

**State of Iowa Black Belt Association – Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 7, 2009; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Quality Inn; Ames, IA**

Cabinet Members Present: President – Linda Griffen; Treasurer – Karen Collins; Judo Delegate – Kenwood Scoggin; Hapkido Delegate – Gina McAndrews; Fundraising/PR Chair – Dan Knosby
Committee Chairs Present: Scoreboards Coordinator – Holly Bignall, Membership – Linda Griffen
Members Present: Sheila O’Riley, Wesley Gee, Kassandra Scoggin, Karen Scoggin, Nathan Meier, Joey Abdallah, Irene Faass, Jon Emery, Cindy Emery

I. Call to Order at 4:15 p.m.

II. Treasurer’s Report: Master Karen Collins

State of Iowa Black Belt Association

Treasurer’s Report As Of December 31, 2008
 Balance Sheet

	12/31/2008	12/31/2007	12/31/2006
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents			
Cash, Savings and Checking	\$8,747.13	\$6,435.57	\$5,571.38
Certificates of Deposit	6,249.36	12,183.00	11,606.39
Total Cash and Banks	\$14,996.49	\$18,618.57	\$17,177.77
Mutual Funds			
The Investment Company of America	\$10,133.53	\$15,526.67	\$14,655.67
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	9,762.68	14,593.44	14,036.17
Capital World Growth and Income Fund-A	1,245.31	0.00	0.00
American Balanced Fund-A	313.07	0.00	0.00
American High-Income Trust-A	1,440.48	0.00	0.00
The Bond Fund of America-A	3,412.65	0.00	0.00
Intermediate Bond Fund of America-A	961.76	0.00	0.00
Total Mutual Funds	\$27,269.48	\$30,120.11	\$28,691.84
Scholarship Funds			
Jared Ringstad Scholarship	\$1.54	\$4,024.04	\$3,920.60
(moved to mutual fund)			
Total Scholarship	\$1.54	\$4,024.04	\$3,920.60
Merchandise in Inventory	\$2,203.54	\$2,070.02	\$1,384.13
Total Assets	\$44,471.05	\$54,832.74	\$51,174.34

Liabilities				
Outstanding Merchandise Certificates	0.00	\$25.00		0.00
Equity				
SIBBA Equity	\$54,807.74	\$51,471.14	\$46,622.95	
Net Profit (Loss)	(10,336.69)	3,336.60	4,551.39	
Net Worth	<u>\$44,471.05</u>	<u>\$54,807.74</u>	<u>\$51,174.34</u>	
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$44,471.05</u>	<u>\$54,832.74</u>	<u>\$51,174.34</u>	

Master Karen J Collins, 3rd Dan
Treasurer

Master Linda Griffen, 3rd Dan
President

State Of Iowa Black Belt Association

Treasurer's Report As Of December 31, 2008
Income Statement

	12/31/2008	12/31/2007	Change
Revenue			
Membership Dues			
Membership Dues	\$2,996.00	\$2,720.00	\$276.00
Family Membership Dues	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Lifetime Membership Dues	1,600.00	400.00	1,200.00
Total Membership Dues	<u>\$4,596.00</u>	<u>\$3,520.00</u>	<u>\$1,076.00</u>
Scoreboard Rental Fees			
Scoreboard Rental Fees, Net of Expenses	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Total Rental Fees	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
Donatives Received			
Unrestricted Donatives	\$398.00	\$211.50	\$186.50
Total Donatives	<u>\$398.00</u>	<u>\$211.50</u>	<u>\$186.50</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$5,244.00</u>	<u>\$3,831.50</u>	<u>\$1,412.50</u>
Operational Expenses			
Member Benefits			
Scholarship - Academic	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Scholarship - Leadership	400.00	400.00	\$0.00

Scholarship - Junior Olympics	250.00	250.00	\$0.00
Scholarship - Jared Ringstad	150.00	0.00	\$150.00
Name Tags for New Members	121.58	259.58	-\$138.00
Membership Cards	43.94	129.97	-\$86.03
Total Member Benefits	\$2,165.52	\$2,239.55	-\$74.03

Newsletter and Website

SIBBA Newsletter	\$272.93	\$279.51	-\$6.58
Website Hosting	431.40	419.40	12.00
Webmaster Stipend	600.00	1,800.00	(1,200.00)
Facility Rental - Annual Meeting	514.42	170.00	344.42
Martial Arts Banquet Sponsorship	426.25	220.00	206.25

Total Newsletter and Website

	\$2,245.00	\$2,888.91	(\$643.91)
	\$4,410.52	\$5,128.46	(\$717.94)

Total Operational Expenses

SIBBA Symposium

Revenue

Membership Dues - Symposium	\$740.00	\$1,180.00	(\$440.00)
Symposium Fees	1,245.00	240.00	1,005.00
Bo Staffs	180.00	255.00	(75.00)
Wooden Boards	0.00	146.06	(146.06)
Symposium Revenue	\$2,165.00	\$1,821.06	\$343.94

