

SAKA Meeting – Chapel Hill, North Carolina
October 31, 2009

Attendees: Sensei Takashina (SAKA Headquarters), Yasuaki Nagatomo (JKA/WF America), Kent Wang (UNC-Chapel Hill), Cliff Rivers (Florida State University Karate Club), Eric Holden (Tampa Bay Shotokan), Suzanne Tuzzeo (University of West Florida), Craig Bloch (North Florida Karate Club), Mark Andreas (College of Charleston), Albert Ikeda (JKA Atlanta), Guibao Yang (Emory University Karate Club), Mark Zachary (Blue Ridge Karate Club), Boyd Ammons (Western Carolina Karate Club), Mahogany Swanson (Georgia State University Karate Club), Don Whaley (Bainbridge Karate Club)

Takashina Sensei called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Sensei started the meeting by thanking Kent Wang and the University of North Carolina Karate Club members for hosting this year's Camp.

Takashina Sensei reminded all clubs to consolidate their membership dues on to the new single form that allows you to list Kyu and Dan students. He also said it is not necessary to send in the yellow copy with the original. Sensei will complete the form and send you a copy.

Some key points were made about this process:

- The passport number never changes
- Lost passport can be reissued and the cost will be twice the renewal rate i. e. \$50 for 1-3 Kyu and \$60 for Dan ranks
- If you have a concern about students losing their passport, hold it for them
- Do not send in the Kyu information card
- Only send in the Brown Belt and Dan rank information card if you are registering a new student
- Kyu ranks renewals are due in September and Dan dues should be paid in December so it is received by January 1 of the new year

Club Dues

Please pay your club dues so SAKA HQ receives it by January 1. It is \$155 for an Affiliate Club and \$180 for Regular Club. Pay for the club dues with a separate check from the membership renewals.

Sensei Takashina asked Yasuaki Nagatomo to give us an update on JKA/WF America. Mr. Nagatomo was attending this camp and was very helpful as an interpreter for Nishino Sensei.

Mr. Nagatomo said that JKA/WF America would be producing a newsletter. Please email him if you have any articles or information that you think he would be interested in. He said the JKA/WF America website is getting thousands of "hits". He stated that most of the inquiries are coming from non-JKA/WF America club members.

JKA/WF Americas is now registered as a 501c3 tax exempt organization. All donations are tax deductible to the donor. Please assist him by soliciting donations for the organization.

Sensei Takashina announced that Motokuni Sugiura has retired from his role as the JKA Chief Instructor and Masaaki Ueki, formerly Executive Director has been announced as his replacement.

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Events

SAKA Spring Camp	February 12-14 (tentative)	Tampa Bay, FL
SAKA Spring Tournament	March 27	Coral Springs, FL
SAKA Summer Camp	May 28-30	Coral Springs, FL
JKA/WF Americas National Camp	June 3- 6 (tentative)	Panama City, Panama
SAKA Atlanta Camp	August TBD	Atlanta, GA
SAKA Junior Tai Kai	TBD	Coconut Creek, FL
SAKA Regional Tournament	TBD	TBD
SAKA Fall Camp	TBD	Chapel Hill, NC

Sensei Takashina said there might be a Funakoshi Gichin Cup Championship in 2010. They are looking at Thailand or France as possible sites and are thinking about having it in August or September. Please check the JKA/WF America website for new announcements.

Club Test Schedules

Remaining 2009 Schedules

Nov 19 – Tallahassee	Dec 4-5 - USF	Dec 6– HQ
Nov 20 –UWF		

Announced 2010 Schedules

Jan 8 – Franklin	Jan 9 - Atlanta	TBD – Chapel Hill
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Albert Ikeda
JKA Atlanta