



PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE Black Belt Forum 2010

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South-East Region Meeting 2 Friday 25 June

AGENDA ITEMS - OUTSTANDING

1. INSURANCE – AGM 2010
2. ANNUAL NATIONAL SEMINAR 2010
3. GRANTS COMMITTEE
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6. 50th ANNIVERSARY 2012
7. STUDENT RETENTION – AGM 2010
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FOLLOW UP ITEMS

11. FIRST AID COURSE
12. DEFENCE AGAINST A BOXER – AGM 2010
13. INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVES – AGM 2010
14. DEMONSTRATION

Attendees

Kris Arnold	Graham Darby	David Rowley	Julie Streeter	Andy Wright
Sam Arnold	Alan Maconachie	Ed Scharrer	Damon Taylor	

Apologies

David Burgemeister	Tim Michalas	Ian Scamp	David Tuckfield
Simon MacNab	Danny Ramsden	Jennifer Thomas	Peter Wilson

MEETING

- Meeting held at *Kaleen Indoor Sports Club, Kaleen ACT*
- Quorum determined
- Declared open: 19:40
- Chair S Arnold
- Minutes of the Black Belt Forum 2010, South-East Region, Meeting 1, 26 February:
 1. Nominated as true and correct: D Rowley
 2. Seconded as true and correct: D Taylor
- Agenda business done
- Declared closed: 21:40

	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Potential grant applications</p> <p>Suggested reasons for a grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement mats for branches with inadequate space and/or very old mats. • Boxing gear. • First aid kits. • ANS funding. <p>Outcome</p> <p>Prepare and submit grant applications.</p>		<p>July 2010</p> <p>Report BBF 2010 meeting 3</p>
4	<p>SHODAN COURSE 2010-2011</p> <p>Ref: BBF February 2010 Item 10</p> <p>Written report – D Burgemeister</p> <p><i>Shodan course Chief Instructor D Burgemeister (through a written submission tabled at this meeting) raised concerns about the handling of the Shodan course documentation and process by the Shodan Oversight Committee (SOC).</i></p> <p>Chief concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So that a Shodan course Chief Instructor can focus on the provision of the training aspect of a Shodan course without being caught in administrative issues, that instructor should be assisted by the SOC, not hindered. • The 2010-2011 Shodan course has commenced and, as Shodan course Chief Instructor, he has not been provided with Shodan course: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All forms. 2. Contact details for trainees. <p>Discussion</p> <p>Improving SOC role including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring Shodan course documentation deadlines. • Providing a single SOC point of contact for a Shodan course Chief Instructor. <p>Outcome</p> <p>Before the scheduled commencement of a Shodan course, Shodan course documentation is to be submitted to the SOC by the March deadline.</p> <p>An SOC member will be appointed to provide to a Shodan course Chief Instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A point of contact with the SOC. • Any necessary information. • Trainee contact details. 	SOC	Nov 2011

AGENDA ITEMS – NEW

Item no.	Item and action agreed	By whom	By when
5	<p>GRAPPLING CURRICULUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to this meeting, K Arnold prepared and circulated a proposal to Dan belts about the purchase of a grappling curriculum (DVD and manual). • Curriculum produced by John Wills, a prominent Australian BJJ practitioner. • Designed for an organisation to use in their environment as a safe and structured basis for teaching grappling. 		

