

KEN SHIN KAI – 2019 AGM - MINUTES FROM 2018 AGM

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 13:30 on 14th October 2018
Admiral Lord Nelson School, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO3 5XT.

Attendance:

Richard Lewis	Chief Instructor (Executive Committee)
Roger Bish	Vice-Chairman (Executive Committee)
Malcolm Courts	Club Instructor (Executive Committee)
Dee Masters	Secretary (Executive Committee)
Mark Coldbreath	Club Instructor (Executive Committee)

Eric Woodgate, Jake Castle, Darren Foulger, Rowan Leonard.

Full Reports

Will be made available to download from the website: Members – Coaching – Reference
(www.kenshinkai.org.uk/coaching.aspx)

1. Apologies for Absence:

Garry Masters, Stephen Heath, Jo Frayne, Nigel Bilton, Henry Robinson, Daniel Nouari.

2. Minutes Approved

Minutes of last meeting approved by Darren Foulger & Mark Coldbreath.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Mat Insurance (Previous minutes ref 3.1)

The association will investigate whether the mats are insured automatically via each venue that the mats are being used/stored (Admiral Lord Nelson School, Fareham Leisure Centre, Llandrindod Wells Sports Centre) or whether additional insurance is required.

D. Masters

3.2 Fees

It was agreed that because of the reduced number of classes available at the Llandrindod Wells club that monthly training fees be reduced to be £5 less than those of the Hampshire clubs. Information packs, advertising material and website to be updated to reflect this.

D. Masters

3.3 Welsh Language Advertising

It was agreed that some advertising for the Llandrindod Wells club in Welsh may be beneficial. Posters and website to be updated to reflect this.

M. Coldbreath / D. Masters

3.4 Instagram

Eric Woodgate suggested the use of Instagram to promote the organisation.

E. Woodgate / D. Masters

4 Secretary's Report (highlights, see full report on website, for details)

4.1 Affiliated Members

Goryukai club (run by Sensei Malcolm Crawford) based at Chichester is affiliated for BAB insurance purposes only. Goryukai Sutton club (run by Tony Hughes) club Sutton is no longer affiliated via Goryukai and therefore no longer covered by BAB Insurance for dojo, instructors or members.

4.2 British Aikido Board (BAB)

The BAB AGM (12th May) in Solihull, Birmingham was not attended, apologies were sent on behalf of Kenshinkai. Licences (member, club and association insurance) renewed monthly. On-going renewal and application of DBS (CRB) checks. Additional work/changes due to the new GDPR rules.

4.3 Dojos (changes)

Llandrindod Wells club changed from Wednesday to Tuesday and Fridays changed to one per month weapons class. A move may be considered for Wednesday evening due to difficulty of setup/breakdown of the Drama Room at ALNS.

4.4 Main Events

October 2017 – Ando Sensei Yoshinkan Aikido seminar in Poland (6 attendees); November 2017 – Junior Grading; December 2017 – Dan Grading (Darren Foulger, Nigel Bilton, Lukasz Bartlomiej); December 2017 – KSK Hampshire Xmas Meal (Las Iguanas); March 2018 – Instructor Course led by Sensei Richard Lewis (14 attendees); March 2018 – Marill Poole Aikido Course at High Wycombe Judo Centre; March 2018 – Junior Grading; April 2018 – Adult Grading (Hampshire); May 2018 – Japan Yoshinkan Aikido Training (Tokyo & Kyoto) (Sensei Richard); July 2018 – Junior Grading; September 2018 – Gozo Shioda Memorial Seminar (High Wycombe); September 2018 – BAB National Course (Uxbridge).

4.5 Upcoming Seminars

October 2018 – Yoshinkan Aikido seminar with Ando Sensei in High Wycombe; March 2019 - Payet Sensei 10 Years Dojo Anniversary (Kyoto).

4.6 Main Awards

Darren Foulger, Nigel Bilton and Lukasz Bartlomiej were awarded 1st Dan.

