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## Ordinary General Assembly Session - Minutes Sunday, November 8th 2020 – 18:00

**Taking into consideration the global pandemic and exceptional cancellation of the Summer 2020 seminar, the General Assembly was held through videoconference.**

*Minutes realised by : Aurélie Bousquet, translated in English by Thomas Hyndrak*

21 members were present : Alory B., Amirault T., Bert Latrille J., Besrest R. (Secrétaire adjoint), Bonnet B., Boulmer N., Bousquet A.(Secrétaire), Durupt M., Fernandez M. (Présidente adjointe), Hincelin A. (Trésorier), Houdayer M., Hyndrak T. (Trésorier adjoint), Kikuchi A., Le Derf S. (Président), Malval A., Martin P., Pozzi A., Reinié N., Remise C, Schwartz MP., Willocq C..

No member was allowed proxy representation due to the technical constraints linked to the sanitary situation.

The association has a total of 66 active members, the **quorum is reached**.

Meeting started at 16:00.

Stéphane Le Derf, President of the association opened the meeting by expressing thanks to the members who made time to assist to the meeting, despite the seminar cancellation. He recalled that it is the first time in 30 years that the event could not be held.

The president announced then the technical conditions leading to decision making, e.g. the voting system embedded in the software used to hold the assembly. This system functions through the IDs of the participants. The meeting is recorded.

After these technical considerations, the agenda is highlighted.

The debrief of the General Assembly of 22nd August 2019 is presented for validation to the Assembly's vote.

**Vote : Unanimously adopted.**

## 2019 Moral report

Stéphane Le Derf presented the moral report for the year 2019 :

- The purpose of the organization stays unchanged.
- Memberships are seeing a slight upward trend, ranking at 126. However, in 2019, was decided by vote the end of the preferential fee system for members, which should initiate a downward trend in memberships.
- Registrations are decreasing : 207 participants. The trend previously seen continues with less registrations for the full seminar and an increase of partial seminar registrations.
- The 10 years anniversary of Ikeda coming to the Vigan were organized. A celebration evening with shows were set.
- An official letter of invitation was sent to Saotome Sensei in view of the organisation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming in 2021.
- Reusable cups, bottle openers and sweaters were purchased.

The President extends renewed thanks to the musicians for their commitment to the Anniversary evening. Remi Besrest asks if the evening could be filmed, and answer is given that only a few moments could be captured, albeit with a mobile phone which entails low overall quality.

The moral report for 2019 activities is presented for vote and approval.

**Vote : unanimously adopted.**

## Financial report 2019

André Hincelin, treasurer, reminds the audience that the documents pertaining to the financial management of the association are all available on the website. He then goes on to describe the major expenses and income for 2019:

- As income : registrations (19 055 €), memberships (1968 €), sales (270 €), Anniversary event (1 410 €).
- Expenses: Ikeda Sensei teaching fees (19 960,08 €), Living expenses for the sensei (2873,05 €), Fees for the anniversary event (3 528 €)
- Balance for 2019 : (negative) - 12895,40 €
- Bank account and savings account on the 31<sup>st</sup> – 12 - 19
  - o Banque Postale : +447,17 €
  - o Livret A : + 49800,82 €

The board recalls that, since registrations are following a downward trend, income also is decreasing. However, this loss is partially set back by lower general fees, except in years where big events are organized such as in 2019. Other factor can be bug extraordinary expenses (such as the gift of 2,500 euros for the refurbishing of the changing area).

Thus in 2018, the balance was -9000 € and in 2019 -12 000 €.

Marc Durupt remarks that he adds numbers differently - 6 500€ and not -12 000 €. The Bureau answers that the presentation has only the outstanding elements and is not exhaustive. The full detail is available on the website.

The financial report for 2019 is submitted to vote for approval.

**Vote : Unanimous vote in favor.**

## Activity report 2020

### Seminar cancellation:

The President reminds the audience that the year 2020 was marked by the COVID 19 pandemic, which severely hampered what activities could be conducted.

### Registrations, memberships and seminar reimbursement:

Aurélie Bousquet (Secretary, AB) presents the activities that were done in the year 2020. Namely, the registrations and memberships had started prior to the decision of cancellation by the bureau members. In total, 12 registrations (except one, which the participant desired to carry over to 2021) and 2 memberships have been reimbursed. In total 66 memberships were concluded, for which the major part happened after the announcement of the seminar cancellation.

AB wishes to thank the members who gave words of support to their registration, even though she could not specifically answer each one of them.

To be mentioned, in accordance with what had been announced when the seminar was cancelled, the 2020 memberships will automatically carry over to the next year. It is therefore requested to all members to be careful and not register a second time. Aikido Harmonie would, in this case, have to proceed to reimbursements through paypal which would cause fees for the organization.

Second, it is recommended to please use the same email address in the various registration questions so as to make the registration process more seamless.

Nadine Boulmer asks why it is not possible to register again in 2021, should one person wish to support the association financially, AB answers that only one registration per year is possible and that there are questions of financial accountability associated with it – as memberships do not register in the same category as donations.

Philippe Martin asks if it is possible to provide straight up donations to the association, for instance so that people who have less income can still participate to the seminar. A lengthy discussion between members and the board where is mentioned the possibility of creating a “donation” link on the website. It is mentioned that they could take the form of “suspended seminar” in the gist of “pay it forward coffees”.

