

*SAKA Meeting – Tampa Bay, Florida
February 12, 2011*

Attendees: Sensei Takashina (SAKA HQ), John Crocker (SAKA HQ), Cliff Rivers (Florida State University Karate Club), Jay Exum (Orlando), Bill Becker, (Tampa Bay Shotokan), Eric Holden (University of South Florida), Suzanne Tuzzeo (University of West Florida), Craig Bloch (North Florida), Albert Ikeda (JKA Atlanta), Calvin Brown (University of North Carolina), Mahogany Swanson (Georgia State University), Don Whaley (Bainbridge Karate Club), Robert Renje (SAKA HQ)

General Meeting Notes

Sensei Takashina called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Sensei Takashina started the meeting by stating that this is a successful camp because of the participation of the attending instructors and their students. He also thanked Eric Holden and the University of South Florida and Tampa Bay Karate Club members for hosting this year's SAKA Spring Camp.

Club Membership

Sensei Takashina announced that SAKA would not provide membership stickers for first year Brown Belt's that receive a new Passport book. The passport book will indicate that the student has paid in the year it was obtained. The change is being made to be consistent with Japan Karate Association. If you have a new student who comes from another region or country and does not have a passport book, please let SAKA Headquarters know. Please include a copy of their Brown or Black Belt JKA certificate when requesting a new passport book.

Announcement

Sensei Takashina announced that Craig Bloch is the new instructor for the Florida State University Karate Club.

JKA/WF America 2011 Camp & National Tournament

The JKA/WF America 2011 Camp & National Tournament will be held on June 9-12, 2011 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Camp will start on Thursday afternoon, June 9 and conclude on Saturday afternoon, June 11. The Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 12. Information and registration details may be found on the JKA/WF America website. <http://www.jkawfamericas.org/> or on the SAKA website www.sakahonbu.org.

Registration forms for the camp, tournament, Dan and instructor testing can be found on these websites and is due on May 1, 2011. The deadline for advertisements is due on April 1, 2011. Mr. Nagatomo said that the Marriott Courtyard Santa Fe Hotel would offer a special rate of \$94 a night plus applicable taxes.

It was announced that SAKA would pay for two nights of the hotel and \$36 food per diem for the men and women's winners from last years' SAKA Regional Tournament.

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Atlanta and Fall Camp

At our last SAKA meeting, it was decided that it would be advantageous to have the fall camp in Atlanta and the Regional Tournament.

Therefore, the August SAKA Camp will be held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina during the last weekend of August. The tentative dates are August 26-28, 2011. Calvin Brown will firm up the schedule; once he has confirmed that there will be no football game that weekend and he can secure the gym.

Albert Ikeda and Dr. Guibao Yang have booked the first weekend; November 4-6, 2011 at Oxford College of Emory University to hold the Atlanta Camp and Regional Tournament. It was decided to hold it in Atlanta because of the central location to most of the SAKA karate clubs. Also, by combining the camp and tournament, the cost of the tournament will be affordable since SAKA Headquarters will be picking up the gym cost and Sensei Takashina’s airfare. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Events 2011

SAKA Summer Camp Guest Instructor – Sensei Ochi	May 27-29	Coral Springs, FL
JKA/WF Americas National Camp Guest Instructor – Sensei Ueki	June 9-11	Santa Fe, NM
JKA/WF Americas National Tournament	June 12	Santa Fe, NM
Chapel Hill Summer Camp	<i>August 26-28 Tentative</i>	Chapel Hill, NC
SAKA Junior Tai Kai	Sep 10	Coconut Creek, FL
Atlanta Fall Camp	Nov. 4-6	Oxford, GA
SAKA Regional Tournament	Nov 6	Oxford, GA

Club Test Schedule 2011

Mar 6 - HQ	Apr 23 - Atlanta	Sept 11 - HQ
Apr 8-9 – USF/Tampa Bay	Jun 5 - HQ	Nov 17 - UWF
Apr 14 - UWF	Jul 28 - UWF	Nov 18 – FSU/Bainbridge
Apr 15 – FSU/Bainbridge	Jul 29 – FSU/ Bainbridge	Dec 2-3 – USF/Tampa Bay
Apr 22 - Franklin, NC	Aug 12-13 – USF/Tampa Bay	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert Ikeda
JKA Atlanta