



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

AGM 2023 MINUTES

Date and Time: Saturday, December 10th, 2023, at 11:00am

Venue: Cotton Tree Park, Cotton Tree

Meeting Opened: 11.30 am.

Attendance: See attached attendance and proxy list on page 3.

Apologies: Jo Bailey, David Probert

1. Welcome

2. Read minutes of previous AGM 2022 Accepted by Annie G. Seconded by Brett M.

3. Reports

(a) President Report Attached (page 4) (BM)

(b) Secretary Report Attached (page 5) (SH)

(c) Treasurer Report Attached (page 6) (AG)

Financial report accepted.

(d) Instructor Report Attached (page 7) (MP)

4. Management Committee stand down. Election of office bearers for 2022-23

- a. President – Brett McRae (Nominations from Debra Flaherty by and Annie Gagnier) – Accepted.
- b. Instructor representative – Renshi Marting Phillips (Nominations from Debra Flaherty and Annie Gagnier) – Accepted.
- c. Secretary – Sam Hunt (Nominations from Debra Flaherty and Annie Gagnier) – Accepted.
- d. Treasurer – Annie Gagnier (Nominations from Debra Flaherty and self-nomination Annie Gagnier) – Accepted.
- e. General members – self-nominations: Shane S, Debra F, Sami P.

5. Take contact details of Management committee and General Members

6. Next Meeting. TBA.

Meeting Closed: 11.48 AM

Signed by president: _____

Attendance:

Martin P, Sam H, Annie G, Brett M, Deb F, Shane S, Selina S, Glen M, Brennan R, Karen M, Nick A, Laura S, Edwin F, Sami P.

Proxies:

None.

General Member Nominations:

Shane S

Debra F

Sami P

President's Report (Brett McRae)

I think we had a good year as the ICKFA Sunshine Coast our main objectives of the association for this year was to get back into some sort of normality after covid having tournaments back, Soke's 2nd and 3rd generation as well as other visiting dignitaries to help our members training through the year. A big part was the raising of money to support the competitors and families of the soke cup team 2023. I think the committee as a group rallied around this running a number of fund raisers with a target of \$10 000 I think we were only a few hundred dollars short of reaching our target. The team was very grateful for the work we all put in to get us to where we were. The money we raised was put to good use with a great team effort in Japan. With 15 competitors reaping the rewards of 23 medals. the achievement of getting a defibrillator for the dojo late in the year spear headed by Deb was a tremendous feat with the proceeds being donated by Ted Hungerford.

Secretary's Report (Sam Hunt)

I would first like to acknowledge the outgoing committee members of the ICKFA Sunshine Coast branch for 2023.

Thank you for the work put in by the committee this year, it was a busy but successful year for the committee.

The membership numbers of the association have varied this current year from 176 to 210 members. We held 7 committee meetings this year, and we were able to organise 2 tournaments held on the Sunshine Coast; contributed and raised approximately \$10,000 towards funding the Sunshine Coast Soke Cup squad; and procured a defibrillator for use at the Dojo and tournaments.

Thank you again to everyone who attended meetings this year.
I will be nominating myself for position of Secretary of the association.

Sam Hunt
Secretary

Treasurer's report (Annie Gagnier):

2023 was a very busy year for the association which saw the running of two very successful tournaments which provided great opportunities for members to train and compete alongside Gold Coast and Sydney dojo members. We welcomed Noonan Sensei as guest instructor for a couple of days prior to the first tournament. In the leadup to the triannual Soke Cup, the association ran multiple fundraisers which helped us raise just under \$10k in funds to support the amazing efforts of Sunshine Coast Karate Team in Japan. Later in the year, the association was able to provide an advance payment for the purchase of a defibrillator for the dojo which was then fully refunded by a Sunshine Coast Council grant, thanks to the ongoing effort of committee member Debra in securing the grant. The association is also extremely happy to be able to welcome 2nd & 3rd generations Soke to the Sunshine Coast for 3 days packed with training and learning opportunities for all members in a not-to-be-repeated again event coming up this weekend.

As far as financial reporting goes, for the financial year 2022-23, the association reported an income of \$16,030.73 for a net loss of \$5,028.75. In terms of profit and loss for a financial year, the loss is expected for a Soke Cup year where we understandably have a lot more expenses than revenues. The association had however planned well for this in the previous years and put aside sufficient funds to cover those expenses. It is not a representation of the financial health of the association but a reflection of the busy year. Total assets on the 30th June were at \$18,214.75 which was total equity with no liabilities. Financially the association is going very strong, ready to tackle the next year of activities. I would like to thank Sensei Martin and Sandra (and Sensei Bailey) for another awesome year of training, for their dedication and support to all members and for their consistent energy and willingness to share their collective well of wisdom. I would also like to thank the outgoing committee members and volunteers for all your efforts prior, during and post events. It was a huge year, and it was good to see so much willingness to help out and make it a great year. I will be representing myself to the position of treasurer for the next year.

Annie Gagnier
Treasurer

Instructor's Report (Martin Phillips)

In the dojo we've have an incredibly productive year.

Before getting to a recap of the year I'd like to thank the outgoing committee for their service and thank you all for your efforts. They have been very active throughout the year, and I will leave it to them to focus largely on committee endeavours, whilst I primarily focus on what's happened in the dojo.

Although current membership numbers are slightly down compared to this time last year, there are a lot of positives to report.

- We've had nearly a year since the dojo space was reconfigured and the change seems to be working well.
- Sensei Sandra and I both had very productive training trips to the Sohonbu (the international headquarters) at different times of the year. And Steven also accompanied Sensei Sandra and he's really looking forward to his next training trip to Japan. We hope that more seniors of the dojo can start to develop their own direct connection to the new Soke and the international headquarters.
- The 2023 Soke Cup was the most successful ever for our Sunshine Coast dojo:
 - 15 competitors
 - 13 medalists
 - Individual Kata – 7 medalists (4 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze)
 - Individual Kumite – 2 medalists (2 bronze)
 - Kobujutsu Bo – 4 medalists (2 gold, 2 silver)
 - Kobujutsu Sai – 3 medalists (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
 - Team Kata – 3 medalist teams (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
 - Team Kumite – Representatives of 4 medalist national teams (1 gold, 3 silver)
 - More important than medals, we had incredibly positive feedback about the team from many instructors from around the world. Sunshine Coast dojo is being noticed!
- Sensei Sandra and I also both successfully graded to the teaching level of Renshi. And I successfully graded to 4th dan in kobujutsu. In addition there have been 2 new shodans & 1 new nidan this year.
- In the dojo we have have a very strong team of leaders at present, but there is always room for more.
- And we also have a strong group in the senior levels (brown & black belts) who have been very active in their own training and in supporting dojo events. From this group, we expect there will be a wave of new black belts in the next year or so.
- From tomorrow for the next 3 days (12 -14 Nov 2023), we are looking forward to hosting the 2nd & 3rd Generation Chito-Ryu Soke whilst they teach on the Sunshine Coast. After the Soke Cup in August, the 2nd Generation Soke officially handed over the reigns to his eldest son has become the 3rd Generation Soke and will lead Chito-Ryu into the future.
- It was announced that the 2026 Soke Cup will be on the Gold Coast and we expect that our association will be playing a very active role in the supporting the organisation and running of this event.

Thank you once again & we look forward to another great year head.

Martin Phillips, Renshi
Instructor Representative - ICKFA (Sunshine Coast Branch) Inc