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**Ordinary General Assembly session  
Aïkido Harmonie Association  
Thursday, August 24th, 2017 –  
La Halle des Sports, Vigan, France.**

*Minutes and report written by Aurélie Bousquet, Association Rapporteur*

**49 Attendees:**

S. Le Derf, A. Hincelin, A. Bousquet, M. Fernandez, H. Duthoy, A. Mouton, D. Kruithof, N. Poupon, I. Lecoq, G. Rettel, B. Millet, C. Ducourant, D. Seignier, JL. Gasser, B. Le Maître, S. Dahyot, C. Remise, A. Cater, I. Tréheux, R. Bonzon, F. Dekeyser, M. Messenger, C. Mende, M. Durupt, HG Schroeder, A. Meunier, R. Besrest, L. Croquet, S. Mouteil, T. Hyndrak, M. Beltrami, MP. Schwartz, J. Bert-Latrille, A. Peuch, N. Reinié, F. Saint-Alme, PO. Rouchier, C. Coulon, A. Malval, M. Tabourot, I. Stoup, G. Dupuy, D. Dubois, S. Tanguay, F. Lacombe, R. Cuvillier, JP. Liard, A. Pozzi, A. Kikuchi

**51 Proxies:**

MR. Valluzzi, G. Giacometti, MJ. Gente, S. Beaur, PE. Delacoste, F. Poupard, JC. Pellé, AK. Mavel, F. Weisser, N. Seffar, C. Nopper, C. Krastinat, A. Grimault, S. Limberger- Andris, J. Hämmerle, T. Burkhart, S. Allais, A. Raatschen, M. Titov, C. Farquet, E. Lacombe, J. Rouchier, L. Golden, G. Cholet, E. Robin, P. Millepied, J. Le Bellegard, B. Demore, G. Marcotte, JJ. Le Ny, L. Straggburger, D. Bougrissa, E. Lacombe, L. Sandjiuy, JF. Thomas, J. Prost-Fin, S. Maiet, C. Flammany, Y. Démard, A. Guillabert, C. Vasselin, JM. Meugnier, F. Ladessus, J. Albert, N. Boulmer, F. Krawczyk, D. Louis, E. Bietrix, G. Charles, Laurent Hervé, B. Bonnet.

**Quorum is reached.**

At 15:30, the meeting started.

## 1. Second presentation and vote on Financial statements from 2015

Andre Hincelin, in his capacity as Treasurer, contextualised why the financial statements could not be approved in previous General Assembly meetings. Accounts, as given by the private accountant firm, were accurate at the overall level, but they failed to associate incomes to corresponding posts. For instance: if the association received €100 during this period, we had no possibility to identify their specific origin and distinguish whether they come from sales or seminar registration.

After examining the accounts, the treasurer, Andre Hincelin, proposes to sanction them as is, considering that it is impossible to retrace affectations. To remedy the issue and prevent this issue from occurring again, since taking function, he personally deals with accounts and monitors that each income and expenditure are well allocated to posts.

Vote : Financial Statement 2015 approbation

Against: 0

Abstention: 8

Result: **Approved**

## 2. Presentation of the General Assembly Report of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Vote : Financial Statement 2015 approbation

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

Result: **Approved**

## 3. Legal Brief on 2016 Activities

Stephane Le Derf, President, presented the association activities in 2016:

- Memberships on the rise with 111 members,
- Registrations decreasing with 228 registered seminar participants,
- No events were held in 2016 outside the seminar,
- Lukewarm assessment: product diversifications (soap, towels, t shirts) generated unsold inventory that had to be stored for one year, before being sold at discounted price in 2017,
- A new stand for weapons has been produced to replace the one offered to Saotome Sensei,
- Only 2 out of 3 expected shops actually presented wares during seminar. However, very positive feedback both from shop keepers and attendees,

- Bureau renewal, with the same lineup: Stéphane Le Derf (president), Michaela Fernandez (Deputy-president), André Hincelin (Treasurer) and Aurélie Bousquet (rapporteur).

