



Aiwakai karate do

Aiwakai AGM Minutes

20th February 2010

Alfreton Leisure Centre

1. Apologies:

Michael Jorgeson – Hartlepool Wadokai; Nicole Wardell – Kobukan Darlington;
Mick Stainsby – Kihon-Do Hartlepool

2. Present:

Paul Baker – *Lincs Aiwakai*; Rosie McGowan – *Grantham Aiwakai*; Angie Emms – *Grantham Aiwakai*;
Amy Coulson – Hartlepool Wadokai; Lynne Jorgeson – Hartlepool Wadokai; Dave Johnson – *Belper Aiwakai*;
Jim Brazendale – *Woodley Wadokai*; Dennis Hopkins – *Woodley Wadokai*; Neil Glindon – *Croydon RenBuKan*;
Katrina Wilson – *Hon Yoso Kai*; David Wilson – *Hon Yoso Kai*; Mark Harland – *North Yorkshire Wadokai*;
Keith 'Superboot' Walker – Leeds Wadokai; Mark Gallagher – *Leeds Wadokai*;
Carl Jorgeson – *Hartlepool Wadokai*; Peter May – *SeiWaKai*; Kuniaki Sakagami – *Ookami*;
Sue Ryde – *Ripley Aiwakai*; Mick Ryde – *Ripley Aiwakai*;

3. Welcome:

The AGM was opened by Sensei Sakagami at 16:30 and chaired by Carl Jorgeson.

4. Chief Instructors Report

Sensei Sakagami didn't have a written report but he welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. SS explained that Carl Jorgeson & Lynne Jorgeson took over the General Secretary post in May 2009 and have been doing an excellent job. The main event this year is the Wado World Cup where some Aiwakai competitors and officials will be attending.

5. Agenda:

CJ ran through the meeting agenda and reminded the attendees that only club instructors could raise items.

6. Chairman's Report

Peter May read through his Chairman's Report (attached) which incorporated the origin of Aiwakai

7. Treasurers Report:

Sue Ryde read through her Treasurer's report for 2009 (attached). SW also explained that in addition to disclosed funds, Aiwakai also has over £1000.00 frozen in another bank account in Wolverhampton. Attempts have been made to track Mr Finch to resolve the problem and release the funds to the new Aiwakai bank account.

8. Election of Officers

The General Secretary received no nominations for any of the committee posts. In line with the Aiwakai Constitution, all committee personal stepped down and were subsequently voted back in as follows:

- Chairman – Peter May
- Treasurer – Sue Ryde
- General Secretary – Carl Jorgeson & Lynne Jorgeson
- Licence Officer – Mick Ryde
- Child Protection Officer – Amy Coulson

Kuniaki Sakagami – President
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Aiwakai Regional Development Officer's were discussed and it was agreed that this still needs to be rolled out at a later date.

9. Rates

- Dojo Affiliation £35.00 (payable by end of Feb each year)
- After School Club Affiliation £nil
- Full Licence Fee £25.00 per year
 - Maintained at previous year's level (a lot of other associations have increased licence fee this year!)
- After School Licence Fee
 - Cost to clubs/instructors £7.00 each (purchase in blocks of ten)
 - Cost to students £10.00 each
- Way to Excellence Training Fee
 - Juniors 1 day - £15.00; 2 day - £25.00
 - Seniors 1 day - £20.00; 2 day - £35.00
- Aiwakai Squad Training Fee
 - Juniors £10.00
 - Seniors £8.00

*Seniors are defined as being 16 years and over

10. Proposed Plans

Family rate licence renewal

- to be implemented from 2011

First Aid Training

- First session was a sell-out
- More names required from clubs so that we can arrange more

Squad Training & Referee Training combined sessions

- The first stand-alone Kumite Squad Training in Hartlepool was a great success with +35 students in attendance.
- Loughborough University would like to host the next Squad Session (Date TBC)

Aiwakai Inter-Club Competitions

- The first one will be run by Hartlepool Wadokai on Sunday March 21st. It's a competition aimed at grass roots level performers (i.e. students without much competition experience)
- David Wilson (Hon Yoso Kai) was nominated to organise the next Inter-Club competition.

New Aiwakai Syllabus Book

- SS/PM/AC need to book a date together to re-take all the photos for the New Syllabus Book.
- MH suggested that Kihon's AND Kumite' drills be included in this edition, PM explained that DVD's are available for sale with these techniques on already.



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Aiwakai Merchandise

- PM explained that in the past Aiwakai has ended up being stuck with a lot unsold equipment. Aiwakai need to look for a supplier that doesn't require large bulk orders. Then equipment can be sold at Aiwakai events.

Wado World Cup – Japan

- David Wilson is coordinating the arrangements for the Japan trip. PM explained that Expedia are showing the best deal at the moment of hotel & flight. PM asked all interested parties to pass on any deals they find to DW.