Expenses

Insurance	\$362.50	\$460.00	(\$97.50)
Facility Rental	280.00	0.00	280.00
Promotion and Registration Copies	5.00	98.32	(93.32)
Food	303.88	0.00	303.88
Bo Staffs	151.35	186.30	(34.95)
Tokens	100.00	150.00	(50.00)

Symposium Expenses

	\$1,202.73	\$894.62	\$308.11
	\$962.27	\$926.44	\$35.83
	\$1,795.75	(\$370.52)	\$2,166.27

Net Symposium Revenue (Expenses)

Operational Profit (Loss)

Fund Raising Activities

Merchandise Sale

Educational Media	\$173.30	\$356.00	(\$182.70)
Official Ties	175.00	850.00	(675.00)

Clothing	505.70	2,692.00	(2,186.30)
Other	(6.23)	0.00	(6.23)
Total Merchandise Sales	\$847.77	\$3,898.00	(\$3,050.23)

Merchandise Purchased

Educational Media	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Official Ties	0.00	900.00	(900.00)
Clothing	561.25	1,720.92	(1,159.67)
Other	43.60	0.00	43.60
Adjustment for Year End Inventory	(133.52)	(389.09)	255.57

Cost of Merchandise Sold

	\$771.33	\$2,231.83	(\$1,760.50)
Net Fundraising Activities	\$76.44	\$1,666.17	(\$1,289.73)

Financial Income

Dividend on Short Term Investment

Dividends on CD's	\$190.18	\$576.61	(\$386.43)
Dividends on Checking Account	46.88	62.40	(15.52)
Dividends on Jared Ringstad Scholarship\	67.51	103.19	(35.68)
Dividends on Savings Account	43.14	30.41	12.73
Total Dividends on Banking	\$347.71	\$772.61	(\$424.90)

Dividend on Mutual Funds

The Investment Company of America	(\$5,393.14)	\$871.00	(\$6,264.14)
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	(4,830.76)	557.27	(5,388.03)
Capital World Growth and Income Fund-A	(754.69)	0.00	(754.69)
American Balanced Fund-A	(113.93)	0.00	(113.93)
American High-Income Trust-A	(559.52)	0.00	(559.52)
The Bond Fund of America-A	(587.80)	0.00	(587.80)
Intermediate Bond Fund of America-A	(38.24)	0.00	(38.24)
Total Dividends on Mutual Funds (Net of Sales Charge)	(\$12,278.08)	\$1,428.27	-\$13,706.35
Total Financial Income	(\$11,930.37)	\$2,200.88	-\$14,131.25

Net Profit (Loss) After Financial Activities

	(\$10,058.18)	\$3,496.53	-\$13,254.71
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Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Name Tag Replacement/Upgrade Fees	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Other Income Activity	0.21	0.83	(0.62)
Shipping Charges	0.00	22.00	(22.00)
Raffle Entry Fees	0.00	70.00	(70.00)
Total Other Income	\$0.21	\$192.83	(\$192.62)

Other Expense

Sales Tax Paid	\$5.09	\$23.38	(\$18.29)
Office Expenses	207.59	0.00	207.59
Shipping Expenses	17.10	46.71	(29.61)
Tournament Expenses	48.94	70.67	(21.73)
Raffle Merchandise Certificates	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Storage Expenses	0.00	112.00	(112.00)
	\$278.72	\$352.76	(\$74.04)
Total Other Expenses			
Net Other Income (Expenses)	(\$278.51)	(\$159.93)	(\$118.58)
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$10,336.69)	\$3,336.60	(\$13,373.29)

III. Delegate Reports:

Hapkido: Dr. Master Gina McAndrews

Master Michael Drahos lead the Hapkido workshop at the SIBBA Symposium this year, and we received many positive comments.

Throughout the Fall semester, the Iowa State University Hapkido Club has been giving self-defense seminars to various campus sororities and other campus groups. Over the year, the ISU members gave several demonstrations, including the Asian Cultural Heritage Fair in Des Moines, at the Memorial Union for folks riding RAGBRAI, at Blue Sky Day, along with others throughout the year!! The ISU club is excited to have over 30 active participants last Fall semester.

Master Son is back. He and his family moved to Des Moines in October. Master Son has been frequently teaching and working out with the Des Moines Hapkido Club.

The Des Moines Hapkido Club, with Master Ken Pilch, Iowa City Hapkido Club, with Master Brian Hayes, and Family Martial Arts Hapkido with Master Jill Hegland, have been busy teaching and giving demonstrations, as well as bringing several students to testing and recruiting new students.

