



# PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE

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## South-East Region Black Belt Forum Minutes – Friday, 29 June 2007

### Attendees

D Burgemeister	S Luck	M McKell	P Townsend
G Darby	S MacNab	D Rowley	P Wilson
J Elliot	A Maconachie	E Scharrer	

### Apologies

P O'Malley	J Streeter	D Tuckfield
R Patrick	S Teys	D Woods

### Meeting held at the Kaleen Sports Club, Kaleen ACT Meeting opened at 19:42

- Chair - D Rowley
- Minutes read from the South-East Region Black Belt Forum of 9 February 2007 - D Rowley
- Minutes as true and correct - P Wilson
- Minutes seconded as true and correct - G Darby

Item no.	Item and action agreed	By whom	By when
1	<p><b>Insurance</b> Academy insurance cover only covers chief instructors from being sued and nothing else, such as personal injury to any member. P Wilson informed that to date he has had no success from the Academy insurer as to getting an answer to the Academy's insurance cover needs. D Rowley suggested that maybe the Academy should contact an insurance broker.</p>	P Wilson	Ongoing
2	<p><b>Under age grading to Shodan</b> The question keeps arising as to whether the Academy stays with the current Shodan policy on the age requirement to grade to Shodan or should it be modified every time there is a disagreement with its rules. Decision by D Rowley as Principal – The current policy stays in force unmodified.</p>	Decision	No action required
3	<p><b>Shodan grading safety</b> Cost and practicability of the attendance of an Ambulance or a Paramedic on standby at a Shodan grading has not been followed up to date. The Shodan Oversight Committee will follow up closer to the grading and also investigate the insurance side of this issue. It was suggested that the Shodan course fee could be increased if group ambulance cover is supplied by the Academy. Question by P Townsend – Would it be worthwhile for Shodan trainees, or for that matter all active members, to have ambulance cover? Answer by E Scharrer – It is definitely a good idea to have cover. He pointed out that on the back of the Academy membership application it is recommended that a member take out this type of cover.</p>	Shodan Oversight Committee	Next Shodan grading

4	<b>New branch paperwork</b> To date no paperwork has been received from the Sawtell, NSW or Mooney Beach, NSW branches. Action is to be taken.	D Rowley	ASAP
5	<b>First aid qualifications</b> A group first aid course is to be arranged for those needing an update and for unqualified members.	G Darby	21 August 2007
6	<b>Annual National Seminar</b> E Scharrer – The result of a seminar survey indicated that most respondents lean slightly toward having the ANS outside school holidays. The survey indicated that most were happy with the seminar being held over the October long weekend. Prices obtained for city venues are a little high. Possibility of this year's ANS being held at the same venue as last year. Tentative date for the seminar – 12-14 October. Discussion on the seminar and its content. E Scharrer to arrange the seminar. G Darby to organise the entertainment. G Darby volunteered to host and arrange the 2008 ANS if the Nambour branch is unable to host it.	E Scharrer G Darby	October 2007
7	<b>Instructor assistance</b> A request was submitted on behalf of the chief instructor, D Woods, of the Charnwood branch for instructor assistance at that branch. Chief instructors were requested to pass on this request and to submit their name to a help roster.	All instructors	Indefinite
8	<b>Resignation of Grading Officer</b> The resignation of the local Grading Officer, C Owers, was, at his request, submitted and read to the meeting by P Wilson. The resignation was accepted. D Rowley, as Principal, explained why the office of Grading Officer is now his responsibility and that he would be carrying out the duties of this office.	Information	Indefinite
9	<b>Grading feedback</b> Discussion – Feedback from gradings covering how to improve continuity and consistency between branches in technique and teaching methods. One weak area that is to be addressed at all belt levels, as a matter of priority, is how to execute an attack.	National Chief Instructors	Ongoing
10	<b>Shodan Nominees</b> S MacNab put to the meeting the matter that two of the upcoming Shodan course nominees appear not to have fulfilled the basic requirement for Shodan nomination of holding a senior 1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu belt, and teaching experience as a 1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu belt, for twelve months. Discussion: The two candidates' eligibility for the next Shodan course. Decision: After hearing from the nominating chief instructors the reasons that contributed to the two candidates failing to comply with Shodan nomination rules and a discussion about these rules, a decision by majority vote decided that the two would be allowed to be nominated for the next Shodan course. E Scharrer, as National Chief Instructor, explained why these rules are in place. He stressed that these circumstances are an exception and that exploitation or manipulation of the rules will not be tolerated.	Discussion and decision	No further action
11	<b>Cancellation of committee meetings</b> E Scharrer spoke on the short notice of cancellation of meetings that have occurred lately. He stated that the problem would be addressed and that all efforts will be taken to minimise this problem in the future.	Information	Ongoing

**Meeting closed at 22:10**