

2016 Canadian Kendo Federation Annual General Meeting

Attendance:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Neil Gendzwill	Saskatoon Kendo Club	Ben Lew	Hoshu Vancouver Dojo
Mark Kawabe	Niagara Kendo Club	Takashi Yamada	Vancouver Kendo Club
Makiko Ara	Renbu Dojo	Brian Lampe	Algoma Kendo Club
Loïc D'Orangeville	McGill University Kendo Club.	Yusuke Yanai	Regina Kendo Club
David Mori	Forest City	Corie Namba	Winnipeg Kendo club
Derek Barr	Stratford Kendo	Juan Vasquez	Shidokan Kendo & Iaido Club
Alexander Cook	Ka Muso Kai Calgary	Hyun-June Choi	Jung Ko Kendo
François St-Germain	Université de Montréal Kendo Club	Lawrence Tsuji	Markham Kendo Club
Stephen Quinlan	Kingston Kendo Club	Carole Galligan	Mu Mon Kai
David Harding	UBC Kendo Club	Motoki Asaoka	Youshinkan Dojo
Bryan Asa	JCCC Kendo	Jim Wilson	Kenshokan Iaido
Michelle Taylor	Hamilton CJCC Kendo and Iaido	Stephanie Bozzer	Edmonton Kendo Club
Allan Nichols	University of Victoria Kendo Club	Kyle Eunseob Lee	Chinook kendo
Martin Stabler	Kenshokan Kawartha Lakes	Kevin Hyatt	Hoshinkai
Victor Nishi	Kelowna Kendo Club	Martin Doré	Quebec Kendo Kai
Gerald Audette	Mississauga Kendo Club	Ray Murao	Steveston Kendo Club
Deyana Sameh	York University Kendo Club	Naoki Yamashiro	Western Kendo Club

Minutes:

The 2016 CKF AGM was held electronically on September 28 and 29. The medium was a private Google Groups discussion forum.

There were three reports presented: the President's report, the Team Canada report and the financial report. There were no comments on any of the reports. Each club received a copy of the financial report electronically. If any club wishes to receive a hard copy, please contact Treasurer John Maisonneuve. The President's report and Team Canada report are included in these minutes.

No motions were presented at the meeting. Makiko Ara of Renbu Dojo had submitted a request that CKF consider junior divisions at the 2017 national kendo championships. Mark Kawabe of Niagra Kendo Club replied that the single-knockout format made junior tournaments unappealing for parents and kids alike. Director Hyun-June Choi replied that there was currently a proposal under discussion to have junior individual and team events at the tournament, as well as women's and provincial team events. The proposal includes dropping the adult kyu event. The junior individual event is proposed to be round-robin pools feeding into a draw. These additional divisions would mean that the tournament would need to be a 2 day event.

Juan Vasquez of Shidokan enquired about the possibility of repeating the Montreal Iaido grading held this past February. Director Patrick Suen replied that CKF intended to hold the Montreal grading again, subject to support from the Montreal clubs.

There were no other discussions. The next AGM will be held in conjunction with the national kendo championships in August, 2017.

Neil Gendzwill

CKF Secretary/VP West

President's Report

Dear friends of Kendo, Iaido and Jodo,

Chers amis du Kendo, Iaido et Jodo

It is with a sentiment of gratitude toward the CKF board members that I would like to invite you all to our 3rd electronic general meeting. Their hard work and resilience had allowed to us to develop our three martial arts, Kendo, Iaido and Jodo, while maintaining our promise of transparency concerning our decision making process, our democratic consultations and our primary function of martial education.

C'est avec un vif sentiment de gratitude envers les membres du comité d'administration de notre fédération que je tiens à vous inviter à participer à notre troisième conférence électronique. En effet, leur travail et leur résilience ont permis à notre organisation d'aller de l'avant pour développer nos trois disciplines martiales: le Kendo, le Iaido et le Jodo tout en respectant notre engagement envers la transparence de notre processus décisionnel, de nos consultations démocratiques ouvertes à tous sur notre gouvernance et du premier rôle donné à l'éducation martiale.

We live in a complex society. We are confronted and exposed to countless challenges at work, in our studies, with our families and with our own values. It may sound cliché, but we need more than ever a high quality martial education to respond to those hurdles of life. Learning martial techniques helps forging a strong and tolerant personality, willing to face challenges even outside the dojo

Il ne s'agit pas d'un cliché mais plus que jamais une éducation martiale de qualité donnée dans un société aux enjeux complexes permet de répondre aux défis de choc des valeurs sociétales auxquels chacun d'entre nous est exposé, soit dans ses études, son travail, et sa famille et aussi de nos propres valeurs existentielles. L'apprentissage des arts martiaux permet de se forger un caractère fort et tolérant, même à l'extérieur du dojo.

