



*The Albany Council
of the
Traditional Karate-Do Organization, Inc.*

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Chief Executive Officer

The regular meeting of The Albany Council of the Traditional Karate-Do Organization Board was called to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. on March 13, 2007 at Price Chopper in Westgate by Jerome Culler.

Present: Jerome Culler, Michele Fields, Sharon Lehman, Isabel Laboy, Joe Sorce and Kathy Brizzell

Late: None

Absent: Kriste White, Shawn Sorce, Elizabeth Alexander, Mary Ann Butler

Opening:

Jerome welcomed the Board to the meeting.

A. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for 3/28/07 was approved.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 2/28/07 and 3/13/07 will be finalized for approval for the next meeting.

C. Action Items: None.

D. Discussion Items:

Association Tournament:

Discussions:

The board members reviewed the successes and challenges from the tournament and some suggestions on what we could do better for next year:

1. Universal shirts for all board members to make it easier to locate members throughout the venue.
2. Staging went very well and it was very important to have as many hands in staging especially earlier in the day when more athletes are in staging.
3. For kitchen next year check with Bubba for possible connection to have more use of the kitchen.
4. Should have gear available in a more variety of sizes
5. Sensei Deb spoke with Joe and said how impressed she was with how smoothly things went and her only suggestions was that we make sure next time that the rings are 22x22 as the rule book.

Newsletter:

Discussions:

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The board discussed several ideas for the next newsletters- follow up on the black belt dinner, association tournament, The new Sempei's corner with tips from our instructors, Sempei interviews done by students, and nutritional and healthy ideas and snack choices, and links to the new website.

ACTKO Website:

Discussions:

The following ideas were discussed as items and links that should be added to the website:

1. All forms-scholarships, demo forms, newsletters, board meeting minutes etc.
2. An alumni page with pictures and articles on current and past students

There will be a link to info@actko.com that is monitored by Joe and forwarded to the board members for review.

Board Committees & parent captains

Discussions

The board discussed possible committees for travel, fundraising and communications. Joe discussed how he would like to handle information while traveling at the Nationals. He would like have at least 2 parent captains for each Team (Tiny Tigers, Intermediate, Advanced) and have each captain assigned a group of parents. Joe will meet with the captains nightly and relay info to for the next day. The captains will then be responsible for contacting their set list of parents and get the information down to them. The board will need to get a better feel for the number of athletes planning on traveling to the Nationals and then make some decisions about how to proceed.

E. New Business

- 1) Walkathon for the March of Dimes at the end of April. Information will be posted at the dojo and an email sent out to all parents.
- 2) The lottery tickets will be printed out and be available for sale shortly. More information will follow once the tickets are prepared.
- 3) New board members – Kathy Brizzell expressed an interest in joining the board. This will need to be added for discussion and vote at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12p.m. The next meeting is April 17, 2007 at 7 p.m. at Price Chopper in Westgate Plaza.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Fields

Approved by: _____

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