



**Karate Alberta**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 10:30AM**  
Sandman Inn & Suites Calgary South. 8001-11<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Calgary

**MINUTES**

Recorded By: David Maffitt, Secretary

1. Call To Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:46 by President Marc Ward.
2. Roll Call & Quorum Verification
  - a. Attendees registering at the meeting represented 23 member dojos with over 700 members (see attached attendance list).
  - b. Quorum for the meeting was confirmed by Dave Maffitt, Secretary.
3. Appointment of Scrutineers
  - a. Pat Karl and Jamie Hanlon were appointed as scrutineers for the meeting.
4. Adoption of Minutes for the Previous Annual General Meeting
  - a. The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were reviewed.
  - b. Motion to adopt the 2018 AGM minutes as presented by Manuel deSa, seconded by Gary Burniston. Motion carried.
5. Reading and Approval of Agenda
  - a. The agenda for the 2019 Annual General Meeting was reviewed.
  - b. Motion to adopt the 2019 AGM agenda as presented by Joe Alfonso, seconded by Juan Osuna. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence, Treasurer's Report & Appointment of Auditor
  - a. No correspondence presented.
  - b. Treasurer's Report presented by Chris Workman
    - i. 2018 was characterized as a "normal" year for KA.
    - ii. Grant and membership revenue was higher.
    - iii. GST Rebate system is now in place.
    - iv. Bookkeeping was done by Chris and saved KA about \$300/month.
    - v. Revenue split evenly between Casino, Grants and Membership Fees at \$60,000 each.

- vi. Matching grant of \$18,000 for purchase of new tatamis.
- vii. Financial information was again reviewed independently by Dean Orlando who did not find anything unusual.
- viii. The 2019 Budget projects \$145,000 in revenue and \$158,000 in expenses for an estimated \$12,000-\$13,000 loss, which will be funded with retained earnings.
- ix. Over budget on Karate Canada Nationals due to higher than expected hotel fees.
- c. Motion by Heather Fidyk to appoint Dean Orlando as auditor for 2019, seconded by Gary Burniston. Motion carried.

## 7. Bylaws & Policies

- a. Executive Director Jasen Pratt presented the proposed new bylaws and reviewed the changes:
  - i. Officials will be required to achieve and maintain a minimum level of certification.
  - ii. Membership year will be defined as September 1<sup>st</sup> to following August 31<sup>st</sup>, with fees due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - iii. Proxy voting will remain as a “Delegate”.
  - iv. Officer and Director elections to be moved to a staggered cycle with 3 members elected each year (Comment made by Lloyd Byers that continuity would be improved but the Vice President to President transition can be tricky). If adopted, in 2020, the Vice President, Membership and two (2) Directors would be replaced. Existing seniority goes away and everyone’s “clock” starts at the 2020 AGM.
  - v. If proposed bylaws are approved by Members today, the new Bylaws would be sent to a lawyer for final review prior to going to the Alberta Government Societies Registrar. If the Government requires changes, we want to have them pre-approved by Members.
  - vi. Vote Weighting to be changed to one (1) vote for dojos with 1-99 members and two (2) votes for dojos with 100 or more members. Considerable discussion took place on equity of new vote weighting approach. Jasen indicated that “best practice” is to weight voting by number of clubs rather than membership, but it does reduce the power of clubs with lots of members, which pay the bulk of the membership fees to KA. Juan suggested leaving the bylaws as-is for now and have a Review Committee work on resolution of this issue. Motion to leave vote weighting change out of new bylaws was carried.
- b. Policy and policy manual discussions on the following topics:

- i. Joe thought that unregistered members may void KA insurance policy. Marc & Heather indicated that new Board will review membership criteria and requirements.
  - ii. Probation period will be part of membership policy.
  - iii. Policy manual will be updated.
  - iv. Nomination process is needed, but will be in policy, not bylaws.
  - v. Question regarding insurance for officials.
  - vi. Question regarding officials as Members.
  - vii. New Board will complete a full review of KA insurance policy.
  - viii. Lloyd asked about bylaw 4.1.6 that requires Board meetings be closed to Members. Discussion on use of “ask for invitation”. Will be added to policy.
  - ix. Lloyd also asked about requirement to publish minutes. To also be added to policy.
- c. Special Resolution motion by Juan Osuna, seconded by Rob Richardson to adopt new bylaws with the changes as indicated above. Motion carried with all in favour, no objections or abstentions.

A SHORT BREAK IN THE MEETING WAS TAKEN FROM 11:50 a.m. TO 12:02 p.m.

