

Minutes Joint SOA Board and SOA TC – December 11, 2016 10am PST SKYPE call

Present: Shin, Jim, Joe, Connie, Rob, Brad, David, Michael T.

Absent: Bela, Sandra

- I. Shin's report on Shintaido-Kenjutsu Workshop in Paris France, November 25 – 27
 - two parts – R&D with Ito sensei and Minagawa sensei on November 25th followed by general workshop for Graduate level and above
 - A. November 25
 - The teaching curriculum already developed by Ito and Minagawa became Shintaido Kenjutsu in July 2016. Now the project is to develop an exam curriculum. The goal is how to keep the curriculum clear so can be taught to general community.
 - B. Two keiko – first when each person showed the Diamond Eight Cut both free hand and bokutoh or boken and then received feedback. Then a meeting with MInagawa doing a demonstration of the full sequence. Also Ito sensei present the kumite Part I, Part II, and Part III. Ito also presented Ryusuiken – Dragon Water Sword. Tenshinken was also presented and videotaped.
 - C. A meeting on the administrative topics – October 2017 with be the second workshop outside of Prague, Czech that will include Shodan and Nidan exams. There was an unresolved discussion on diplomas given without exams and if there would need to be a mandatory attendance at a workshop. Discussions are being held for future decisions on Sandan and Yondan as well as equivalency diplomas for holders of ranks in Karate and Boh as current diplomas were for Shintaido ranked persons
 - D. General Workshop
 - Gianni and Shin taught part of keikos as well as lots of Kenjutsu practice. There are 3 parts of curriculum: teaching, exam and homework/hitori/self-practice curriculums.
 - Ito is a Co-Director of Instruction and Pierre is coordinator of European Task Force.
 - Ito and Minagawa are open to input for development and collaboration. Which items are in the 3 types of curriculum are not final as when to use Bokutoh or Boken is still under discussion. Shodan and Nidan are SOA/ESC level decisions. David suggested work flow of ESC/SOA at SHodan and Nidan ranks while TENEC Sandan and above (ie international). David also reports the Diamond 8 Kata has two variants for free hand conclusions and 2 variants for Bokutoh conclusions.
- II. Administrative questions
 - A. Question was raised such Oct 2017 be exams or be evaluations based on current position that curriculum is not final and thus examiners would not have established criteria for technique.
 - B. Are others than Ito and MInagawa teaching Shintaido Kenjutsu?
 - C. Posting of videos? David to ask ESC who would approve release of videos from workshop and if these can be posted by SOA. If videos should be viewed by task force

members only, or general Shintaido community. Also if videos would have a statement on evolving process.

- D. At January SOA Task Force meeting, the task force will review the topic of posting videos from January 2017 keikos.
- E. To clarify the 2016 and 2017 workshops held by ESC are subcommittee workshops of TENEC as is the January 2017 workshop held by PacShin/SOA.
- F. Role of ESC and SOA. One view is ESC is leading the development and SOA will follow these decisions. Connie proposed the framework of CONCURRENT development where different stages of development occur and are shared between ESC and SOA. This group agreed and that TENEC would take both recommendations from ESC and SOA to make final determinations.

The SOA Shintaido Kenjutsu Task Force will meet January 2017 with SOA providing stipends to Bela and Joe to travel to SF Bay Area.

Connie to set next meeting date via email.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Connie Borden