Way to Excellence

- A discussion followed about the attendance/course content at the WTE events. The key points raised were:
 - Target lower grades through specific advertising
 - Advertise course content ahead of event
 - Shorter training length for juniors
 - Split juniors/seniors more effectively
 - Holding Kyu grades at WTE courses
 - MR explained that instructors can always get there students kyu tested at any of the WTE events.
 - PM asked those with ideas to put written proposals together and send them to the General Secretary to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

11. Any Other Business

Funding of Wado World Cup

- It was suggested that club's start their own individual fundraising efforts for Japan. Raffle's/sponsored events etc... Young athletes will also be eligible for financial awards from their local sports council's.
- SR announced that the money in the frozen Aiwakai account, once released will go towards the Aiwakai squad going to Japan.

Aiwakai Constitution

- Will be amended and updated, then sent out to clubs to be endorsed at the next committee meeting.

English Karate Federation – Child Protection Policy

- The EKF insist that ALL associations follow the EKF CP Policy in full, Aiwakai agree that this makes perfect sense and safeguarding children/vulnerable adults must be a priority for all clubs and all instructors.
- Every association must have a CP Officer (Aiwakai' is Amy Coulson Tel: 07581782682)
- Every club in every association adheres to the EKF Child Protection Policy
- Every club has a designated Child Protection Officer, CJ advised that this should be someone other than the club chief instructor.
- CJ recommended all instructors & all club CP Officers to attend a 'Sports Coach UK Safeguarding & Protecting Children' course to become certificated. These courses aren't expensive and provide club's with the knowledge they need to comply with legislation.



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CRB's

- All clubs and all instructors MUST comply with this. Aiwakai require the CRB information from all instructors by the end of March 2010.

Aiwakai Nationals

- CJ explained that 17 clubs attended the Nationals in 2009, which is not even half of all Aiwakai clubs! CJ asked for ALL clubs to support this year's championships and encouraged club instructors to enter to *inspire* their own students.

Aiwakai Branded Medals

- Aiwakai will be looking at getting a custom medal made up which will be available for sale to club's when running inter-club events.

Katrina Wilson

- PM announced that Katrina Wilson from Hon Yoso Kai Karate School has recently won the Worcester Sports Personality Award for the second time and congratulated her on the achievement.

Mairi Kerin

- PM announced that Mairi Kerin, a long standing member of the Wadokai England squad has just been selected to the English Karate Federation (EKF) Squad for an upcoming international friendly. PM explained that Mairi is the first Aiwakai student to have been selected for the National Squad in Aiwakai's history.

Licence Applications / Renewals

- MR reminded club instructors to ensure their students attach the correct postage (Large 1st Class Stamp) to their self-addressed envelopes when applying for licences. MR also reminded instructors that students didn't have to send off the actual licence book!

PM closed the meeting by stating that Aiwakai is starting to stand out again and is being noticed for all the right reasons. Aiwakai's vision is to be the 'Best Wado Group in England'.

12. Meeting Closed 17.40



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TREASURER REPORT 2010

This report is only available to WAKF Club Instructors.



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CHAIRMANS REPORT 2010

THE ORIGIN OF AIWAKAI

The WAKF was born out of the fragmentation of the long established UKKW. The 3 main Japanese Instructors parted over technical differences. Aiwakai was originated from this fragmentation in 1990. 33 clubs joined to form Aiwakai to follow the teachings of Sakagami Sensei

THE DIRECTION AIWAKAI WENT AS AIWAKAI KARATE DO LTD

In 1995 the WAKF joined forces with Bilston College a business approach was implemented within the Federation being run by associates of Bilston College. The relationship with the College lasted for 10 years. Many positive things materialised from this relationship but it did leave many Instructors frustrated, where many projects where started but never finished. The Chairman and General Secretary left Aiwakai due to personal reasons soon after the winding down of Aiwakai Karate do Ltd

THE TASK OF REBUILDING – RESTRUCTURING OF AIWAKAI SINCE JANUARY 2009

Peter May was reappointed Chairman in 2009 his mission to bring the Federation back to its glory days and re-establish its original family feel. He recommended Lynne and Carl Jorgeson for the job of joint General Secretary this has proved to be a positive move forward for Aiwakai

THE POSITIVES

- COMMUNICATION
- RE INSTATING THE AIWAKAI NATIONALS
- HAVING MORE WADO CONTESTS WITHIN AIWAKAI (HARTLEPOOL)
- FIRST AID COURSES
- REFEREE AND JUDGES COURSES
- THE IMPORTANCE OF CRBs
- EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2010 WORLD WADOKAI CHAMPIONSHIPS – NAGOYA – JAPAN

MOVING FORWARD 2010/11

- MISSION TO BRING THE FAMILY FEEL BACK TO AIWAKAI

Even though it has been a difficult time financially for many Aiwakai members, Aiwakai is now better placed to support internal courses. Going forward into 2011, we hope to implement 2 free courses for Aiwakai licence holders per year (1 course in 2010).