

State of Iowa Black Belt Association
Saturday, May 5, 2007, 7:00 a.m.
Beyer Hall

*The SIBBA is dedicated to the improvement of martial arts and their member practitioners.
The SIBBA is an educational and professional organization that offers products, seminars, donations,
sponsorships, and scholarships to its members throughout the year.*

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:15am by President L. Griffen.
 - a. Present: L. Griffen, A. Reyes de Oropeza, T. Bruns, I. Faass, G. McAndrews
- II. Minutes from the 2/24/07 meeting were read and approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report (A. Reyes de Oropeza)
 - a. ***Projected Budgets are due to the Treasurer and/or President ASAP***
 - b. Records were reviewed and response sent to bill collector; we have asked for an invoice to be submitted to us
 - c. Income/Expenses have been flat since 2/15/07
 - d. Ties have been re-ordered
 - e. We will need to order more DVDs
 - f. Funds were moved to get a better rate; another CD will mature in October and we will reinvest for a better short-term rate.
- IV. Delegate Reports
 - a. Hapkido (G. McAndrews)
 - i. great demonstration at VEISHEA
 - ii. K. Pilch's group has a new web presence
- V. Membership Report (T. Bruns)
 - a. Few new members
 - b. Website is still problematic
 - c. Will send email to new members
- VI. Webmasters' Report (not present)
- VII. Instructor Certification and Continuing Education committee (no current chair)
 - a. L. Griffen has received no responses to her request for someone to chair the committee
 - b. The chair will need to be passionate about the issues and diplomatic
- VIII. Request for Funds Policy (M. Johnson, in absentia)
 - a. L. Griffen distributed a draft document created by M. Johnson.
 - b. Discussion of how to give the policy "teeth" and maintain accountability. Decided that there was enough leeway, with one change.
- IX. Scholarships
 - a. Discussion of sustainability of funds—corporate sponsorship, tapping alumni, other fundraising. L. Griffen will delegate to H. Bignall (and give her a resource) so that she can research this.
 - b. Discussion of eligibility requirements—L. Griffen will send I. Faass current versions of scholarship applications. I. Faass will update the academic scholarship to include a disclaimer for part-time students. Part-time students will need to submit an extra argument detailing their reasons for eligibility despite part-time status. I. Faas will bring to the next meeting.

- c. Discussion of JO scholarship details—current version lists a contribution from L. Farrell (or Farrell’s USMA?) indicating their involvement. They have not been for two years. I. Faass will contact L. Farrell to ask if they want to continue to be involved.
- X. Symposium
 - a. Renting Forker—we’ll need to go through one of the ISU Martial Arts clubs; G. McAndrews will look into requirements and insurance liabilities.
 - b. The date (9/22/07) will be announced in the next newsletter
 - c. L. Griffen will set a Symposium Planning Meeting—we should all bring ideas
- XI. Website – L. Griffen will remind G. Devrajani to put the Symposium date on the calendars on the SIBBA website (and ISU Karate Club)
- XII. Poomse DVD – inventory low—we should order small batches as we are not sure of the direction of Poomse right now
- XIII. Other items:
 - a. Delegates should remember to update the Website with events
 - b. RAGBRAI is running through Humboldt on 7/23—do we want a stand? T. Bruns will visit with the chamber of commerce
 - c. We should use Survey Monkey to find out from SIBBA members: need a special meeting to discuss the value & costs of the SIBBA and to brainstorm ways to keep people interested & involved?
 - d. In addition to newsletters, we should send out periodic “bits of wisdom” (we need to think of a sexier name). I. Faass will send out a request for articles.

Adjourned at 8:22am

Respectfully Submitted,
Irene P. Faass
Secretary