This is why I would like to thank all teachers who have been maintaining high quality teaching of martial tradition without losing sight of budo's ethical value. I would equally like to thank our directors who have been realizing their missions, and all of you, whom we will be listening to today.

Dans ce sens, je remercie tous nos professeurs qui maintiennent une tradition martiale de haute qualité sans perdre de vue la valeur éthique du budo. Je remercie aussi nos directeurs

qui en ont fait leur première mission et vous tous dont nous allons écouter la parole

A new movement of internationalization is growing currently in the Federation. New doors are opening. Our teachers are part of that process by being invited and travelling to places like Brazil, Chili, Japan and the USA for teaching and participating to events as a guest or a judge.

Un nouveau dynamisme d'internationalisation émerge en ce moment. Des portes s'ouvrent. Nos

professeurs sont invités au Brésil, au Chili, au Japon ou aux États-Unis pour enseigner, participer à des événements ou siéger sur le banc des juges d'examen.

Leaders of the Jodo section of the CKF are creating new bonds with European federations to acquire more knowledge and skills, and to build intercontinental partnerships.

Les dirigeants de la section Jodo se tournent ainsi pour la première fois vers l'Europe pour obtenir un enseignement de haut niveau au Canada et créer de nouveaux liens intercontinentaux

The 2016 Iaido championships, held in Montreal, was a significant development for the future of the Iaido community. A collaboration between the AUSKF and the CKF, supported by the FIK, was confirmed for organizing common exams, allowing us to invite judges from Japan, the USA and Canada. This new agreement guarantees the high level of our students.

Le Championnat Canadien de Iaido 2016 tenu à Montréal a été un évènement marquant pour l'avenir de la communauté de Iaido. Une collaboration souhaitée par la FIK entre l'AUSKF et le CKF s'est confirmée pour organiser des examens communs avec des juges du Japon, des États-Unis et de notre pays. Cette nouvelle coopération garantit ainsi la qualité de nos futurs diplômés.

The kendo practitioners were not at rest either: in addition to our busy schedules filled with tournaments, seminars and exams, we will build educative missions to Japan and South America. However, right now our attention is focused on our National Team. Victory in Korea, at the World Kendo Championships in Incheon in 2018 is the next goal for our best men and women kendoka.

Les pratiquants de kendo ne sont pas en reste: en plus d'un calendrier chargé de compétitions, de séminaires et d'examens, nous allons concrétiser des missions éducatives vers le Japon et l'Amérique Latine dans un avenir proche.

En ce moment, nos regards sont tournés vers Team Canada où les meilleurs hommes et femmes se sont lancés à l'entraînement avec des objectifs de victoire aux Championnats du monde à Incheon en 2018.

The electronic AGM allows all our members to ask questions about our visions of the future of our federation, its projects and its finances. I would like to invite you to make yourself be heard.

Please, ask, share, discuss with us

The eight administrators need you to fulfill their mission, confirm their vision and to fortify their passion for the development of martial arts in Canada.

L'AGM électronique permet à tous nos membres de poser des questions sur la vision du future de notre fédération, sur ses projets et sa santé financière.

Je vous invite donc à prendre la parole. Les huit administrateurs ont besoin de vous pour mener à bien leur vision et nourrir leur passion pour le développement des arts martiaux du Canada

Cordialement

Sincerely yours,

Christian D'Orangeville,

CKF President

président de la fédération

Team Canada 2018 Report

Good Day Everyone,

Unfortunately the Team Canada 2018 program is still in its early stages as I had hoped that we would be farther along.

We have had 2 evaluation camps so far (Vancouver and Toronto) and once the coaches that I have recommended are finalized, I can proceed into the next phase which would be having the coaches setting up the regular training sessions, organizing 2-3 training camps and choosing those players who will represent Canada in Korea.

Coaches/Players

During the evaluation camps, I noticed that while we have many young and skilled members, their tournament confidence level was lacking when they faced the older more experienced members. At this point our best players are those in the 40+ age range. Like it or not we need to push the younger members to take on their seniors. This was the same message I put forward as we were preparing for the last Worlds. However to do so we need coaches who have the experience and can nurture and push our younger players to be better than their seniors. I believe the 2 coaches that I have recommended fill that position.

There is a lot to do and I hope that in the end, we can have a steady flow of good young talented kendoists.

I would like to thank the Directors and the General CKF membership for their support now and going forward.

In closing, I would like to ask if there is anyone interested in filling the positions as "Fund-raising Managers"? This was a position held by Bryan Asa and Paul Eric Marko. They both did a great job but have since had to move on. I am hoping that someone would be willing to take their place.

Thank you again

Ray Murao

Manager, Team Canada