2008 Colorado State Taekwondo Association Annual Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2008

A-Team Taekwondo

In Attendance:

Bill Pottle
Steven Martinez
Raul Gutierrez
Brian Gallagher
Georgie Martinez Jr
Georgie Martinez Sr
Larry Cain
Paul Kimmich
Angel Aranzamendi
Chris Ketchum
Dina Genella
Ellen Roseman
Tim Chandler
Yosvany Perez
Mike Mortoal
Doug Popken
Stefan Webb
Ryan Dang
John Kimmich
Ghassan Timani
Bob McKenna
Bob Gallagher
Doug Feuschel

3:30 Meeting Called to Order

3:36 Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting read and approved.

3:37 Discussion on bylaw changes and need to reach out to other (non Olympic Style Sparring) TKD schools. See attached bylaws for more information.

Discussion also included how to avoid vote buying (Satellite schools are eligible but each school must have a separate physical location) and the benefits to a school owner of being a member (ability to influence the direction of the state org, possible discounted registrations for students, ability of students to obtain scholarships, possible pooled legal/marketing help, etc.) It was also noted that the registration forms ask schools what benefits they want to receive from their membership.

4:00 Bylaw changes approved.

4:01 Treasurer's report presented. The account balance is 11,144.18. For more information, see the attached report.

4:05 Treasurer's report accepted.

4:06 Report on progress of state team. Discussion centered on the financing of the state team due to the lowered attendance at the state tournament this year, the opening of state team practices to all black belts, and whether or not to have 3 members for each weight division. Georgie Martinez Jr noted that of all the states and the US national team at the US Open, Colorado was the only state to pay for its athletes to attend. He also noted that representatives of other organizations asked him how they can support their athletes at the level that Colorado does.

4:10 Discussion on how to put more effort into poomse promotion, in order to increase participation in state events.

4:25 Bob Gallagher recognized the efforts of the athletes and coaches of the state team and just how much effort is required on the part of everyone to make the state team work.

4:28 Discussion of state championships. It was agreed that in order to make the championships run effectively, each school should volunteer ahead of time on a specific area that they can implement.

Martinez TKD – Concessions and EMTs
Tegura and MYT – Mats and setup/takedown of the venue
Larry Cain and Bob McKenna – Referee certification and administration
ProTKD – Call all schools to make sure they know of the event.
ESA – Bracketing
KAT / A Team – Online registrations, and phone-in registrations.
Bob Gallagher – Medals, Venue, Insurance, and coordinating everything getting done. Also, the venue should be set before the Rocky Mountain Open so that we can publicize there.

4:34 It was noted that the KAT tournament will be the 1st week in April

4:35 Discussion of other tournaments. It was noted that there is no need to schedule around the other USAT qualifiers because everyone will attend the one in Colorado Springs.

4:40 Discussion on COSTA certifying own referees. Larry Cain offers free referee seminars to interested schools. Bob McKenna will put together a proposal for a referee training program.

4:50 Discussion on how to fundraise more effectively, including marketing to ATA or other Taekwondo schools. It was noted that Georgie Martinez Sr. had a letter talking about COSTA that he used to great effect fundraising while he was state president. There was also the idea to promote more advertising at the state championships, including offering the ability to sponsor a ring at the tournament.

Angel A mentioned that we had brought in around $1600 from the day and offered his school for another scrimmage in January, with the date to be worked out soon.

4:58: Chris Ketchum suggested a high quality case to store all the state electronic equipment in. He found a used military case for $300 (originally $1200) that was agreed to be purchased by the state or by private donors.

4:59 Bob Gallagher is given the authority to set the date of the next annual meeting.

5:00 Meeting adjourned.