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Dear Member,

RE: Kenshinkai Fareham Club Closure

Unfortunately, we have had to make the very difficult decision to close the Fareham club at Fareham Leisure Centre at the end of this year. We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause existing members and appreciate the support we have had for the Fareham club over many years. The decision was not made lightly as the club has been running for over 30 years.

We are hoping that existing members will be able to train at the Portsmouth clubs (Friday 8pm and Sunday 11am). We intend to do a grading at the Fareham club before the end of the year for members who are ready to test. We will also need assistance with moving the mats into storage over the next few weeks. Classes will continue as normal until the last class on Wednesday 2nd December. Some members have said they can provide transport to the Portsmouth club for those that need it please join the "Kenshinkai Members" private Facebook group or ask Dee for information on those travelling from the Fareham areas to Portsmouth classes.

We are hoping that there may be an option in the future of instructors starting a new club in the Southampton/Fareham area and you will be informed of the details if this occurs.

This year the Organisation made a loss of £1,366.27 which is not sustainable. In addition to this loss of income, we do not currently have enough adult members to justify providing 3 adult classes per week.

The majority of current members (adult and junior) train at the Portsmouth club and the cost to hire the hall in Portsmouth is significantly cheaper than Fareham Leisure Centre so the Fareham club was chosen to close.

Over the past 3+ years we have communicated numerous times to members that unless adult membership increased, a club would have to be closed. We requested support with advertising, however, despite many offers at the AGMs to assist with content creation, social media advertising, university and colleges etc. we have had no real assistance with advertising, except for a few members who distributed A5 leaflets for us, when asked. This was unfortunately not enough to prevent the club from closing. Please remember that the organisation is a members organisation run by the members for the members, nobody is paid, and therefore it is everyone's responsibility to help the organisation continue to exist and provide classes. Thank you everyone for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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PRINCIPAL COACH