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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 November 2011 Time: 11.30am

Venue: Dept Sport Recreation
246 Vincent Street Leederville

Attendees: Eric Ho (President); Branco Bratich (Vice President);
Brett Huntly (Deputy Vice President); Jerome Durham (Treasurer)

Apologies: Steve Casserly (Secretary)

NEW ITEM

Secretary's Resignation

- Steve Casserly formally tendered his resignation via email to the Executive, citing personal / work related constraints. Executive accepted. Discussions held & decision made to approach other members to fill vacant position.

AGENDA ITEMS

2012 State Training

- A new venue has been located, the Carmen Jewish School at the Macabbi Martial Arts Centre, 61 Woodrow Avenue Yokine. Branco and Eric have inspected the property and advise that facilities have a fully matted dojo; a basketball gym and ample storage, all meet with the AKFWA's requirements. Proposal submitted that this be used for the headquarters of the AKFWA. **ACTION** – Branco WHEN - ASAP
- Eric proposed that state training should commence earlier than it did in 2011 as members had indicated that late commencement was not constructive to some athletes training. The Executive accepted this and the date of 1 March 2012 was agreed upon.

International Event – Vietnam Proposal

- Branco advised that he is currently making enquiries with the Vietnam National Coach for a possible combined training & participation in a tournament to be held in Vietnam in 2012. Approximate date of the tournament currently scheduled for the school holidays in April. Discussion was held on the benefits this would bring i.e investments in athletes; coaching seminars with international karate ka; referee seminar/education. Branco will keep the Executive updated.

World Championships

- Branco attended the championships along with coaching staff of the AKFWA. Initial feedback was that parents found the coaching to be disappointing with lack of communication and leadership. Branco will provide a letter, from Yoseikan-Ryu karate, outlining these and other areas of concern.
- DVD of the championships will be provided by Branco to members

Junior Referees Program

- Branco advised that Yoseikan-Ryu had run a very successful junior training program culminating at the recent Yoseikan-Ryu tournament in October 2011. He proposed to the Executive that the AKFWA and the Referees council should undertake this.
- It was discussed to implement an accreditation for the Junior Referees, similar to the Bronze Dojo
- Brett advised that he would make arrangements to speak with Janette Lynch, chairperson Referees, to discuss this and other items.

OTHER ITEMS

Thank you letter to Steve Casserly (Outgoing Secretary) – ACTION Eric Ho

AGM date advised 26 November 2011 to be held at Loftus Centre Leederville

Meeting closed at 12.20pm