

KEN SHIN KAI – 2016 AGM

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 13:30 on 23rd October 2016
Admiral Lord Nelson School, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO3 5XT.

Attendance:

Garry Masters	Chairman (Executive Committee)
Richard Lewis	Club 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)

Maz Coldbreath, Eric Woodgate, Jake Castle, Paul Kingswood, Lucasz Bartlomiej, Joe Frayne.

Full Reports

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

1. Apologies for Absence:

None.

2. Minutes Approved

Minutes of last meeting approved by Paul Kingswood & Jake Castle.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Mat Insurance (Previous minutes ref 3.1)

The association is still unable to afford mat Insurance at this time and will therefore have to rely on any insurance that may be in place at the venues that the mats are being stored. Will review if funding becomes available in 2017.

D. Masters

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

4.1 Affiliated Members

Go Ryu Kai (Sensei Malcolm Crawford) clubs based at Chichester (Sensei Malcolm Crawford) and Sutton (Sensei Tony Hughes) are affiliated for licences only.

4.2 British Aikido Board (BAB)

One BAB (AGM/General) meeting was not attended, apologies were given. Paul Askew and Stephen Health attended a British Aikido Board Coach Level 1 course. Ongoing renewal of DBS and insurances.

4.3 Sports Council / Grant Aid

Multiple Executive and General sports council meetings were attended in Portsmouth by D Masters. Grant aid was received for a new kick pad and for the three Portsmouth members planning to attend the CL1 course to cover 50% of the course costs that were £60pp.

4.4 Dojos (changes)

35 mats and mat trolley moved from Portsmouth clubs to Fareham Leisure Centre to resolve ongoing issue (over 6 years) with dirty / damaged mats provided by Fareham Leisure Centre for classes. Junior gradings have been reduced from 4 to 3 per year and are now held over a grading weekend (Friday and Sunday).

4.5 Main Events

Oct 2015 – Yoshinkan Aikido Seminar with Ando Sensei in Poland, Nov 2015 – BAB Coach Level 1 Course in Holtspur, Dec 2015 – 5th Dan Grading (Richard Lewis), Jan/Feb 2016 – 6-week Aikido Taster Course for Portsmouth Council, April/May 2016 – Wales Seminar & Grading, May 2016 – Chida Sensei Weekend Seminar.

4.6 Upcoming Seminars

Dec 2016 – Dan Grading (Daniel Burton), Dec 2016 – KSK Hampshire Xmas Meal (Las Iguanas)

4.7 Main Awards

Richard Lewis was promoted to 5th Dan Yoshinkan Instructor and in July took over the role of Chief Instructor for Kenshinkai Yoshinkan Aikido UK. Stephen Heath, Paul Askew, Adam Hosey, Paul Kingswood and Darren Foulger were awarded Assistant Instructor status.

4.8 Weapons

Will continue for 2017 on last Friday of the month for Hampshire and Wales.

4.9 Website / Email / Enquiries

Email enquiries average 5 per week. Enquiries have increased since a number of links have been updated and free online advertising sites have been used. Unfortunately, these have to be updated on a regular basis or they are removed. We have identified that online advertising is the most cost effective method of advertising going forward.

4.10 Membership

There have been 63 new members since the 1st October 2015, compared to 42 for last year and 35 for the previous year (who may not still be training or may have only attended one session). Members for this year have increased to 85 from 68 (includes guest memberships). Qualified Instructors for this year have increased to 20 from 16 (including affiliated instructors).

4.11 Correspondence

Correspondence with Sensei Malcolm Crawford. Monthly correspondence with BAB, Portsmouth Sports Council. Weekly correspondence with dojos regarding hire, payments, advertising and issues. Daily correspondence with regard to free advertising opportunities and enquiries. Quarterly newsletters created for Adult and Junior members.

4.12 Social Events

Portsmouth Fireworks on Wednesday 4th November 2015. Bowling and Meal organised by M. Coldbreath for those that attended Wales Seminar and Grading on April/May 2016.

Accepted by Paul Kingswood and Jake Castle

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

Balance at Bank for 2016 = £3,619.25. Assets for 2016 = £716.31. Closing Stock for 2016 = £1,213.09. Overall Profit/Loss for 2016 shows a **PROFIT** of £2,451.15.

Accepted by Mark Coldbreath 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 such as Highbury Open Day etc. Posters in two fixed display boards at Admiral Lord Nelson School. Posters in fixed display board at Highbury College.

7.2 Posters / Business Cards / Trifold Leaflets

Large posters need updating. Trifold leaflets distributed to Highbury College, Fareham Leisure Centre and Mountbatten Centre and Admiral Lord Nelson School. Some advertising business cards remain if anyone has suggestions on where to use them. All are available for distribution, please request from your Club Instructor.

