



Alberta Taekwondo Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2005

Location: Coast Terrace Inn, Edmonton AB

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

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:15am

2. Review Minutes of Last Meeting (May 13, 2005)

Motion to accept by Mr. Zyluk, seconded by Master Mollins. All in favor.

3. Old Business

Discussion regarding 'Family Taekwondo Society' and their request for permission from the ATA to register their society name. Master Kwan will contact the law firm named in the letter to see why they need permission from the ATA to register.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Out of Province ATA Members. Master Rennie has been approached by a NWT Taekwondo club asking for permission to register as an ATA member. Discussion ensued as to whether Out of Province clubs could be accepted as members, and the need to revisit the acceptance of the Fort St. John (BC) club, if the decision is made not to accept clubs from out of province. **Master Rennie motioned that Master Lo research information on the original acceptance of the Fort St. John club as a member and that this issue be discussed at the next meeting - Master Chung seconded. All in favor.**

Ethics Committee – Discussion of issues arising from member Mike Brown will be put on hold until his whereabouts can be determined.

a. Chairman Report (Master Jim Rennie Sr.)

Upcoming National Meeting

Master Rennie will be attending the National Meeting on December 4th, 2005. Agenda items include: promotion committee from Korea to do conversions from ITF to WTF; CTA and Canada Sports in the process of decertifying MTA and certifying new provincial body; selection of Canadian athletes made from several different tournaments, rather than just one.

Dragon Society Proposal

Representatives (Sandy & Kerry) from the Dragon Society (Not for Profit Association associated with KH Min Taekwondo) presented a proposal asking the ATA to endorse the Dragon Society Training Program to satisfy Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission (AGLC) requirements. AGLC wants to see a specific province-wide program in place for continued funding to the nonprofit society, that is supported by the ATA. The proposed Dragon Society program is open to competitive athletes (all ages & belt levels) to receive instruction and possible funding (if minimum training hours and fundraising obligations are met). There is required training of 3 - 4 hours/week at KH Min Dojang in order to receive funding. Participants must pay \$30.00 to join the Dragon Society to participate, must be a member of a WTF Taekwondo school and have permission from their instructor to participate in the program.

ATA issues of concern arising from the proposal:

- the training program is not under the supervision or guidance of the ATA coaching committee or the ATA Board of Directors
- access is limited to those athletes who can attend training sessions at the KH Min Dojang
- there is no allowance for athletes outside of the City of Edmonton – program too localized
- there is no allowance for athletes who assist in fundraising but cannot not meet minimum training requirements (e.g. if they choose to train with their own instructors)
- hours of training at other clubs cannot be counted towards the program

Mr. Zyluk stated that any program endorsed by the ATA needs to be administered by the ATA in the best interests of all its members.

Motion by Master Rennie that the ATA send a letter to the Dragon Society on Monday, November 14th, outlining the response that ‘while the ATA acknowledges that the program has merit, we can only endorse programs which are under the direct auspices of the ATA’.
Seconded by Master Peterman. All in favor – unanimous decision.

Upcoming Annual General Meeting

March 19th (Sunday) 10:00am - date set for AGM. Cheryl to arrange for meeting space to accommodate up to 200 ATA members.

Issue as to whether black belts who pay \$10 fee at the door will be allowed to vote – deferred to membership committee report.

Master Rennie posed the question as to whether voting can be changed to allow 12 Directors to be voted into actual positions (President, Vice President, etc.)? Master Peterman responded that this type of change to voting procedures can only be made with a change to the Society’s Bylaws. This item could be voted on at the upcoming AGM, but could not be applied until its acceptance by Corporate Registry.

b. 1st Vice Chair Report (Master Simon Chung)

Alberta Team Training

Would like to offer a 3-day competitive training camp at the end of December, then weekly sessions (Black Belt Junior ‘A’ and Adults) in January. Would like to also do Calgary and North (Grande Prairie) training. There would be no fee for ATA Black Belt members for the 3-day training camp (Dec. 27, 28, 29). Discussion as to whether equipment can be purchased to replace worn-out equipment used by ATA member athletes at training sessions.