4.7 Weapons

Weapons classes will continue on the last Friday of the month for Hampshire and Wales (bought forward one week if cancellations or other events are on the last Friday).

4.8 Website / Email / Enquiries

Email enquiries of 28 since the last AGM. As all joining information is available online new starters usually just turn up for a first class without first emailing which reduces administration time. There are fewer free advertising websites available compared to previous years as most have closed the past couple of years.

4.9 Membership

There have been 38 new members since the 1st October 2017, compared to 54 for last year and 63 for the previous year (who may not still be training or may have only attended one session). Members for this year have decreased from 82 to 71 (includes guest memberships). Qualified Instructors for this year have remained the same as the previous year at 20 (including assistant/affiliated instructors and helpers).

4.10 Correspondence

Occasional correspondence with UK and International Aikido Instructors (e.g. courses, seminars etc.); Monthly correspondence with the British Aikido Board; Weekly correspondence with dojos regarding hire, payments, advertising and issues. Weekly correspondence regarding free advertising opportunities. Weekly correspondence dealing with enquiries; Quarterly newsletters created for Adult and Junior members.

4.11 Social Events

Cosham Fireworks attended by members on Wednesday 4th November 2017; KSK Hampshire Xmas Meal (Las Iguanas) held in December 2017; Hambledon Vineyard Tour in June 2018; Lots of social events for Sensei Richard in Japan (Tokyo & Kyoto) trip.

4.12 Other

Adult membership needs to increase. Need support from the members in advertising the classes to family, friends and work colleagues; Importance of running a taster session when new starters arrive.

Accepted by Malcolm Courts and Jake Castle

5 Treasurers Report (highlights, see full report on website, for details)

Balance at Bank for 2018 = £10,451.29. Assets for 2018 = £0. Closing Stock for 2018 = £1,331.40. Overall Profit/Loss for 2018 shows a **PROFIT** of £3,800.66.

Accepted by Richard Lewis and Roger Bish

6 Social Secretary's Report (see Secretaries report)

7 Publicity / Media Officer's Report (highlights, see full report on website, for details)

7.1 Display Boards

Portable display board not currently in use, needs updating. Need suggestions as to where it could be used for short periods of time e.g. up to 2 weeks for events; Posters in one fixed display board at Admiral Lord Nelson School.

7.2 Posters / Business Cards / Trifold Leaflets

Posters available for distribution on request. Trifold Handouts still available. Lack of advertising at Fareham Leisure Centre! We still have some advertising Business Cards remaining if anyone should have somewhere to display them.

7.3 Demonstration / Taster Sessions

None.

7.4 Internet / Website

Approximately 28 email enquiries received since the last AGM. Significantly reduced but many people show up for a free class without emailing first; Kenshinkai website and Facebook groups updated on a weekly basis; Up to 40 website links updated regularly, some using new simpler URL of www.learn-aikido.org.uk; The number of free advertising sites available has dropped significantly over the past year; Facebook groups "Learn Aikido" and "Aikido Yoshinkan" are public Facebook groups used to advertise our classes along with a location page for each club; Kenshinkai Yoshinkan Aikido group is public to allow anyone to friend/join; Kenshinkai Members (adults), Juniors (juniors, parents, guardians, junior instructors), Social (club social events) groups also available but restricted; Received most enquiries from Dojos.Co.UK, BBC Activity Maker, Class4Kids and Eventbrite adverts which are currently free of charge; BBC Activity Maker no longer available; Need to identify more of these types of advertising sites for use free of charge; We have identified that online advertising is the most cost-effective method of advertising going forward.

