

KEN SHIN KAI – MINUTES FROM 2024 AGM

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 12:45 on 17th November 2024

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)

Eric Woodgate, Tom Winn, Rowan Leonard, Susan Jennings, Roger McLaughlin, Cian McLaughlin, Lia Stan, Calin Stan.

Full Reports

Available to download from the website: www.kenshinkai.org.uk/coaching.aspx

1. Apologies for Absence:

Jake Caste, Nigel Bilton.

2. 2023 Minutes Approved (accepted by R. Bish & E. Woodgate)

3. Matters Arising (accepted by E. Woodgate & T. Winn)

3.1 Mat Insurance (previous minutes ref 3.1)

The association has determined that the mats are not insured via each venue that the mats are being used/stored (Admiral Lord Nelson School & Fareham Leisure Centre) and therefore will make enquiries about the cost of insuring the mats. Action D. Masters.

3.2 Fareham Leisure Centre / Low Impact Aikido Classes (previous minutes ref 3.3 & 3.4)

We have reduced the Monday class booking to a single court and are trialling a Low Impact Martial Arts class on Wednesday to cover the costs of hire for FLC. Action D. Masters.

3.3 Advertising (previous minutes ref 3.5)

We have decided against purchasing a flexible (roll up/down) display board due to only being able to use it at FLC and will focus Advertising on Free Advertising opportunities, Facebook and A5 leaflets for 2025. Action D. Masters.

3.4 Blue Light Card Discount

It was suggested by S. Jennings that we investigate introducing a discount for Blue Light card holders. Action D. Masters.

3.5 Mat Cleaning

Mat Cleaning dates were requested by R. McLaughlin. Action D. Masters.

3.6 Instructor Profiles

More personal instructor profiles were requested by S. Jennings. Action D. Masters.

4 Secretary's Report - see full report on website (accepted by M. Courts & R. Lewis)

5 Treasurers Report - see full report on website (accepted by R. McLaughlin & R. Leonard)

6 Aikido Alliance UK

6.1 Decided to resign membership of BAB on 4th October 2024 for the following reasons:

- Impossible to get coaches qualified to CL1 and insure them.
- Forced to move to online monthly returns system that was not fit-for-purpose.
- Breaches of confidentiality.
- No communication from Chairman or Vice Chairman
- Defensive attitude when asked to resolve coaching course issues etc.
- Monies spent inappropriately on Media companies (£650 per month) and no results seen from this.
- Monies spent in promotion of softer style of Aikido which did not reflect our aikido or our association values.

6.2 Affiliated club Goryukai wished to remain with the BAB so club and members were transferred to Makotokan run by Tony Hughes who had recently joined the BAB.

6.3 Joined Aikido Alliance UK on 4th October 2024 for insurance, DBS, coaching and child protection purposes. Run by ex-senior members of BAB:

- The Aikido Alliance was set up in 2021 to serve as a governance organisation for independent aikido groups in the UK.
- Our aim is to offer high quality governance with a "light touch". All our affiliated clubs and associations remain independent in terms of how they operate (e.g. their syllabus, style and gradings).
- The Alliance exists to provide policies and procedures which enable member organisations to implement high quality provision in the following areas: Coaching, Safeguarding, Insurance.

7 Chairman's Report – see full report on website (accepted by T. Winn & M. Courts)

8 Chief Instructors Report (accepted by R. McLaughlin & R. Leonard)

- I will start by thanking the Dee (and Sue Ward from Aikido Alliance UK) for all the work involved with moving from the BAB to Aikido Alliance UK.
- Thank you to all the instructors and class helpers that have helped with the junior and intermediate classes.
- Intermediate classes are very successful and can see a marked improvement in junior members who attend the intermediate class.
- The trial of the low impact martial arts class has been well received and we will continue the trial for a further 6 months until the summer break.
- Need to introduce some instructor tuition classes for 2025.
- May have to reduce from 4 classes a week if we cannot improve adult membership numbers.

9 Club Instructors Report by M. Courts (accepted by R. McLaughlin & R. Leonard)

- Firstly, I would like to thank Eric for his steadfast support to the teaching and his eagle eye picking up every error.
- Adam for his regular dependable attendance, which is paying off in his technique.
- Initially the high-grade class on Monday was attended well but attendance has dropped off. Feel that when high grades are training together their improvement was marked. Able to focus on specific improvements that are not possible when lower grades are training, e.g. smoothness, blending, etc.
- Disappointed that more high grades are not making use of this class and would therefore like more promotion of the high-grade class.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Offer more opportunities for non-club instructors to teach at classes or run whole classes.

10.2 Rowan Leonard and Susan Jennings are working towards their CL1 coaching qualification.

10.3 Thank Rowan for nominating us for a £500 grant from "Wates Family Enterprise Trust" which we will put towards advertising material (A5 leaflets) and Facebook advertising.

Meeting Closed: 13:38. Next Meeting: 16th November 2025