

# KEN SHIN KAI – 2020 AGM - MINUTES FROM 2019 AGM

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 13:15 on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Attendance:

Garry Masters	Principal Coach/Chairman (Executive Committee)
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, Susan Jennings, Ryan Killeen.

## Full Reports

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Nigel Bilton, Stephen Heath, Roger McLaughlin.

### 2. Minutes Approved

Minutes of last meeting approved by Richard Lewis & Malcolm Courts.

### 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 Fee Review

It was agreed that a review of monthly training fees would take place.

**D. Masters**

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

#### 4.1 Affiliated Members

GO RYU KAI - (Malcolm Crawford) affiliated to Kenshinkai for insurance via the BAB only. One club based at Chichester.

#### 4.2 British Aikido Board (BAB)

The BAB AGM (11th 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. BAB website is being re-developed. BAB is changing the way insurance is issued to an individual member level rather than organisation submitted.

#### 4.3 Dojos (changes)

Wednesday class was moved from ALNS to Fareham Leisure Centre due to difficulty of setup/breakdown of the Drama Room at ALNS.

#### 4.4 Membership

There have been 27 new members since the 1st October 2018, compared to 38 for last year and 52 for the previous year (who may not still be training or may have only attended one session). Members for this year have remained the same at 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).

#### **4.5 Past Seminars & Events**

October 2018 – Ando Sensei Yoshinkan Aikido seminar in High Wycombe, November 2018 & March 2019 – Junior Gradings, March 2019 – Mugenjuku 10 Year Anniversary in Kyoto, R. Lewis & R. Leonard, April 2019 – Adult Grading (Hampshire), May 2019 – Death of Founder of Kenshinkai, Sensei David Eayrs, July 2019 – Junior Grading, October 2019 – Adult Grading (Hampshire) & AGM.

#### **4.6 Future Seminars & Events**

None.

#### **4.7 Main Awards**

Rowan Leonard promoted to Assistant Instructor, Ryan Killeen and Roger McLaughlin promoted to Junior Class Helpers, Eric Woodgate reached his 30 Years with Kenshinkai milestone.

#### **4.8 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).

#### **4.9 Website / Email / Enquiries**

Email enquiries of 25 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 now fewer free advertising websites available for us to use.

#### **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; Website / Facebook / Newsletters used to keep members up to date.

#### **4.11 Social Events**

December 2018 - KSK Hampshire Xmas Social (Coast to Coast, Gunwharf), March 2019 - Social events for Richard and Rowan in Japan (Tokyo & Kyoto), June 2019: KSK Hampshire Summer Social (Las Iguanas, Gunwharf).

#### **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, split the class if necessary!

#### **4.13 Publicity Officers Report (Advertising)**

Need to replace the trifold handouts. Need to purchase a flexible (roll up/down) display board. Need support from the members in advertising the classes to family, friends and work colleagues. Suggestions of "free" websites for advertising needed. Main online advertising: Facebook, Website, Google, EventBrite, plus others. Various Facebook groups available (Kenshinkai Yoshinkan Aikido, Kenshinkai Members, Kenshinkai Juniors, Kenshinkai Social, Learn Aikido, Yoshinkan Aikido) September/October Facebook advertising campaign targeting: 40km radius from Llandrindod Wells Sports Centre, 5km radius from Fareham Leisure Centre, 5km radius from Admiral Lord Nelson School costing at total of £61.33. September/October Google advertising campaign targeting Portsmouth, Fareham & Llandrindod Wells: "martial arts clubs" (18 clicks), "martial arts" (15 clicks), "martial arts training" (3 clicks), "aikido martial arts" (3 clicks), "martial arts schools" (2 clicks) "martial arts schools near me" (1 click), "aikido" (1 click) costing at total of £26.09

**Accepted by Roger Bish and Rowan Leonard**

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

Balance at Bank for 2019 = £10,436.91. Assets for 2019 = £0. Closing Stock for 2019 = £1,361.07. Overall Profit/Loss for 2019 shows a **LOSS** of £54.88.

**Accepted by Mark Coldbreath and Jake Castle**

## **6 Publicity Officers Report (see 4.13 above)**

## **7 Training and Grading Fees**

A review of current monthly training fees will take place.

