



**International Chito-Ryu Karate Federation of Australia
(Sunshine Coast Branch) Inc.**

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: Saturday 22st March 2014 at 9:00am

Venue: Maroochydore Dojo, 2/14 Depot St, Maroochydore, Qld, 4558

Meeting Opened: 9:05am

Attendance: Rod Jones, Debbie Strazzari, Helen O'Grady, Jodie Marriott, Martin Phillips, Wendy Boman, Gary Saunders, Leona Ryan

Apologies: John Strazzari, Jim Moehead

1. Review of previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Helen and accepted by the committee.
Moved by Rod Jones. Seconded by Martin Phillips

2. Reports

(a) President Report - no report

(b) Treasurer Report

(i) All previous records from Tracy Darin have been handed over to Rod.

(ii) All associated documents have been lodged with the ATO and the bank as required. Rod is waiting for documents to be signed and submitted for change of signatories on the account and for account mailing details to be changed. A full reconciliation report will be completed as soon as possible and Rod will email it to the committee members.

(iii) Rod has noted that the change of name for The Association, ICKFA(SC Branch), due to The National Body dissolving, be done at an EGM with a minimum of 5 members present, and that an EGM can be called at any time as long as thirty days notice has been given to members. There was discussion that ICKF(SC) Constitution will have to be altered in regards to the insurance, procedures and communication channels between ICKFA(SC) and The National Body. Rod and Martin to follow up on the current constitution and change it as necessary. Acceptance of the constitution change and ICKFA(SC) name change application to be done at the EGM, date to be confirmed.

(RJ, MP)

(c) Secretary Report - February newsletter printed and distributed.
Next newsletter aimed for distribution in April.

(LR)

(d) Instructor Report - No report

3. Business arising from previous meeting :

(a) *Tonfa* - Item pending. (MP)

(b) *Scholarship program* - Martin reported that only one application has been received and therefore accepted for the 2014 Scholarship Program. Martin suggested the applicant does not need to go through the selection process. All agreed. The successful applicant is Helen O'Grady. Sensei Sandra Phillips will accompany Helen on this trip to Japan. Details of the trip will be discussed as necessary.

(MP)

(c) *Team Marathon Style Event* - There was some discussion on the structure of the event, purpose and format. The overall idea is to be able to introduce the Chito-Ryu style of karate to others who may not have ordinarily thought of martial arts as a sport they could be interested in. It was noted that it will be difficult to keep the audience engaged for a long period of time. Ideas included approaching other clubs to hold a weekend event where both clubs participate in each other's sports, for example, soccer and tennis. Further discussion required.

4. Correspondence :

(a) Invoices were emailed out to Trident Projects, Jodie Marriott and Jim Moehead for advertising in the newsletter.

(LR)

5. General Business/New Business :

(a) *Reduction of the entry fee to tournaments* - It was suggested that because the association does not have to pay for the venue at the next tournament, that the entry for the next tournament in May be reduced. There is concern that the number of competitors at this tournament are low and it was suggested that by reducing the entry fee, we could encourage more members to participate. It was also noted that the entry fee is quite fair and comparable to other sporting events at this level. There was discussion that there are various reasons members compete and it was noted that the friendship tournament held last year was very successful in terms of the number of members who competed because of the nature of the tournament and the team element.

We discussed how we could encourage new members to participate in tournaments. It was decided for the next tournament in May to add a division for advanced and beginner team kata. Members will be invited and encouraged to form four teams nominating their own captains and teams for the team kata events. Martin to outline the requirements for the advance and beginner teams based on belt rankings. Martin to create forms for the team members to add their names, to be put up in the dojo.

The fees for those members who enter just for the team kata event will be \$10. Any members who want to participate in more than just the team kata, the fee will be \$30 as usual. The family fee will remain at \$80. This serves the purpose for those who are enthusiastic about competing competitively and those who are just wanting to have a go and be involved in the team culture.

It was suggested that there has not been much early promotion in the dojo for this tournament. It was suggested to have bunkai demonstrations during the lunch break again. It was suggested to do a survey of members asking for their thoughts on the tournaments in regards to reasons why they are or are not participating.

(ALL)

(b) Preparations for the tournament 30th March - Jodie has organised all preparations for the tournament. All volunteers are confirmed and positions allocated.

(JM)

(c) Indoor Rock Climbing Social Event - Cath has organised a team building event at Rockit Indoor Rock Climbing Gym at Kawana for the 25th May. It is open to all members, their families and friends. Cost will be \$17 each if we have over 20 people attending. A poster to be put on the dojo notice board and facebook promotion required (Leona and Helen). A list also to be put on the notice board for members interested in attending.

(JM on behalf of CA)

(d) Easter Family Fun Day - scheduled for Sunday 6th April. Training starting at 9am. Venue to be changed to the dojo. Change of structure to make it an open event with members encouraged to invite family and to bring-a-friend to attend and participate. Jumping castle for the kids. Water bomb and water pistol fun and other games. Martin to organise jumping castle. Free BBQ sausage sizzle, Debbie and Leona to organise sausages etc. Rod and Leona to bring extra BBQs.

Easter basket raffle. Members will be asked to donate Easter goodies to make up a hamper. Raffle tickets will be sold \$1 ea or 3 for \$2. Funds go to cover costs. Debbie to purchase basket.

Helen to do facebook promotion. Leona to create poster for notice board.

(HO,LR)

(e) Purchase of BBQ for the association - As previously discussed, it was decided to look into purchasing a new BBQ for the association as the current BBQ is no longer adequate. Gary to follow up for next meeting.

(GS)

6. Next Meeting to be held Saturday 26th April at 9am at the dojo.

Meeting Closed: 10:30am

Signed by president: _____