

# AUSTRALIAN KARATE FEDERATION W.A. (Inc)

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## Annual General Meeting Minutes – 2011

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
**Time:** 3.04pm  
**Venue:** Loftus Recreation Centre

**Present:**

Eric Ho	Branco Bratich	Jerome Durham	Mic Gunn
Bob Allen	Maurice Matteucci	Lex McKinely	Clive Funston
Brian Sullivan	Gennaro Morgillo	Kerry Cross	Christine Smith
Lisandra De Oliveira			

**Apologies:** Brett Huntly, Steve Casserly

**Review of agenda items.**

**Acceptance of the 2010 minutes.**

Moved: Mic Gunn

Seconded: Clive  
Funston

**Business arising from the previous minutes.**

- Mic Gunn asked about insurance for Member to Member if it had been looked into. Eric said that it had been verified by Mr Zahra (National Secretary) and was OK.
- Brian Sullivan inquired if Life Membership had been followed up, which at present it has not.
- Members requested that the minutes from the Executive meetings be updated on the Website.

## **Executive Committee Reports.**

### **Presidents Report (see attached)**

- Report presented by Eric Ho.

Brian Sullivan raised the issue about whether the State has looked into employing someone for the position as Secretary in a paid capacity. Eric responded that the executive has agreed to the concept of paying for a person to do particular work on a project by project basis.eg., for the DSR grant submission.. Jerome did mention that the DSR has acknowledged that it is laborious and they are looking into the requirements off completing their submission.

- Report was accepted

Moved: Lex Mckinely

Seconded: Gennaro Morgillo

### **Vice President / State Coaching Report (see attached)**

- Branco Bratich presented report.
- Report was accepted.

Moved: Bob Allen

Seconded : Maurice Matteucci

### **Treasurers Report (see attached)**

- Report presented by Eric Ho
- Eric explained we had a full audit report done in accordance with DSR requirements.
- Report was accepted

Moved: Brian Sullivan

Seconded: Clive Funston

### **Secretaries Report (No report)**

### **Referee Report (see attached)**

- Kerry Cross presented the report.

- Kerry mentioned that we need to develop the junior's as numbers are low in the seniors. Yoseikan Ryu Karate carried out the initiative to reinvent this at the last tournament which was accepted by members very well. Victoria is also taking on this procedure of developing their juniors for Refereeing as well.
- Kerry stated the National body are looking at taking accreditations of Referee/Judges if they have not attended an AKF tournament over a certain time period.
- New rules will be coming in for 2012 which as soon as we have will be distributed to members.
- Jerome asked why we are not getting new people to Referee, it was pointed out that many Heads of style and members have a preference to Coach their athletes then referee.
- Lex discussed how SKI has introduced a new system and that part of their system is that they need to attend an AKF tournament each year to keep up their Referee accreditation.
- Brian Sullivan asked why Referees are asked to pay at the seminars when they already give up a day to Referee. Eric said that from past experience there were no appreciation when no fees were charged. Further members also gain knowledge and credibility from the course and there were also seminar costs to be met. Brian also said that at the National seminars he has had to pay. Kerry stated that he always requests that the account for WA Referee/Judges be given to our State Administrator – Christine Smith for the state to pay. This will be looked at by the Referee council.
- In future situations where the above arises, members are to go to the State Referee Council first to look into the situation before it comes to the Executive.
- Mic Gunn raised the concern that there were significant differences of assessment of katas at the J Marc Kata seminars. Eric discussed how personal Coaches need to make sure that their students are prepared for competing in front of different style coaches.
- It was also mentioned that the Kata seminars have been very beneficial in the past.
- Report was accepted.

Moved: Gennaro Morgillo

Seconded: Clive Funston

### **General Business**

- Gennaro asked about the procedure for having a visiting State Coach or Referee at his club. Eric said that a procedure will be put together and sent to all members.
- Brian Sullivan asked on Dion Panossian's behalf as to why the state did support the Kristina Mah seminar. Eric replied that the state has laid out procedures for adopting request to involve individual clubs bringing out personal instructors or presenting

events allowing adequate time for organising the seminar. Short of this, the AKF (WA) Inc will and have always publicise the event as a service to our members.

- Brian Sullivan asked about bringing international Coaches to Australia as he said that he found it beneficial when we had Antonio Oliva here. Branco did say he will try but it is hard with the international Coaches due to their Time schedules. Brian suggested we should bring out as a state Kristina Mah.
- Bob Allen mentioned that he has a First Aid course on 10<sup>th</sup> April at his dojo. If anyone is interested please contact direct.
- Eric announced that Jerome Durham has offered take on the position as Secretary and Vacate the Treasurer's position if the meeting had no objections. The change was approved..

If you require additional copies of minutes, reports etc, please contact the AKF Administrator.

**Meeting Closed at 4.25pm**

*Eric Ho*  
*President AKF WA*

*Jerome Durham*  
*Secretary AKF WA*