## **8 Chairman's Report**

- I unfortunately missed last years AGM and gradings due to illness. I would like to thank everyone who has stepped-up, without being asked, to keep the organisation running during my absence, especially Sensei Richard Lewis. I am now on the road to recovery, thank you to everyone for your support over the past 18 months.

- The junior class has been so successful under the direction of Sensei Richard Lewis that we unfortunately had to put a waiting list in place. A waiting list is not ideal as we lost 6 potential members due to the amount of time they were waiting on the list. We are looking into ways of accommodating the large number of junior members better.

- Thank you to everyone who has assisted with classes from putting out mats, setting up equipment for the juniors and assisting with teaching at classes, especially for the junior class which is particularly challenging and results in a 3/3.5hr session for those that help out. Teaching and assisting with 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 others. Thank you to Sensei Roger Bish who has supported the junior class since January.

- 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, instructors, officers receive ANY form of payment from the organisation. This means that the success of the organisation depends upon each and every member, and when you are helping out you are helping out the members, and not doing any individuals a "favour". I appreciate the members that make the effort to help grow and develop the organisation including advertising, setup, planning etc. and allow it to keep running by doing that little bit more than just showing up to classes.

**Accepted by and Darren Foulger and Mark Coldbreath**

## **9 Chief Instructors Report**

- I would like to remind everyone that Kenshinkai is a members club which means the club is not "owned" b 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.

- I would like to remind everyone that Kenshinkai is a members club which means the club is not "owned" b Currently the junior class is running at maximum capacity and we have had to put a waiting list in place, a great position to be in!

- I would like to remind everyone that Kenshinkai is a members club which means the club is not "owned" b The intermediate class is also proving to be very successful with several junior members waiting to join. This naturally, opens the idea of extending the class to another session and it has been put forward that we extend this class to a Friday evening as well.

**Accepted by and Malcolm Courts and Darren Foulger**

## **10 Club Instructor Reports (highlights, written reports are preferred for minutes)**

### **Sensei Richard Lewis**

- The adult classes have not been quite so successful although we have a very loyal core of members training at present and they make for a very enjoyable and instructive experience when training. I can only advise that when a prospective member attends please follow the instructions laid down in our new starter syllabus to attempt to give the individual as much of a grounding in aikido as possible. It does seem to work!
- I am sure members may wish to discuss how to gain more members, but I do believe we are doing the best we can currently but please do put any additional ideas forward.
- In closing I would like to thank all of the members who give up their time and put in the effort to help with the juniors, intermediate and all other sessions in the training calendar, it really is appreciated.

### **Sensei Malcolm Courts**

For last year only had the loyal core of Fareham regulars training reasonably regularly joined by Henry, Pavel for a while, Paul occasionally and John briefly. We don't seem to have many potential new members coming through the door and even if they do, they rarely come back after an intro session, with one exception who, then unfortunately became unable to train for a while! I am very pleased with way the hard core train, helping each other and making a great effort to help any beginners that do come in. I hope, before too long, to see Adam and Susan progress to dan grade, Jake advance to second dan and Nigel become an instructor! I continue to be extremely grateful for the teaching support of Eric and Jake which has allowed us to tailor the instruction much more to the needs of each individual. Quality rather than quantity seems to be the current student situation, which while rewarding doesn't bode well for the club's viability!

### **Sensei Mark Coldbreath**

Membership is low. Hoping to have some members ready to grade in October but they have not been training consistently. Ongoing advertising with changes in place to promote the 2 new fee options for the Llandrindod Wells club. Separate junior class not feasible without more instructors available. Need at least 2. Considering lowering the minimum age for the general class to increase membership. Hip replacement will cause issues with the running of the club if no cover is available. No social events as not enough members to participate. Weapons class continues on last Friday of the month. Welsh language advertising was deemed unnecessary. New starter lesson plans have been very useful and seem to keep new members interested.

**Accepted by Rowan Leonard and Eric Woodgate**

## **11 Any Other Business**

### ***11.1 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. It was pointed out that existing members ranked 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu who currently do not hold instructor status need to make an effort to obtain this status by showing a commitment to the mandatory requirements for the position.

### ***11.2 Adult Training Fee Increase***

Jake Castle asked the executive committee to consider an increase to adult training fees.

### ***11.3 August Training Schedule***

Eric Woodgate asked the executive committee to consider reducing the number of sessions provided in August due to the poor attendance. An attendance graph will be created to aid this discussion/decision.

**Meeting Closed: 14:08. Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**