### Debrief on the *Communauté de commune* meeting:

Michaela Fernandez, deputy president of the association, presents the reunion that was held on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. Stéphane Le Derf and her went to meet the new team in the local administration. Leveraging this opportunity, Stéphane Le Derf presented a leaflet that contained a brief history of our association ; the objective of the meeting was to present our activities, remind the bonds that were established in 30 years of collaboration, the

various gifts that were done, and our projects with regards to the 2021 iteration of the seminar. Indeed, in 2021, we would like to celebrate the 30 years of the association on the main square of the town. Planned date would be Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. The local administration is keen to support the project and would grant us access to a stage as well as a security service. This would leave to us to manage civil protection (basic medic service in case of emergency).

The Mayor proposes to grand Ikeda Sensei with the city medal, as well as one to Saotome Sensei that the association will take care to give him.

#### Negotiating the insurance fees :

Taking into consideration of the seminar cancellation, the fees for our insurance service was renegotiated. Every year, the association usually costs around 900 euros. This year it will be around 400 euros.

#### Internet website set to standard:

According to the current regulation of data protection (RGPD in french), the website of the organization was updated by Stephane le Derf. The main changes consists in instating an instance on the website where authentication is required; this will be requested with credentials upon buying elements from the store such as registration, such as event, seminar, membership. The right to oblivion is streamlined and done upon request (before, it was done manually via email).

## Bureau proposal

#### Gift of 5,000 \$ to Ikeda Sensei :

Following the cancellation of the seminar in the wake of the COVID19 pandemic, the bureau members propose to grant up to 5,000 dollars to Ikeda Sensei, similar to the solidarity that have been done in the American dojos. The bureau proposes that to maintain the teacher to student and practitioners, to look into making videos of Ikeda Sensei available to members.

Following this proposal a discussion with close to the whole assembly (including Nadine Boulmer, Philippe Martin, Marion Houdayer, Alain Malval, Claude Remise, Thierry Amiraut). Unanimously acclaimed, the members underscored the importance of the notion of gift and solidarity. Therefore, the discussion led to separating both ideas and that there is no counterpart perceived in asking Ikeda Sensei for something in exchange for the gift\grant.

Many ideas are evoked as to how to technically put videos in the disposition of students, without displaying to the whole of internet. The newly created member space is considered for a solution.

Prior to the vote Philippe Martin takes leave. The number of voting members switches to 20.

Gift of 5000 \$ to Ikeda Sensei

**Vote :**

**Against : 0**

**Abstention : 1**

***In Favor : 19***

***Approved by the majority of the present members.***

Scholarship for youth :

Thomas Hyndrak (deputy treasurer) presents another bureau proposal, in view of keeping the bureau policy of openness towards youth ( under 26 years old ). The latter consists in proposing a 50% rebate on full seminar costs in specific cases (unemployment, professional of the showbusiness, students).

Marc Durupt proposes to extend this policy to more people.

Alain Malval proposes to specify apprentices as it is a status seldom known.

Following the discussions, Nicolas Reinié proposes to simplify the proposal and extend to all youth under 26 without condition. Facing the fact that there are less and less youth in our discipline, it would be a way for the association to communicate and encourage youth to come and discover aikido.

Marion Houdayer approves the idea with the suppression of financial conditions.

Julien Bert Latrille approves also the idea and adds that if someone finds issues with the financial participation to the seminar, he trusts the bureau to handle as appropriate.

Stéphane Le Derf calls upon the members to also relay the message that there are possibilities to handle the financing of the seminar by contacting the bureau.

50 % full seminar rebate for anyone under 26 by the date of the seminar

***Vote :***

***Against : 0***

***Abstain:0***

***In favor: 20***

***Unanimously approved.***

Planting a tree in the occasion of the 30 years anniversary :

Michaela Fernandez presents the project of planting a male Ginko Biloba on the *Parc des Châtaigners* in Le Vigan. The town authority is favorable and agrees to dig the whole and be present during the planting. It is foreseen in the budget to cover the costs of a tree already grown enough for the planting.

Expenses covering the buying of the tree for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

***Vote :***

***Against : 0***

***Abstain:0***

***In favor: 20***

***Unanimously approved.***

Event for the 30th anniversary of Aikido Harmonie :

Rémi Besrest (deputy secretary) presents the project as stands for a concert evening. Changing from 2019, there would be an open evening to all public and inhabitants of le Vigan. Two concerts are foreseen, one done by aikidoka and the second by a regional group. Naturally organizing such an event will incur costs (security, music band, renting gear, etc.).

André Hincelin explains the proposal for food and drinks. Considering the openness of the event, it is difficult to renew with the organization that had been chosen for 2019. However, the association means to cover the costs of food for up to 50%, and means to do that through a partnership with local restaurants (list of restaurants to be specified in due course). People would then be free to choose as they see fit, and to pay with coupons provided by André Hincelin. The day after the treasurer will go and collect the coupons and pay the corresponding sum.

Organisation of the 30th anniversary event

**Vote :**

**Against : 0**

**Abstain:0**

**In favor: 20**

**Unanimously approved.**

## Misc

Members ask for an update as to Saotome Sensei.

Stéphane Le Derf : Last February members of the bureau renewed the invitation made to the sensei, he unfortunately declined.

Following the death of Patty Saotome, wife of Saotome Sensei, the association presented condolences on behalf of the association and all the French and foreign practitioners who knew Saotome Sensei. The letter was translated into Japanese.

The meeting is closed at 20:10

**Next seminar dates : August 2021, 21<sup>st</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>**

Président,  
Stéphane Le Derf



Secrétaire,  
Aurélie Bousquet