	<p>Proposal - K Arnold</p> <p>That the Academy purchases the proposed grappling curriculum.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that many branches already teach grappling but have no structured basis to do so. • If interest builds, E Scharrer raised potential to the possibly of a formulation of a curriculum separate to the PMAJJK Syllabus. <p>Advantages of purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attraction and retention of a student. • Expansion of the Academy self-defence repertoire in ground defence. • Enables an instructor to expand their skill. • Ensures a safe teaching structure in grappling. <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy will purchase first part of the curriculum. • After AGM 2010, schedule a small class to teach the curriculum to interested Dan belts. • Review material to consider whether it would be worthwhile to purchase the advanced course. <p>Note</p> <p>As there were five of the seven members of the Board of Directors present at this meeting, approval was given by those members, during this meeting, to fund the purchase of the grappling curriculum through the Academy central finance account.</p>	K Arnold	AGM 2010
6	<p>50th ANNIVERSARY 2012</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy's 50th anniversary celebration - suggestions. • Who will oversee the arrangements? • A Maconachie seeking material for history book. <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update <i>Many Mountain Summits</i> history book. • Update material on Principal and Deputy Principal. • Dan belt ideas and suggestions. 	Dan belts A Maconachie	Mid 2011
7	<p>STUDENT RETENTION</p> <p>D Rowley raised an issue concerning low student numbers in the higher Kyu grades as compared to the lower Kyu grades, particularly the loss of blue (2nd Kyu) and brown belts (1st Kyu) at both junior and senior levels.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The loss of blue and brown belts at both junior and senior levels. • Whether it would be valuable to require a student to be graded on all techniques up to their current belt level at each grading so that a Brown belt grading does not require a huge increase in fitness and preparation, as compared to a blue belt grading. <p>Possible reasons for student loss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age/adolescence. • A change in education, work location or workload. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student is instructing more than they are receiving instruction. • Longer gap between a brown belt grading and all previous gradings. • As there is no more technique level of achievement between brown belt and Shodan, a student does not continue past brown belt. • Possible mystique around the Shodan process. • Route to Shodan is not necessarily visible or prominent. • Difficulty/time commitment of the Shodan process potentially makes Shodan appear unachievable. <p>Possible strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to be conscious of this student loss and be engaged with students. • Importance of instructor engagement and support with senior graded students. • Where there is a limited student number, allow a student to learn techniques above that student's graded belt level so that a more senior level student can practice. • Encourage a student to participate in broader Academy wide activities - weekend seminars, training at other dojos. <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grading could be conducted as an all-level group with lower grade belts leaving the mat after each assessment of a lower grade. • Table proposal for discussion at the AGM 2010: <i>A Kyu gradee is to be fully graded on their current Kyu belt level of the Syllabus plus fully on all previous levels.</i> or <i>A Kyu gradee is to be fully graded on their current Kyu belt level of the Syllabus plus a random selection from all previous levels.</i> 	D Rowley to table proposal for discussion	AGM 2010
8	<p>YELLOW PAGES</p> <p>Report</p> <p>K Arnold reported that he had heard of a new martial arts specific advertising medium and that he would research details.</p> <p>Based on the Hughes branch small <i>Yellow Pages</i> ad, S MacNab (through written submission) reported that the Hughes branch receives approximately 6-12 enquiries per month.</p> <p>Figures unavailable for Academy <i>Yellow Pages</i> ad.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness of <i>Yellow Pages</i> advertising. • Limitations with current format. • The location of the Academy as listed as <i>Kaleen</i> only. <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising in the <i>Yellow Pages</i> will be retained. • If a specific location is required and to encourage more enquiries outside the Belconnen area, location listing will be changed to <i>Canberra</i>. • That the word <i>Mortons</i> be changed to <i>Morton</i> • S Arnold will contact P Wilson in regard to status of ad and arrange changes to existing ad before renewal. 	K Arnold	Nov 2010
		S Arnold	Nov 2010

9	<p>PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS</p> <p>A Maconachie raised an issue concerning promotional products that have not been sold (pens, books, key rings).</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Ways to disseminate unsold product.</p> <p>Possible solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply product to instructors at the ANS for sale or as giveaways at their individual branch. A branch may retain money from sale of product for branch only use. • Supply product for sale at a grading or event. • Advertise product availability for purchase on the Academy website. <p>Outcome</p> <p>A Maconachie to supply product for sale and distribution at the ANS, gradings and events.</p>	A Maconachie	As required
10	<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Phone contact</p> <p>Request that all ACT branches include a contact phone number on the public website.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Already there. Those unavailable are held by request.</p> <p>Purple belt - nomination by G Darby</p> <p>That [name not for publication], who is unable to participate in a Shodan course, be nominated for a purple belt.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Vote for nomination - unanimous</p>	A Maconachie will review	ASAP
		D Rowley	ANS 2010

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

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11	<p>FIRST AID COURSE</p> <p>Ref: BBF February 2010 Item 3</p> <p>Not discussed.</p>	Julie Streeter	31 July 2010
12	<p>DEFENCE AGAINST A BOXER</p> <p>Ref: BBF February 2010 Item 4</p> <p>Not discussed.</p>	D Rowley E Scharrer	AGM 2010
13	<p>INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVES</p> <p>Ref: BBF February 2010 Item 12</p> <p>Not discussed.</p>	E Scharrer C Swingler	AGM 2010
14	<p>DEMONSTRATION</p> <p>Ref: BBF February 2010 Item 9</p> <p>Not discussed.</p>	P Townsend	Nov 2010

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