Judo: Mr. Kenwood Scoggin

Judo statewide is doing well. During term went to demos and schools. An opportunity is the Boy Scouts since Judo is the only martial art that can earn a merit badge.

Other news from end-of-year 2008 newsletter: Samantha Bier has moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado to continue her Judo training at the Olympic Training Center. She competed at the Continental Classic and placed first in open division, and second in the middle weight division. She will continue to compete at International/National events to gain experience and national points.

Margaret Standish competed in the Pan American competition in Toronto, Canada and placed first in the 14-year-old girls division. She continues to compete in wrestling in middle school and train with Master Carol Scheid at Cyclone/ISU Judo. This year she has placed second at Middle School Nationals, first in her division at the National All Women's tournament and dominates the Midwest meets.

We have two new female Judo shodans — Kassi Scoggin and Audra Mills (president of ISU Judo). This is an exceptional accomplishment, because very few women achieve this position.

University of Iowa Judo has a new shodan, Jason Weirather, formally from ISU Judo. His testing was held after the Iowa State games.

At-Large: Mr. Ben Davis (absent – away at Officer’s Training)

Taekwondo: Master Mark Tschampf (absent – at Waterloo tournament w/ Nationals Team, end-of-year report submitted) 2008 was a busy Taekwondo year, but as usual, you all stepped up and made it a fantastic success! Once again, we showed the country how strong Taekwondo and our organization is in Iowa by hosting the 2008 Junior Olympics, Midwest Regional Qualifier and Olympic trials in Des Moines. In Spring 2008, the Iowa State University Nationals Team continued its proud history of finishing in the top three at Collegiate Nationals, which was held at Stanford University in California. Almost every member of our team placed in both forms and sparring. Unfortunately, our small team size meant we had to settle for a third place finish, with the much larger California teams finishing in the top two spots. In addition to competitions in 2008, our Taekwondo members were also busy with the 2008 SIBBA Symposium. We had a lot of fantastic classes offered this year (many taught by our members) and a good turnout even in the tough economic conditions the country was and still is facing. Finally I would like to congratulate all the new black belts who tested this past year. We look forward to your future involvement and leadership within the SIBBA! 2009 looks to be another jam-packed year for Taekwondo. The Iowa State University Nationals Team will be competing at the NCTA Collegiate Nationals at Brown University in Rhode Island on March 21st and 22nd, 2009.

IV. Committee Chairs:

Scoreboards: Ms. Holly Bignall

Thank you to everyone who helped the SIBBA provide scoreboards to many events in Iowa, allowing our members and their students to participate in Taekwondo competitions and competition trainings. In 2008, SIBBA provided scoreboards for five tournaments — the Two Rivers Tournament, the Ames Parks and Rec TKD Championship, the Iowa Governors Cup, the Iowa State University Taekwondo Championship; and three competition training events – the SIBBA Symposium, the ISU Karate Club Symposium, and the Marshalltown Rumble.

These events were supported by a tech crew which included: Ms. Holly Bignall, Mr. Ben Davis, Mr. Rex Fernando, Mr. Ed Jackson, and Dr. Mani Mina. Thank you to these generous volunteers who donated their time and talents so our members can have Ringmaster systems at their events.

Please consider supporting the SIBBA’s efforts to make Ringmaster systems available by donating your resources to the scoreboard system. There are 3 primary ways to do this:

- 1) Volunteer – Our committee is in need of additional techs. If you would like to be trained as a scoreboard tech and help out at a couple of tournaments per year, please contact me at hbignall@hotmail.com.
- 2) Donate equipment – Our equipment needs some updates. We are searching for four new or used laptops (Windows 98 or later), eight flat panel monitors, and Rubbermaid-type containers for storage.
- 3) Donate funds – that are earmarked for scoreboard system equipment updates. To make donations of funds or equipment, please contact our treasurer, Karen Collins, treasurer@sibba.org.

Fundraising/Public Relations: Master Dan Knosby

Master Knosby worked with Mrs. Erin Carpenter to design a new t-shirt for sale at our merchandise table. It features the names of Pak-family clubs, plus Judo, HKD and TKD figures and a ‘fighting cardinal’ – a symbol of Master Pak’s clubs. Money for scholarships was also raised at the 2008 Black Belt Reunion by ‘passing the hat.’

Webmaster: Master Gori Devrajani (absent – end-of-year report submitted)

The State of Iowa Black Belt Association has been busy providing the best online presence for its members for years, and in 2008 we made even more improvements to our website. Visit us at www.sibba.org to learn about upcoming events, download our latest newsletter or learn about the various scholarships and awards programs available to our martial artists.

Looking forward to 2009, we plan to completely overhaul the SIBBA website design to use cutting edge web development technology such as Ajax and ASP.NET 3.5 to deliver more streamlined user experience. SIBBA members will be able to add events to the calendar and search the member directory. Instructors, in addition to adding events to the calendar, will be able to update their dojang schedule and upload photos of club events. These individual photo galleries will be linked to the club and will be available to all SIBBA members.

