



DUBLIN KENDO KOBUKAI
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARI, 2007

MINUTES

1. CHAIR - APPOINTMENT

Henric Malm was proposed and elected chairman for the annual general meeting of Dublin Kendo Kobukai.

2. AGENDA - APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by those present.

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT – ADOPTED

Noel gave a summary of the accomichomet during the previous year, the organisation of the Irish Championships and Goodwill taikai in January, Joakim seminar in May and Ito seminar in November. All done very successfully and have greatly improved the club. Outside of theat Dublin hosted three national seminars with Yanai-Senseai during 2006. All thise experiences will give us a solid baseline to develop the club and also move forward.

Looking into 2007 the Dublin will try to have at least two seminars, booth Ito-Sensei and Joakim-sensei have offered to return and Mikko-sensei from Finland have shown interest in coming to Dublin. Noel also pointed out the important for all members to travel a lot in 2007 to gain new contacts and also new skills. Dublin will also be the first to host the new Irish championships currently planed to take place in June 2008 and the Irish Goodwill Taikai in January 2008.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT - APROVED

A copy of the treasurer's report was posted to the club email sites prior to the meeting. The club finances are in good shape. There was an overall surplus for 2006, €1080. In total the club had expenditure of €12833 and club received €13921.



5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – ELECTION

The following club officers were elected. All officers are members of the Management Committee. As set out in the club rules, the Management Committee will be made up of the elected officers of the club.

LEADER.....Noel Whelan
DEPUTY LEADER.....Henric Malm
SECRETARY.....Martin Moroney
TREASURER.....Martin Kiosew
TRAINING DIRECTOR.....Benedict Albertini
INFORMATION DIRECTOR ...Jorge Cordero

6. MOTIONS

Motion 1 – Poposed by Jorge Cordero

That Dublin Kendo Kobukai consider hosting the first Irish Jodo Seminar, as proposed by Mr. Vincent Long, Kendo Na h'Éireann.

Motion was Adopted

Motion 2 – Proposed by Neil Maher

That 30 minutes of a Sunday training class is set aside, once a month, for a workshop on equipment maintenance.

Motion was not adopted, but the following modified motion was:

Anyone how like to have instruction in equipment maintenance should come 30 minutes earlier on every first Sunday of the month where one of the senior trainer will organise a for workshop.

Motion 3 – Proposed by Neil Maher

That a "Coaching" system be established, whereby Senior grades assist Junior Grades in the development of their Kendo, by way of "one on one" coaching and development.

Motion was adopted, with the following modifications:

That a senior kendoka shall take responsibility fir the intermediary class and assist all their on their development of their Kendo

7. CHANGES TO CLUB COSTITUTON



It was suggested that the following be inserted, after "Section 11 – Appeal Procedures" of the Constitution of Dublin Kendo Kobukai:

"12 Membership – Visiting Kendoka

Dublin Kendo Kobukai welcomes all visiting Kendoka who wish to practice Kendo with our club. In such cases the following arrangements will apply:

- (a) The visiting Kendoka may practice free of charge for visits of less than 1 month;*
- (b) For stay's longer than 2 weeks, a visiting Kendoka must pay the clubs annual membership fee, and if the stay is longer than 1 month the relevant monthly training fee, for each month (or part thereof) that they practice with the club;*
- (c) The Club Leader may at his/her discretion waive membership fees for visiting Kendoka;*

The AGM decided to adopt this change

8. IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Dublin Kendo Kobukai has been asked by Kendo Na h'Éireann to organize and host the 2008 and 2009 Irish Goodwill taikai and Irish championships. New for next will be that the Goodwill tournament and the Irish championships will separate as it has outgrown its current form. The Goodwill taikai will stay in the end of January and the Irish championships will move to June. To start planning for this Jorge Cordero and Martin Kiosew have formed the planning committee for these events.

9. DIRECTOR OF TRAINING REPORT

The permanent move to St David's CBS in the beginning of 2006 allowed us to start with serious kendo development in Dublin. This move also increased the volume of activity in the financial accounts.

From purely "keiko" related point of view we managed to organise 2 important seminars with Joakim and Ito Senseis. It was a good opportunity for all Dublin members to see two completely different styles of kendo. Joakim Sensei presented to us a competition aspect of kendo and Ito Sensei a very traditional ZNKR. I was personally delighted to learn from Joakim Sensei, as his way to teach is very much made for Europeans but it also has a balanced touch of Japanese professional kendo practice. It is not a surprise that he is Swedish National Coach.

Throughout the year we tried several training programs and it was a good opportunity to see what our members like and dislike. During the summer time there was an intensive physical preparation for our National team as well as for all Dublin members. Many among

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us managed to improve in their kendo and some have even made huge progress. Personally I would like to congratulate our young member Lee for his impressive improvement in competition kendo. Gerard and Freddy look like new pure talents and I am very impressed by their performances as well. I sincerely hope that they will seriously continue to practice the art and become future Irish National members. Many thanks also to Martin and Michael for their devoted presence in most of the sessions. During the WKC without them the club would be closed.

Before the WKC we organised several mini "shiais" in order to create the teams for the Nationals but also as a training exercise for the members of the National Team.

The results from the Nationals are encouraging for the future of the Dublin kendo. Still there are many things that need improvements.

Areas for improve and projects for 2007:

1. Improve discipline and "Reigi" before, during and after training sessions.
2. Raise the motivation of all in club and especially for sempais, to set a leading example for all member.
3. Bushido spirit or friendly sportsman atmosphere?
4. Develop a junior classed
5. Organise at least two seminars this year as well.
6. Start the Dublin Squad keiko sessions.
7. Plan and organisation of next year INC and National event in January and June.

10. A.O.B.

Dublin have been asked by Federation to organise and host Sumi-Sensei Semminar from the 19th to 26th April. Management Committee will appoint prodjet group to organice and run this event.



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Present at the AGM:

Noel Whelan

Henric Malm

Benedict Albertini

Danny Lennon

Lee Cahill

Martin Kiosew