8. Election of Officers & Directors

- a. President – Marc Ward (acclaimed)
- b. Vice President – Heather Fidyk (acclaimed)
- c. Treasurer – Shoko Kokame (nominated by Marc) (acclaimed)
- d. Secretary – Juan Osuna (nominated by Ashtin) (acclaimed)
- e. Membership Officer – David Maffitt (acclaimed)
- f. Directors
  - i. Geraldine Young (nominated by Heather Fidyk)
  - ii. Ashtin Callaghan (nominated by Juan Osuna)
  - iii. Gary Burniston (nominated by Pat Karl)
  - iv. Kristie Schafer (returning)
  - v. Manuel deSa (returning)
- g. Motion by Joe Alfonso to destroy ballots used for election of Directors, seconded by Lloyd. Motion carried.

9. Motion to Adjourn Annual General Meeting

- a. Motion to adjourn by Adam Wackershauser, seconded by Rob Richardson, motion carried.
- b. Annual General Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE LIST – 2019 KARATE ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date Joined	Head Instructor	Club Name	Style	Members Count	
	✓ Daniel Verzotti	Alberta JKA Karate Association	Japan Karate Association	22	Alberta JKA Karate Association
	✓ Sghidjav Stanimirov	Alberta Shotokan Karate Academy	Independent	11	Alberta Shotokan Karate Academy
	✓ Ron Bonde	Arashi-Do Karate Calgary	Independent	7	Arashi-Do Karate Calgary
	✓ Chris Whittier	Banzai Karate Club	Canadian Shotokan Karate Association	31	Banzai Karate Club
	✓ Joe Alfonso	Beaverledge Shorinmyu Karate Club	Shorinmyu Karate Association	19	Beaverledge Shorinmyu Karate Club
	✓ Andre Burnet	Calgary Chito Ryu	Canadian Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Association	50	Calgary Chito Ryu
	✓ Robert S. Richardson	Calgary Gojuikai	IKGA Canada	60	Calgary Gojuikai
	✓ John Harratty	Canadian Shotokan Karate Association	Canadian Shotokan Karate Association	4	Canadian Shotokan Karate Association
	✓ Harvey Hlob	Common Karate Club	International Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Federation	34	Common Karate Club
	✓ Seichi Yamashiro	CJCA Renshinkan Karate	Shito Ryu Renshinkan	11	CJCA Renshinkan Karate
	✓ Manuel deSa	DeSa School of Karate	Uechi Ryu Kenyukai	835	DeSa School of Karate
	✓ Sean Carter	Edmonton JKA	International Shotokan Karate Federation (ISKF)	3	Edmonton JKA
	✓ Ken Head	Edmonton Northern River Karate School Association	International Uechi Ryu Karate Federation (IUKF)	16	Edmonton Northern River Karate School Association
	✓ Heather Eids	Edmonton Shintani Competitive Club	Shintani Wado Kai Karate	3	Edmonton Shintani Competitive Club
	✓ Harvey Hlob	Edmonton Yoselkan Karate Club	International Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Federation	52	Edmonton Yoselkan Karate Club
	✓ Frank Pyytapa	Fish Creek Renshinkan Dojo	Mobumai Shito-Ryu	1	Fish Creek Renshinkan Dojo
	✓ Paul Wohlgenuth	Fort McMurray Shotokan Karate Association PSKA	Canadian Shotokan Karate Association	17	Fort McMurray Shotokan Karate Association PSKA
	✓ Daniel Verzotti	Goshindo Karate/Airdrie JKA	Japan Karate Association	1	Goshindo Karate/Airdrie JKA
	✓ Joe Alfonso	Grande Prairie Shorin Ryu Karate Club	Shorinmyu Karate Association	61	Grande Prairie Shorin Ryu Karate Club
	✓ Georges Papadopoulos	Guisekai Calgary Wado Group Inc.	Canadian Zenkwan Wado Karate Association	33	Guisekai Calgary Wado Group Inc.
	✓ Robert Robinson	High River Karate Club	Tsuruoka Karate Organization	20	High River Karate Club
	✓ Adam Wadenshauser	Ippon Karate Dojo	Academy of Shotokan Karate	9	Ippon Karate Dojo
18/Oct/12	✓ Jamieson Fianlan	Kaizen Dojo	Sekai Goju Ryu Ryukyukai	2	Kaizen Dojo