From a content perspective, we will continue to add more useful information in the members area of the website, such as Taekwondo Poomse philosophy, new self-defense techniques and other notes gathered from the SIBBA Symposium. The different martial arts offered at the Symposium will have a corresponding section on the SIBBA website for members to look deeper into that martial arts and access frequently asked questions about the class.

And finally, a Martial Arts Resume Builder, this tool will allow members to keep up-to-date on their progress in martial arts. The information and dates will be saved in a secure section of the SIBBA website and will be available to the member anywhere. The Martial Arts Resume will be used by members when they apply for testing. As they record their experiences in classes, it will be a helpful tool when they prepare to write a statement of philosophy for a black belt testing.

Membership: Master Linda Griffen

2008 Year-end Membership Tally	2008
Black Belt	50
Non-BB	20
Family	2
Lifetime (new additions)	4 (+85 existing)
All Ranks-Academic Student	38
TOTAL	199

V. President’s Report: Master Linda Griffen

This has been my second year as president of the SIBBA. I have very much enjoyed working with the great group of individuals on our cabinet. The hard work and dedication they have shown is outstanding. Each have many other responsibilities and time commitments but make the time to share their talents to support the martial arts.

This past year, we made extensive refinements to our bylaws in order better position ourselves when filing for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501c3 of the IRS code. Essentially what this will do is:

- Gain further credibility as a non-profit
- Increase our fundraising ability with a cap of gross receipts under \$25,000 (currently \$5,000 cap)
- Tax Deductibility for Donors
- Eligible for Bulk Mailing Permit
- Exemption from Federal Income Tax
- Eligible for Government & Foundation Grants

The next step will be filling out and submitting the required IRS forms and waiting for the IRS decision.

Another large undertaking, as it is every year, is the annual SIBBA Symposium which was held September 27. Our presenters this year were

- Grandmaster Yong Chin Pak,
- Bong Sool
- Master Carol Scheid & Mr. Kenwood Scoggin, Adv. Judo
- Master Matt Hamann, Adv. Kicking Techniques
- Master Jason Morgan, Beginning Capoeira (Brazilian Dance Fighting)
- Master Doug Marks, Board Breaking
- Sifu Jose Mendoza, Chinese Martial Arts
- Mr. Ben Davis, Creative Conditioning
- Master Mike Drahos, Hapkido
- Master Lane Swalve, Knife/Stick/Empty Hand
- Master Mike Wickham, Mock Center Refereeing
- Master Mark Tschampl, Olympic Sparring
- Master Gori Devrajani, One-step Sparring
- Dr. Master Lance Rewerts, Systema
- Dr. Master Gina McAndrews & Dr. Matt Liebman, Tai Chi & Qi Gong
- Dr. Master Irene Faass, Yoga Stretching for Martial Artists

We had attendees from near and far and given the economy and gas prices at the time, we were quite pleased with the turn out. Several came from Ames, as well as Boone, Denison, Osceola, Des Moines, West Des Moines, Grundy Center and Omaha. In addition, Master Matt Hamann and Master Mike Drahos both drove from out of state to teach their sessions. We had less juniors participating than in the past, but many parents commented to me that their kids had a great time.

Goals for 2009

- To continue the process of completing the necessary IRS forms and applying for a higher level of non-profit organization recognition which will allow us to raise more money and thus provide more services to our members.
- Hold the annual Symposium
- Looking at co-sponsoring an educational ring-time clinic with Dr. Carmicheal and Marshalltown Community College

Closing

In summary, I'd like to emphasize we are here for you, our members. We are here to serve and support the martial arts and enrich the experiences of our members. If you have ideas for ways we can further advance our mission, please feel free to share your ideas with any of our cabinet or committee members.

VI. Unanimous confirmation of Committee Chair Appointments by Cabinet:

Membership: Mr. Wesley Gee

Fundraising and Public Relations Co-chair: Mr. Joey Abdallah

VII. Introduction of Cabinet Nominees:

Treasurer: Master Karen Collins

At-Large: Mr. Michael Wagenknecht, Dr. James Carmicheal

Hapkido Delegate: Mr. Laurence Woodruff

Judo Delegate: Mr. Nathan Meier

Taekwondo Delegate: Master Mark Tschamp

VIII. Nominations from the floor – there were none

IX. Speeches from Nominees and Voting

X. Cabinet Members Elected by Majority Vote:

Treasurer: Master Karen Collins

At-Large: Mr. Michael Wagenknecht

Hapkido Delegate: Mr. Laurence Woodruff

Judo Delegate: Mr. Nathan Meier

Taekwondo Delegate: Master Mark Tschamp

XI. Adjourn 4:50pm