

SOA Board Meeting Notes Approved

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Skype Phone Meeting

Present: F. Ito, Michael Thompson, Nancy Billias, David Franklin, Rob Gaston, Rob Kedoin, Byron Russell, Sandra Bengtsson (Treasurer), Cheryl Williams (International Gasshuku Manager), Stephen Billias (Body Dialogue Editor)

Not Present: Shin Aoki

1) Topic: Approval of minutes for last meeting (4/15/2012). Approved without objection.

2) Topic: Body Dialogue Publication. Stephen Billias presented a proposal to change the Body Dialogue publication to electronic publication, with email notification to the Shintaido email list when a new publication is posted online. The next edition will be published after the International Gasshuku in late July or August. At that time, postcards will be sent out to the current Body Dialogue publication mailing list informing everyone of the change, asking for an updated email address, and giving the option of paying \$10/year for a printed and mailed subscription. This will result in substantial savings to SOA and allow a wider electronic distribution of the Body Dialogue. Note that a mailed copy of the printed Body Dialogue will no longer be a perk of paid SOA membership. The proposal was approved without objection.

Action Item: Stephen will work with Rob K and Sandra B on the text for the postcard.

Action Item: Rob K and Sandra B will continue work on updating and maintaining the Shintaido email list.

2) Topic: International Gasshuku Update from Cheryl Williams. Currently, 80 paying participants are registered for the event, with a total of 100 attending. We have received 4 cancellations.

Action Item: Cheryl will send a list of possible times for an SOA board meeting during the IG.

Sandra B reported that arrangements had been made to pay Aoki Sensei's fees through the ISC in Japan. This was approved without objection.

Rob K reported that 19 participants have signed up for exams so far. The deadline for signing up is June 8th. In addition he reported 63 pieces of merchandise have been pre-ordered through the website. The deadline for orders is June 5th.

Cheryl reported that Okada Sensei may not be available for the Gasshuku due to recent illness.

3) Topic: Merchandise Sales. Sandra B commended the merchandise team for the high quality of the items offered for sale at the Gasshuku and the organization of the website. Byron R queried the board as to whether the Board wanted to purchase additional items to sell at the event. The purchase of 20 Kanji T-shirts (5 Men's L, 5 Men's, M, 5 Women's M, 5 Women's S) was approved, to be sold at the event for

\$25 each. A budget of \$240 for this purchase was approved. David F volunteered to investigate arranging a 'design-your-own' T-shirt activity during the Gasshuku.

Ito Sensei requested that the History Scrolls, Waterfall posters, and DVDs also be available for sale. Tabi and some other PacShin Equipment may also be for sale.

Action Item: Sandra will follow up with Cheryl on the logistics of equipment sales at the Gasshuku.

Action Item: Byron will order an extra 20 T-shirts for sale at the Gasshuku.

Action Item: David F will followup up with the organizers on the possibility of a T-shirt design event activity if it seems feasible.

7) Topic: Next Meeting. The next SOA Board Meeting will be during the International Gasshuku at an as yet unspecified time. If possible, Nancy Billias will join the meeting via Skype.

Action Item: Byron R will send out a notice of the time of the Board Meeting once it has been scheduled by the organizers.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron J. Russell, June 5, 2012