03/15/19	✓ Richard Fossey	Karate Cranston	LDK Foundation	0	Karate Cranston
03/15/19	✓ Richard Fossey	Karate Hillhurst	LDK foundation	5	Karate Hillhurst
	✓ Anthony Van Roozelaar	Kitakaze Martial Arts	Shorinmyu Karate Association	34	Kitakaze Martial Arts
	✓ Austin Callaghan	Kiuna Karate	World Shotokan Karate-Do Federation	3	Kiuna Karate
	✓ Santy Louw	Lau-A United Martial Arts	Independent	5	Lau-A United Martial Arts
	✓ Sue Lindsay	Manitowin Cultural Society	Independent	17	Manitowin Cultural Society
	✓ Jeffrey C. Jules	Mount Royal Karate Club	Tsuruoka Karate Organization	20	Mount Royal Karate Club
1/15/19	✓ Douglas Aoki	Nantannikan Seibukan Karate Dojo	International Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Seibukan Karate-Do Association	17	Nantannikan Seibukan Karate Dojo
	✓ Maria Mens	Nintai Dojo	Independent	2	Nintai Dojo
	✓ Darren Humphries	North Calgary Shintani Karate	Shintani Wado Kai Karate	18	North Calgary Shintani Karate
	✓ Robert Hargreaves	Parkland Shotokan Karate Association (PSKA)	Canadian Shotokan Karate Association	9	Parkland Shotokan Karate Association (PSKA)
	✓ Debbie Elard	Pembina Renshinkan Karate Club	Shito Ryu Renshinkan	5	Pembina Renshinkan Karate Club
	✓ Edward Plamondon	Plamondon Seishinkan	Independent	2	Plamondon Seishinkan
	✓ Steven Rooke	Rooke School of Karate	Kenyuoka North America Kenyuka Okinawa	68	Rooke School of Karate
	✓ Scott Taylor	Rural Selects Athletic Club (RSAC Karate)	Okinawa KarateDo UechiRyu ZankyoKai	0	Rural Selects Athletic Club (RSAC Karate)
	✓ Gary Sabesan	Sabesan Karate Academy	International Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Federation	51	Sabesan Karate Academy
	✓ Alvin Loh	Sakuu-Kai Karate	Independent	14	Sakuu-Kai Karate
	✓ Robert Wilber	Satewin Karate Club	International Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Federation	11	Satewin Karate Club
	✓ David Strohbach	Sentemashi Karate Academy	Canada IKF Wado Kai	7	Sentemashi Karate Academy
	✓ Joe Alfonso	Sesasmith Shorinmyu Karate Club	Shorinmyu Karate Association	14	Sesasmith Shorinmyu Karate Club
	✓ Ervin Tong	Shin Shi Kan	All Japan Karatedo Federation Renbukai	2	Shin Shi Kan
	✓ Stewart Price	Shitoryu Karate Alberta	Shitoryu Karate Canada	3	Shitoryu Karate Alberta
	✓ Eric Verstappen	Smoky River Karate Club	Seiho Shotokan Canada	13	Smoky River Karate Club
	✓ Thomas Uweillyn	South Calgary Gojukai	IKGA Canada	2	South Calgary Gojukai
	✓ Heather Eids	South Calgary Wado Kai Karate Club	Shintani Wado Kai Karate	17	South Calgary Wado Kai Karate Club
	✓ Lloyd R. Ryers	Stonebrook Renshinkan Karate	Shito Ryu Renshinkan	7	Stonebrook Renshinkan Karate
	✓ Douglas Smerrek	Tasaki Kai Karate Do	Selwa-Kai Goju-Ryu	131	Tasaki Kai Karate Do
	✓ Stewart Langille	Telatsu-Kai Competition Team	Independent	21	Telatsu-Kai Competition Team
	✓ Robert Robinson	Tekka Karate Club	Tsuruoka Karate Organization	27	Tekka Karate Club
	✓ Hermann Pheila	Tenshi Dojo	Independent	10	Tenshi Dojo
	✓ Glen Smith	The Kanto Sho Karate Club	All Japan Karatedo Federation Renbukai	5	The Kanto Sho Karate Club
	✓ Kristie R. Schaffer	Waza Ari Karate Club	Association of Shotokan Karate	15	Waza Ari Karate Club
	✓ Juan Osuna	WSKF Calgary	World Shotokan Karate-Do Federation	14	WSKF Calgary
	✓ JUSTIN RYDE	Yobukan Karate	International Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Federation	26	Yobukan Karate
	✓ Randy Mockford	Yoshinkan Karate	International Chito-Ryu Karate-Do Federation	25	Yoshinkan Karate