7.3 Demonstration / Taster Sessions

Six-week Aikido Taster course held in January and February at request of Portsmouth City Council. We get invited to participate in demo's and taster days throughout the year but usually decline as not enough members have helped out with these in the past and they are impossible to do without support from members.

7.4 Internet / Website

Kenshinkai website and Facebook groups updated on a weekly basis. Approximately 100 emails enquiries received since 1st October 2015. Over 50 website links updated regularly, some using new simpler URL of www.learn-aikido.org.uk. Facebook groups "Learn Aikido" and "Aikido Yoshinkan" are used to advertise our classes. Kenshinkai Yoshinkan Aikido group is public to allow anyone to friend/join. Kenshinkai Members (adults) and Juniors groups also available but restricted to Members or Juniors Parents/Guardians. Receiving most enquiries from Dojos.co.uk, BBC Activity Maker, Class4Kids, FridayAd and Gumtree adverts which are currently free of charge. Need to identify more of these types of advertising sites for use free of charge.

Accepted by Richard Lewis and Jake Castle

8 Chairman's and Vice Chairman's Report

I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to grade Richard Lewis to 5th Dan and promote Richard Lewis to Chief Instructor. Would like to thank Roger Bish for his many years as Chief Instructor. I am extremely pleased with the continuing success of the junior class with thanks to Richard Lewis and those that assist him (Dee, Adam, Paul and Tom). The junior class has had excellent attendance throughout 2015/2016. The class is the biggest it has ever been in the history of Kenshinkai as a direct result of Richards's hard work and is still growing. I am pleased that members "stepped-up" to help out with the Junior class and were rewarded for their efforts by being granted the position of "Assistant Instructor". Now that Tom Greenwood is only able to support Sunday classes once per month we could do with more assistance on Sundays. Any member ranked 4th Kyu Orange or above can apply to Sensei Richard to assist with the junior classes. You need not commit to attending every week and no notice is required if you cannot attend. All we ask is that you make sure you arrive on time to assist with setup (Friday 6.30pm and Sunday 9.30am). Membership is increasing slowly compared to past years and although we have made a small profit this year it has not yet offset the losses made in 2014, 2013 and 2012. 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, it is a mostly thankless task with people usually quicker to criticise than to show their gratitude. However, on behalf of Kenshinkai and all of the members I would like to thank you for all that you do.

Vice Chairman: Second everything said by Chairman. Would like to thank Garry and Dee for their hours of work in order to keep the organisation running. Would like to congratulate Richard on his promotion to Chief Instructor.

Accepted by Roger Bish and Mark Coldbreath

9 Training and Grading Fees

No change to training or grading fees or affiliated membership fees.

10 Advertising

No funds available for paid advertising. Therefore, all advertising opportunities suggested or undertaken need to be Free of Charge (excludes printing costs for posters, A5 flyers and trifold leaflets). Would like members to suggest free methods of online advertising (e.g. public websites, company websites, social media etc.) these need to be emailed to dee@kenshinkai.org.uk and will be followed up by the Secretary (D. Masters).

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

Sensei Richard Lewis

Would like to thank Garry for his confidence in him and the recent promotion to Chief Instructor. Thank you to the senior instructors for supporting him in this role. Pleased with the success of the junior and adult classes. Need to consider the reasons members are joining, e.g. fitness, enjoyment, martial art etc. Can assist with all these but people join for various reasons. Open to suggestions e.g. more fitness training? Looking to hold an in-house Instructor course mainly for those assisting with the junior class but also to include all other instructors and assistant instructors. Would like to thank Dee, Paul, Adam and Tom for their assistance with the junior classes.

Sensei Malcolm Courts

Various reasons for lack of attendance from members including illness, work and family commitments causing inconsistent attendance of classes, however class numbers have improved. Would like to thank Eric, Dee and Rich for their support of the Fareham classes and assistance with teaching weapons to Fareham members who are unable to attend the Portsmouth weapons classes. The mats moved from Portsmouth have made a big difference to the class and optimistic that class numbers will increase.

Sensei Mark Coldbreath

Membership has been light recently, did increase to nine members at one point. Has considered a junior class with possible assistance from Stephen Heath, however Stephen has been unable to attend regularly due to work commitments and it is not possible to run a junior class without at least 2 instructors. Considering lowering the age limit of the main class to 14. Last Friday of the month continues to be weapons class. Would like to thank all Portsmouth members who travel to Wales to support the gradings and seminars and Wales members for their support of the club over the past year. Not many social events.

Sensei Roger Bish

Nothing further to add except that pleased with the current class numbers for the Highbury College class.

Accepted by Jake Castle and Paul Kingswood

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Jiyu Waza & Embukai

Request made for more jiyu waza in classes and another embukai to be held.

**Meeting Closed: 14:30
Next Meeting: 15th October 2017**