Vote : Legal Brief 2016 approbation

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Result: **Approved**

#### 4. Financial Statement 2016

The financial statement is presented by Andre Hincelin, in his capacity as Treasurer.

Jean Liard asked why when calculating the ratio of memberships per number of members, the result is not equal to the price of membership.

Andre Hincelin answered that this is linked to Paypal fees; this is also the case for seminar registration fees.

He concluded by stating that the 2016 financial statement has the same flaws than that of 2015, since the private accountant firm did not allocate expenses to posts. As stated previously (cf.1.), Aikido Harmonie has now taken over accountancy of the association to provide a better picture of its financials. If needed, Amandine Mouton, member, and certified accountant by profession, volunteered to answer any technical question stemming from the Treasurer.

Vote : Financial statement 2016 approbation

Against: 0

Abstention: 20

Result: **Approved**

#### 5. 2017 Activity Briefing

The 2017 Activity Briefing was presented by President Stephane Le Derf.

- Memberships in 2017 on the rise: 123
- Seminar attendees 2017: 178 pre-registrations; on-site unknown to date
- Decreasing trend for full seminar attendance is observed.

On the topic of the associations' fee policy, a benchmark on comparable seminars showed that the Vigan Seminar is one of the most affordable, worldwide. Even though the seminar is generating less revenue than its expenses, the association has ownership of significant financial resources. Therefore decision was taken to not alter the fee policy.

Stephane le Derf recalled the showcase policy for shops and craftsmen/women. Until 2014 a partnership was established with company Declic. However since 2015, the association invites

craftsmen and women to showcase products linked to martial practice and aikido, There is a will to have one such exposition per day.

Since 2015, requests have also been done towards entities less strictly correlated to Budo. The Bureau expressed its wish to keep the link to martial arts central.

Aurelie Bousquet (rapporteur) underscored the difficulty in finding craftsmen/women in topic, and more specifically craftsmen/women available for sales towards late august. Any member aware of such person is invited to communicate contact details to the Bureau.

The administrative updating of the association were lengthy and time consuming, partly due to the change in bureau:

- procedure in administrative centre (prefecture), Paypal, insurance,
- Opening an account (Banque postale) because the previous one (BNP) failed to match up to the association's needs and expectations
- Opening of an account (Livret A) in fall 2017 with a deposit of €60,000.00

The new internet website, in English and French, mobilised the Bureau during winter 2016. The choice was eventually made towards "Wix" solution. The website also embeds an online store.

It was so decided to end collaboration with the private company responsible for the accountancy, after the bad feedback and experience (see points here above on previous financial statements). The bureau considered hiring a local Vigan accountant, but eventually decided on handling accounts internally to the Association.

This year was also devoted to the elaboration of new statutes for the association.

## 6. Bureau composition

Drafting of the 2018 internal rules, which indicates the photo and video policy.

Proposal to realise video clips retracing the historic moments of the seminar, relying on both official and unofficial videos. The goal is to collect and remaster them to generate short movies, which will in turn be put on the Youtube platform.

In 2018, proposal to buy a Roadies type box, to ensure the weapons stand will be protected and to store foreign seminar attendees' weapons. Estimated cost is €750.

Vote: Roadies-type storage box

Result: **Unanimous adoption**

2019 will see the 10 year anniversary of Ikeda Sensei's coming to the Vigan. The association needs to reflect on what activities it wishes to conduct on this occasion.

The ASU would like to establish a communication partnership with Aikido Harmonie. We will relay their communication on the Florida based Winter Intensive Seminar, and they will relay information about the Vigan Seminar.

Vote : Partnership proposal with ASU

Result: **Unanimous adoption**

Before closing, call for volunteers was done to : propose projects, help with text translation, and help during the seminar.

Facing the drawdown in registrations, one of the members proposed that in addition to communication activities led by the Bureau, each member should personally communicate to their own respective networks and strive to bring at least one member from their own dojos. This proposal received fervent acclaim.

The ordinary session of the General Assembly ended at 16:55.

Stéphane Le Derf  
Président



Aurélie Dousquet  
Secrétaire

