

**Karate Sport Steering Group
Quality Hotel, Loughborough
Saturday 3 February 2007**

Agenda

Chair: Abdu Shaher (BKO) & Vic Charles MBE (BSKA)

Attending: Terry Pottage(KYK), Ossie Rowe (UKASKO), Fred Rose (BUKA), Molly Samuels-Leporte (Gendai), Wendy White (WKU), Gary Doughty (WKU), Andy Saunders (Higashi), Enzo Quirino (EKK)

Apologies: Apologises sent verbally and by email with full support from following Associations: BIKO, BKA, Chojinkai, BKU, Hanko-Ryu, Kaizen Central, KKA, Kazen, KMAC, SASKA, Shikon, SKD Kofukan, SSU, SKU, Toyakwai, Uechi-Ryu, UEKF, UKO, USA, SeishinRyu

No	Time	Agenda Item	Action
1	1:00	Chairs welcome AS/VC welcomed and thanked everyone for giving up their valuable time.	AS/VC
		Agree order of priority – All agree to let the agenda stand and be fairly informal and flexible.	
2		Apologises for absence – given by AS and others listed above.	
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate problems of recent past – AS/VC gave an honest explanation of the problems that brought KE to cease trading. Questions were answered that previously KE were not in position to answer. The long debate ended by everyone wishing to look forward and see what can be learnt for the future. • Debate problems of past Governing bodies – Debate moved to GB's of the past including, EKC/EKB, BKCC, MAC, EKGB etc and how all had failed to look after the Sport/Competitive side of Karate properly. At the demise or when each GB got into trouble it was the Sport/Competitive side that was hit hardest while having little or no effect on the grassroots/traditional side of karate. 	

4		The Future	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting Body – The merits of a sports body to organise and regulate the sporting/competitive side of karate was discussed. It was unanimously agreed a sporting body is the best way to ensure the healthy and consistent future of this aspect of karate • 4 strands of the Sport – These strands were identified as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition/Events 2. Squads – National & Regional 3. Coaching –Specific sports coaching not general instructor qualification and education. 4. Referees/Officials Plus education and Volunteer programmes across all 4 strands of the Sport. • Draft constitution – was produced based on a Sport England model with simple additions in relation to what is required by WKF. It was agreed that AS should have this checked by a legal constitutional expert and to bring back to the next meeting. • Structure – A possible structure was debated and it was felt in the current environment the majority of those representing grassroots/traditional would be in favour of a Sporting Body in a partnership with a grassroots/traditional body as away forward for the future as apposed to an all-in-one body as in the past. • Website – It was agreed to setup a website under KarateSport.com or net etc or similar depending what could be registered. The website would used to put our message to the rest of karate starting with an agreed statement of what the Karate Sport Steering group was about. This statement to be widely distributed by email and association websites of those attending. <p>Agreed Statement: The object of the Karate Sport Steering Group is to foster and promote all competitive forms of the Sport of Karate at all levels, providing opportunities for competition. We are not here to create a new</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>

		governing body but are here to represent the sporting aspects of karate.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Principals – deferred to next meeting 	
5		<p>Funding – This very important subject was broached but it was felt all these subjects would be best served at the next meeting where more in depth discussions could take place and with many others having an input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports licence • Memberships • Government Funding • Regional Funding • Sponsorship 	
6		<p>Next Steps Forward – Deferred to next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Working Commissions 	
		<p>Date of next Meeting- Saturday 3 March 2007 Venue – Quality hotel, Loughborough Time – 1.00pm Open to all the sporting/competitive sections of karate It was agreed by all to lobby all those who are supporting this concept to physically attend meeting so that they can have a full say in shaping the future. This meeting will be the second of a series of 3 meetings and attendance is vital. All to be invited to put forward items for inclusion into agenda of the this meeting</p>	