Accepted by Mark Coldbreath and Rowan Leonard

8 Chairman's Report

- I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to grade Darren Foulger, Nigel Bilton and Lukasz Bartlomiej to 1st Dan. All have been loyal members of Ken Shin Kai for many years. Black belt gradings in Kenshinkai are hard to achieve and reflect not only the extreme effort put in by the student but also the instructors who help to prepare them and other members who help them develop their Aikido.
- I am extremely pleased with the continuing success of the junior class with thanks to Richard Lewis and those who assist him. The junior class continues to have excellent attendance. Thank you to the "helpers" that have recently "stepped up" to assist due to the lack of assistance that Sensei Richard has unfortunately encountered at a number of classes this year. Teaching and assisting with teaching juniors is not just passing on Yoshinkan Aikido to the next generation but also allows you to help shape and assist young people in other areas of their life which benefit from their martial arts training and interaction with other members.
- I would like to thank all Club Instructors for the effort they put into running their clubs whilst taking no remuneration for the time, travel and effort expended. Also thanking the instructors and members who assist them on a regular basis.
- I would like to remind everyone that Kenshinkai is a members club which means the club is not "owned" by any individual and no members receive any form of payment from the organisation. This means that the success of the organisation depends upon each and every member. And we appreciate the members that make the effort to help grow and develop the organisation and allow it to keep running by doing that little bit more than just showing up to classes.

Vice Chairman: Second everything said by Chairman. Would like to thank everyone for all their hard work over the past year. Would like to see more people stepping up to assist.

Accepted by Malcolm Courts and Darren Foulger

9 Training and Grading Fees

Recommendation to reduce monthly training fees at Llandrindod Wells club by £5 per month.

10 Advertising

Fareham leaflets are not being distributed? Would like members to suggest free methods of online advertising (e.g. pubic websites, company websites, social media etc.) these need to be emailed to kskdee@outlook.com and will be followed up by the Secretary (D. Masters).

11 Club Instructor Reports (highlights, written reports are preferred for minutes)

Sensei Richard Lewis

Support. Funny little word isn't it? "Support" the Oxford English dictionary gives several definitions two of which are:

- Be actively interested in and concerned for the success of (a particular team or group)
- Give approval or encouragement to (a particular team or group)

Please remember that KSK is not run for the benefit of any one or group of Individuals, it is a club run by members for the benefit of all members as witnessed by all being here in an open meeting therefore I would ask all members to consider how you can help the clubs development. We do receive a lot of help at present but to keep the club running, there is always more to do. One of the functions of KSK is to ensure that the aikido of Shioda kancho is passed on to future generations as honestly as possible as well as looking how we can make the techniques and principals relevant to the modern world. To this end I would appreciate any advice and assistance that the senior instructors can give no matter how small or insignificant this may seem, every little helps.

Sensei Malcolm Courts

[No written report]. Have a core group of members that support the Fareham club. Not had so many people through the door this past year. Thanks to Eric Woodgate and Jake Castle for all their support over the past year. Beginners seem to enjoy their first/taster session but few return for a second class. Continue to run taster sessions for new starters and keep the last 15 minutes of class for something different e.g. self-defence. Warm-up exercises important to assist with building core strength which in turn helps with ukemi.

Sensei Mark Coldbreath

Posters & website offering £5 off; Regular weapons class last Friday of the month; Currently 4 Members; Had some new members, used the lesson plan produced by Dee for guidance giving new starters more of an overview of Aikido, although they enjoyed the session they have not returned which is disappointing; Changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays due to having to cancel one a month because of work commitments and also to help with current members commitment's, however attendance is still poor; Children's class may be an option still considering it; Lukasz passed his Shodan Grading in December but has now moved back to Poland and no kyu grading this year so no visit from Portsmouth members; Christmas meal TBD.

Sensei Roger Bish

Good turnout on Wednesdays and thank you to members for arriving on time to help with setup.

Accepted by Dee Masters and Darren Foulger

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Future Instructors

Eric Woodgate again raised the issue of the average age of the current club/senior instructors and the need to have younger members "step-up" to more senior roles within the organisation.

12.2 Potential Venues

It was made clear that we cannot run Aikido classes at Portsmouth University whilst they currently have an Aikido group there. Solent University was mentioned as a potential venue for classes.

12.3 Self-Defence

Everyone agreed that practical self-defence techniques linked to Aikido are important to teach on a regular basis. Jake suggested a "once a month" self-defence class.

Meeting Closed: 14:40. Next Meeting: 13th October 2019