separate clubs providing mats at no charge to the ATA. Master Bowman suggested that one school may be more effective at hosting than a group effort. Master Rennie feels that would take away from where we're trying to go and would like to see the ATA continue with a collaborative effort
- Master Chung questioned about Team A, B, C funding and officials selection & funding. Master Peterman mentioned that the recommendation for referee funding has been based on distance traveled, and perhaps the same criteria could be used for athletes. Master Rennie mentioned that in the past, the Senior Provincial team received more funding (75%) than the Junior team. Discussion on possible funding for team doboks – suggestion that Division A will be provided with uniforms, B & C will purchase them.
- Dr. DeFreitas expressed concern over how the Alberta Cup results and funding is being handled; specifically the loss of some tournament results and how money is being collected or not collected from Tournament hosts.

#### Chairman's Report:

- Master Rennie has been contacted by the Amateur Youth sports magazine (quarterly magazine) who asked the ATA to contribute an article on Junior Provincials, including story & pictures. Master Bowman has agreed to handle this.
- Taekwondo Canada has asked all provinces interested in hosting upcoming tournaments to bid at the May 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Tournament include: 2006 Carding, 2006 Hanmadang, 2007 Seniors, 2007 Juniors, 2007 Carding, 2007 Hanmadang. As Carding is unlikely to go out of Central Canada, the consensus was to bid on 2007 Senior and Juniors. Cheryl will prepare a bid package for the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **5. Adjournment – Adjourned at 10:00pm by Mr. Wilhelm.**