

INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE FEDERATION

GENERAL MEETING

**15TH ITKF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
CURITIBA, BRAZIL
November 11, 2010**

In Attendance:

ITKF Officials
ITKF Board of Directors
ITKF Technical Committee Members

Representatives of the following Member Countries:

Argentina	Macedonia
Armenia	Mexico
Austria	Norway
Brazil	Paraguay
Canada	Peru
Chile	Poland
Colombia	Portugal
Cyprus	Romania
Czech Republic	Russia
France	Slovenia
Israel	Serbia
Italy	South Africa
Indonesia	Ukraine
Lithuania	United Kingdom (UK)
	United States of America (USA)
	Venezuela

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

A. The ITKF Chairman Richard Jorgensen (Canada) welcomed everyone to the ITKF World Congress and outlined the procedure for voting. The Chairman declared that a quorum was represented and business could proceed.

II. 1st Order of Business

A. Welcome Remarks

1) Announcement by Host: CBKT President Gilberto Gaertner. Mr. Gaertner welcomed everyone and outlined the program and schedule of events.

- 2) Prof. Dr. Robert Carlisle Burnett addressed the meeting on behalf of the University Pontifical Catholic University of Parana, Brazil. The University was one of the major sponsors for the Championship.
- 3) A moment of silence is observed in memory of Sensei Nishiyama: This is the 1st ITKF General Meeting since the passing of our Founder and Sensei, Master Hidetaka Nishiyama.

III. Chairman's Report

A. Business Report

- 1) The Chairman thanked all of the committees and volunteers who have been working for the benefit of ITKF since the passing of Sensei Nishiyama. The Chairman thanked Sensei Hiroshi Shirai for acting as ITKF Senior Advisor and the personal assistance and advice he has given to the ITKF Chairman.
- 2) Financial Statements were presented, discussed and approved.

B. Business Plan

- 1) The Chairman outlined the Priorities for the next two years as included in the Business Plan. The Chairman highlighted the following activities included within the Business Plan:
 - i) The creation of a Senior Advisor Council called Shihan-kai:
 - Comprised of the most senior ITKF qualified members.
 - Similar to an "Elder's Council" it will serve as a gathering of both Japanese and non-Japanese Traditional Karate senior masters to provide advice to the ITKF.
 - Sensei Hiroshi Shirai will chair the Shihan-kai Council.
 - Members will be appointed and sign a contract with the ITKF to protect the ITKF principles and philosophy of Budo.
 - ii) Expansion of Committees and Activities of ITKF:
 - a) Legal Services Committee
 - Consisting of legal minds to assist the ITKF with matters requiring legal advice.
 - Four lawyers have already agreed to join the committee:
 - Livia Gonzalez (Brazil)
 - Marta Niewczas (Poland)
 - J. Michael Crowe (USA)
 - Romulo Machado (Portugal) has agreed to chair the Legal Services Committee.

b) Marketing Committee

- Redesign and upgrade the ITKF Internet website and marketing program.
- Develop a revenue generating strategy using website store and sales strategy.
- Develop and recommend a line of ITKF products.
- Dr. Wlodzimierz Kwiecinski has agreed to chair this committee and has already begun the process of upgrading the website.
- Website will eventually include repository of members' technical information including Dan Exam Thesis'.
- Focus of the Website plan will include restructuring of office communications and registration via the Internet.

c) Youth Development Committee

As outlined in the Business Plan:

- Revamping of Instructor Training Program.
- Development of curriculum for youth.
- Focus of the plan is youth development with a self development component involving competition. However, competition will be linked to a developmental strategy.
- Goal is to be an accredited program with universities worldwide.
- Start date planned for the first week of February (2011).
- Development of Competition Rules and Education Certification Programs.
- To test the rules for youth competition ages 14-15, 16-18 and 19-21 by the year 2012.
- To have Youth Competition one day prior to the World Championships in 2012.

Committee Members:

- Dr. Gilberto Gaertner, PhD in Sports Medicine has agreed to be Chairman of the Youth Committee.
- Professor Burnett (Brazil) has agreed to work with the Youth Development Committee.
- Humberto De Souza (Brazil) and Mr. Arguello (Brazil) also agreed to be involved in this program.