c. 2nd Vice Chair Report (Master James Lo)

No report given.

d. Secretary General Report (Mr. Len Tucker)

No report given – absent.

e. Treasurer Report (Mr. David Zyluk)

Submitted Treasurer Report and provided explanations for figures. **Motion by Master Rennie to accept the Treasurer’s Report – seconded by Mr. Wilhelm. All in favor.**

Mr. Wilhelm stated that Mitch Schultz (Elite TKD) did not receive a uniform as part of his funding for 2005 Senior Nationals – decision made to refund \$82.65 to Mitch Schultz for the uniform cost.

Motion by Master Peterman that the ATA withhold future ATA membership until members make good on past financial obligations – a registered letter will be sent to offenders.
Seconded by Master Rennie Sr. All in favor.

f. **Coaching Committee Report (Master Paul Mollins)**

Submitted Coaching Committee Report and provided information adjunct to the report. Thank you to Master Chung for donating his time and gym for Alberta Team Training. Progress is being made in Alberta, but clear objectives must be set and an analysis done showing what the ATA can provide to boost athletic performance in Alberta. Some ADP/Alberta Cup program setbacks have occurred in the last year which needs to be addressed. Talent ID programs needs to be revisited. Need to work on the elements of the ADP to increase effectiveness – would like to see a committee of Mr. Wilhelm, Master Mollins, Master Chung, Master Bowman and Master Cha to contribute ideas and experience to the program. Suggestion to distribute a survey to see what athletes/instructors would like to see in the program.

g. **Athlete Representative Report (Mr. Jeremy Wilhelm)**

Concerns from membership with Alberta Cup Funding – some cheques have returned NSF and Junior athletes have not received their funding. Master Rennie suggested that the newly formed ADP committee straighten out last year's Alberta Cup and revisit whether the ATA should develop another program sanctioned and run solely by the ATA.

New programs are needed to quantify who receives ATA funding, perhaps including ideas from the CTA ranking program. Coaching Selection Criteria document distributed – will perhaps form the basis for future funding of coaches to events. Thank you to Master Chung and Master Mollins for continuing with Provincial team training.

h. **Membership Committee Report (Master Linda Kwan)**

Questions have come from clubs regarding membership in the ATA – clubs should submit application forms for membership to Master Kwan, who will put them on the Agenda for the next General Meeting.

Master Rennie suggested that Master Kwan put in place a proposal on membership fees & late payments to send by e-mail to Directors for acceptance. Currently, voting Black Belt member age is 18 as in Bylaws. Black belts 15 years and up pay ATA membership fees. Master Kwan will research and submit a proposal at the next BOD meeting.

i. **Referee Committee Report (Master Robin Peterman)**

Submitted Referee Committee Report and provided information adjunct to the report. Master Peterman will make a proposal to recognize outstanding contributions to ATA by individual members.

j. **Medical Committee Report (Dr. Terry DeFreitas)**

No report given – absent.

k. **Technical Committee Report (Master Yoon Ha)**

No report given – absent.

l. **Tournament Committee Report (Master Sandy Bowman)**

No report given – absent.

Discussion on the proposal from Master Froese that 2006 Junior Provincials be combined with the Western Canadian Tournament of Champions tournament on April 29, 2006 in Calgary.

Motioned by Mr. Zyluk that the ATA charge a minimum guaranteed fee of \$5000 (\$3000 deposit 60 days before tournament + \$2000 day of tournament + 50% of profit over and above the \$5000 30 days after the tournament.) Seconded by Master Lo. All in favor.

Senior Provincial Tournament date of March 18, 2006 in Edmonton accepted.

Motion by Master Rennie that tournament fees for Provincial Tournaments are submitted with one club cheque (to decrease the amount of NSF cheques received from individuals). Seconded by Jeremy Wilhelm. All in favor.

- 4. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 2:55pm by Mr. Wilhelm - seconded by Master Chung.**