

*SAKA Meeting – Atlanta, GA
August 16, 2008*

Attendees:

Sensei Takashina (SAKA HQ), Bill McDavitt JKA. Charlotte), Kent 'Wang (UNC Chapel Hill). Cliff Rivers (Florida State University Karate Club). Donnie Abel (North Carolina Karate Club). Green T. 'Waggener (Valdosta State University Karate Club), Eric Holden (Tampa Bay Shotokan), Suzanne Tuzzeo (University of West Florida), Philip Amour (University of West Florida), Craig Bloch (North Florida Karate Club), Albert Ikeda (JKA. Atlanta), Michael Marling (North Georgia College Karate Club). Mark Zachary (Blue Ridge Karate Club), Boyd Ammons (Western North Carolina Karate Club), Don Whaley (Bainbridge Karate Club), Mahogany Swanson (Georgia State University), Ray Berrouet (College of Charleston Karate Club). Terry Gartner (HQ)

Sensei Takashina called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM and welcomed all of the attendees to the 11th Anniversary camp. He thanked all of the attendees and their students for participating in the camp He also' thanked Albert Ikeda and the JKA Atlanta for their help in organizing and hosting this year's camp.

Sensei Takashina started the meeting by asking about the progress for the 2008 JKA/WT Americas National Tournament. Eric Holden raised the question on the process of advertisements. It was decided that we needed to have all advertisements and money into SAKA HQ by the end of the week, August 23, 2008.

There was another question raised on release waivers for photographs

It was also decided that the University of South Florida would handle the creation and management of the contestant's brackets. T. Waggener volunteered to contact Phoenix organizers to see if we can use their computerized bracket program to help us with our scheduling.

Eric Holden was asked to look into seeing if we can get a volunteer doctor to be available on tournament days.

It was encouraged by Sensei Takashina that all Nidan and above sign up for judge qualifications at the National Tournament.

Sensei Takashina said that clubs have been sending Membership Card renewal forms with only one or two entree per form. It creates too much work for everyone. So consolidate the registrations and payments by filling up the form. If you have a new student that is a brown or black belt please complete SA.KA Welcome Member name and .address card and turn it in with the renewal form.

Please start working on collecting 2009 dues kyu ranks 4-9. It is due this September. The Brown and Black Belt dues will be due on January-1.

Ken Wang announced that the 2008 Fall Camp will be held in a new gym location. The gym is on campus and very close to the old gym. He also stated that we will be using two hotels again. The Hampton Inn has a limited number of non-smoking, double bed rooms so he has contacted with the Holiday Inn Express located next door to the Hampton Inn. The deadline for getting the SAKA preferred rate will be October 3, 2008. A flyer on the camp will be forthcoming.

New Business

Sensei Takashina announced that Sensei Mikami and his region will no longer be part of the JKA/WF Americas organization. He stated that Sensei Mikami's students will participate in The JKA/WF Americas National Tournament. Mr. Mori's students will also be represented.

A question was asked about Sensei Takashina's participation in the Mobile, AL camp. He stated that he would not be a guest instructor in the future since it is not a JKA sanctioned camp.

The 2009 JKA/WF Americas National Tournament will be held in Phoenix, AZ.

Events

SAKA Junior Tai Kai	September 6	Coconut Creek, FL.
JKA/WF Americas National Tournament	October 11-12	Tampa, FL
SAKA Fall Camp	November 14-16	Chapel Hill, NC
2009 JKA/WF Americas National Camp	TBA	Phoenix, AZ

Club Test Schedule

<u>Sep 7 - HQ</u>	<u>Dec-2 - U of Miami</u>
<u>Sep 9 - Miami</u>	<u>Dec 5 - USF</u>
<u>Nov 20 - UWF</u>	<u>Dec 6 - Brevard</u>
<u>Nov 21 - Tallahassee</u>	<u>Dec 14- HQ</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Albert Ikeda