C. Budget

The Chairman highlighted the following points as contained within the Budget presented within the 2010 – 2012 Business Plan:

- i) Reduction of Renewal Fees
 - Based on activity
- ii) Reduction of Dan Registration fees
 - By more than half in some cases
- iii) Revamp ITKF into an activity driven organization:
 - a. Urge countries to host and participate in ITKF events.
 - b. Qualifications, Registrations and Renewals will be a measurement of Membership participation as outlined in the Membership Criteria within the Business Plan.
 - c. Expand Membership categories by one (four levels of membership) as outlined in the Business Plan.
 - d. Maintain voting structure of Two votes for Full Members; One Vote for Regular Member (change from Associate).
 - d. Hold multiple Qualification Courses (i.e., North America, Europe, South America)
 - Goal is to allow expanded access for people to attain ITKF qualifications.
 - Expand to three or four courses throughout the year within the next two years.

The Chairman asked the Assembly for approval of the 2008-2009 Business Report*.

Moved by: Mr. Puricelli (Italy); Second by: Mr. Gaertner (Brazil). Motion Carried.

*NOTE:

Objection from Mr. Tabassi (USA): The AAKF (USA) amount in the budget should not be included.

Reply by Mr. Jorgensen: Loss of ITKF in 2008 was related to bills paid in 2009 on behalf of AAKF for 2008 & 2009. As ITKF is considered a “cash basis” organization (money received and expended in the same year), any loss cannot be taken forward and recovered. Therefore, this amount needs to be accurately reflected in the Financial Statements reported to the Assembly.

The Chairman asked the Assembly for approval of the 2010-2012 Business Plan

Motion made to adopt the 2012-2012 Business Plan.

Moved: Mr. Puricelli (Italy). Second: Mr. Kliebl (Czech Republic). Motion Carried.

D. Report from the Technical Committee Meeting

1) Selection of Judges for World Championships:

- Class A & B Judges will be asked to serve at this World Championship along with two Class C Judges who proved successful in the Judges' Course and Examination
- For the Finals, a refined list of judges – Class A and at least Class B Registered judges only

Motion made to ratify the list of Judges as presented.

Motion: Mr. Puricelli (Italy). Second: Dr. Kwiecinski (Poland). Motion carried.

E. Report from the Board of Directors:

Members:

Chairman:	Richard Jorgensen (Canada)
General Secretary:	J. Michael Crowe (USA)
Vice President:	Luciano Puricelli (Italy)
Directors:	W. Kwiecinski (Poland) K. Ishiyama (Venezuela)
Shihankai Chairman:	H. Shirai (Italy)
Europe represented by:	Dr. V. Jorga (Serbia)
Pan American Region represented by:	Mr. K. Ishiyama (Venezuela)

*REMARK:

Mr. Tabassi (USA) proposed to add Mr. K. Ishiyama as Vice President to the Board in order to allow another Director from Pan America to be appointed. Moved: Mr. Tabassi (USA). Second: Mr. E. Obregon (Mexico). Carried.

Moved: Mr. Nelson Carrion (Spain): to add Mr. Carlos Alfaro (Chile) and Mr. Enrique Obregon (Mexico) to the Board of Directors. Second: Dr. W. Kwiecinski (Poland). Carried.

F. Report from Regional Meetings

1) Europe:

- Report presented by Dr. V. Jorga (Serbia)
- Scheduled events:
 - Next European Championships (2011) to be held in Jerusalem, Israel
 - 2011 Summer Camp to be held in Poland
 - 2012 European Championship to be held in Italy
 - 2012 European Cup

2) Pan American:

- To maintain same board of Directors until next year at the Pan American

Championships (October/November 2011)

- 3) Asia/Oceanic:
 - Mr. Sabeth Muhksin (Indonesia) requested to host Regional Meeting in Jakarta in January 2011, will select members for ITKF at that time.
- 4) XVI ITKF World Championship announced by Dr. W. Kwiecinski.

Poland will host the next World Championship to be held in the city of Lodz:

 - Letter from Mayor of the city of Lodz presented to the ITKF Chairman.
 - Short film presentation on the city of Lodz, the Dojo Stara Wies and the PZKT Tournament Organizing Committee.
 - Dr. Kwiecinski conveyed greetings along with the great pride and excitement of the citizens of Lodz to host the World Championships.

Motion made by Mr. L. Puricelli (Italy) to ratify actions and decisions of the Board of Directors for the 2008-2010 period.

Moved: L. Puricelli (Italy). Second: Dr. Kwiecinski (Poland). Motion Carried

- G. There being no further business before the Assembly, Chairman Jorgensen (Canada) called for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. R. Machado (Portugal) that the meeting be adjourned. Second: Mr. Tabassi (USA). Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

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