



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

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The regular meeting of The Albany Council of the Traditional Karate-Do Organization Board was called to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. on April 17, 2007 at Price Chopper in Westgate by Jerome Culler.

Present: Jerome Culler, Maryanne Butler, Joe Sorce, Elizabeth Alexander, Kathy, Isabel Laboy

Late: None

Absent: Shawn Sorce, Kriste White and Sharon Jones

Opening:

Jerome welcomed the Board to the meeting.

A. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for 4/17/07 was approved. Thereafter, an amendment was made to the Agenda in order to vote in Kathy. No opposition was voiced and Board unanimously approved to amend the Agenda to include this item.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 2/28/07, 3/13/07 and 3/28/07 were approved and passed.

C. Action Items:

The amended agenda included a vote on Kathy to become a member and join the Board. Michelle motion for Kathy to become a member and Liz second her vote. It went up before the Board and it was passed unanimously and Kathy is now officially a member.

D. Discussion Items:

Newsletter:

Discussions: Discussions were had on status of our April Newsletter. Originally it was discussed and agreed that that the Newsletter would be ready for distribution for April 15th. Because it is incomplete at this time the date was moved to be ready for distribution by Monday, April 23, 2007. Jerome will work on his article regarding nutrition and I will prepare an article regarding the Association Tournament. Once those two articles are final, the newsletter will be ready. Everything has already been drafted. Joe suggested that we include again the Hotel information for Nationals this year. Board agreed.

Action items

Jerome to submit his article

Person responsible

Jerome

Deadline

ASAP

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Article for Assoc. Tournament

Isabel

ASAP

□ Nationals Parent Meeting:

Discussions: Discussions were had about Shihan's parent meeting for Sunday, April 22, 2007. We need to put together an information packet for parents. Joe suggested that we type up a one page notice, outlining the hotel information and volunteers for parent team captains. Jerome advised we need to create a communication tree and the captains are the way to do. Joe also advised that he just found out that the AAU has airline discounts for those who would like to fly, but he didn't know the details or the discounts. We thereafter discussed transportation to Nationals. Joe advised that there is a bus that will be provided free of charge by Parks and Recreation as they have done in the past. We discussed that the bus will hold all athletes and coaches first and any remaining seats, if it is a substantial amount, will then be given on a first come first basis, to any family members. Other than that they can travel to Nationals by air or other means at their own costs and expenses. Also once in the Venue the bus, if any available seating, will only be used to transport all athletes and coaches whether they rode on the bus or not. The emphasis was to let parents know they are on their own in paying for Nationals this year, so there are no misunderstandings or miscommunications. Maryanne also brought up coaches, since there is a minimal amount of black belts attending Nationals this year, we are going need coaches and have parents volunteer and take the test and pay the fees for that as well.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Draft Information sheet for parent meeting	Isabel/Joe	ASAP
Sign up for Parent Captains	ALL	ASAP
Sign up for Coaches	ALL	ASAP

○ March of Dimes Walk and Lottery Fundraiser:

Discussions: People are starting to sign-up. Hopefully we get some more names to the list. We discussed that the donations should be turned in by Saturday, April 28 and that everyone should meet at the William Sanford Library across from the Times Union on Sunday, April 29 @ 9:00, so we can start heading out to The Crossings for the walk at about 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Siempei Carl has also agreed to shave his head if we can raise \$1,000.00 or over. We also discussed the Lottery fundraiser and we got rid of all the tickets and now need to collect all stubs and monies. We set a deadline of April 25, 2007 to collect all monies and ticket stubs to enable us enough time to count the money and make sure we received all ticket stubs back.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Send email to everyone about the Walk	Isabel	ASAP

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Send email regarding lottery deadline

Isabel

ASAP

E. New Business:

- 1) Stamps: Liz requested that she be able to purchase pre-signature stamps for her and Joe and a for Deposit stamp, to make it easier to sign numerous checks and easier to deposit checks once they are stamped.
- 2) Fun Day: We discussed maybe having another BBQ outing as we did two years ago, so all the kids and family can come and have fun and get together with everyone. The last one we had was a successful and everyone had fun. We wanted to do something for everyone without having to ask for anything in return for all their cooperation and participation during the year. We discussed maybe emailing Pam to get some dates for the Bethlehem Park where it happened before. We will also check with The Crossings in Colonie, as well. We will further discuss this when we get new dates.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Send email to Pam and call The Crossings	Isabel	ASAP

F. Fundraiser: We discussed briefly the ASH BBQ and different ways to have it this year, since it is just a month away. We discussed having it BBQ style outdoors or just paying the fee to use ASH's kitchen. In the end, the Board believed that paying the fee will benefit us more then taking our chances with weather issues, etc. Also Maryanne's husband advised during the Assoc. Tournament that he had a connection within the District who can possibly help us in maybe a discounted rate for using the kitchen or helping us out in another way. We will ask him and try to find out if we can go through him instead.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting is **May 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** at Price Chopper in Westgate Plaza.

Minutes submitted by: Isabel Laboy

Approved by: _____