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Ordinary General Assembly Session – Minutes Sunday November 14th 2021, 6pm

Exceptionally, in light of the cancellation of the 2021 summer seminar and sanitary conditions, the General Assembly was held remotely through virtual means.

Minutes realized by Aurélie Bousquet, Translated in English by Thomas Hyndrak

<u>13 members attended</u> : : Besrest R. (Deputy secretary), Boulmer N., Bousquet A.(Secretary), Bonzon R., Durupt M., Fernandez M. (Deputy president), Hincelin A. (treasurer), Kikuchi A., Le Derf S. (President), Malval A., Pozzi A., Remise C, Schwartz MP. According to sanitary and technical conditions, no proxy were allowed.

The association counts 77 members, therefore, **the Quorum was not reached**.

After reaching out (email, messenger), it was impossible to get other members to reach the meeting in Visio. So, with respect to the technicality of holding the general assembly and the calendar constraints, it was agreed with unanimous agreement from participants to proceed with the Assembly.

Stéphane Le Derf, as President, made an opening remark thanking all members to be present to the general assembly as well as the Bureau Members for their work. He made note that this meeting was meant to be short and that no important decision was scheduled for discussion considering that few activities happened in 2020 due to the seminar cancellation.

He recalled that the meeting is recorded before presenting the agenda for the day.

The minutes of the general assembly of November 8 2020 is held to the vote of the assembly.

Vote results: Approved to the unanimity of present members.

Moral report of 2020

Stéphane Le Derf presented the moral report of 2020 :

- The purpose of the association remains unchanged
- -Number of members drew down from 126 in 2019 to 65 in 2020. This is explained partly by the end of the preferential tariff policy, and by the cancellation of the seminar in 2020 due to the sanitary context.

The moral report of 2020 is put to the vote of the Assembly for approval. **Vote results: Approved to the unanimity of present members.**

Financial report 2020

André Hincelin, treasurer, underscored that the full documents on association finances are available on the association's website. He then presented the main flows of the 2020 financial report. These included:

- Main income : 1 155 €.
- Main expenses : 1 549,05 €
- 2020 balance: 314,05 €

For more details, see 2020 balance sheet

The treasurer remarked that the financial compensation for €5,000 to Ikeda Sensei's benefit, which was voted in the previous general assembly, does not appear on the financial statement from 2020 because the wire transfer could only be done in January 2021. He also notes that the remuneration of the Livret A account went down from 0.7% to 0.5%. The 2020 financial report is put to the approbation of the Assembly by way of vote. **Vote results: Approved to the unanimity of present members.**

Activity report 2021

Seminar cancellation :

The President recalls that the seminar was cancelled for the second year in a row. This decision was taken after a number of discussions between the bureau members. In addition, Ikeda Sensei shared with the Bureau that he was not able to travel and deliver teachings in international seminars while under an uncertain sanitary context.

Membership report 2020 - 2021

2020 and 2021 memberships are automatically effective for 2022. It is asked to members to be mindful, in 2022, to avoid duplicate memberships. This would imply for the association to go through Paypal refunding process which would generate additional costs for the association

Bureau Proposal

Video project

The bureau proposed to gather and restore videos of the seminars given by Saotome Sensei in the 1990's. A number of those exist in VHS format. In order to preserve the teachings of Saotome Sensei, the Bureau proposed to go through the work of collection, restauration and proposing a more dynamic editing. The end result would be shared on the Association youtube page and thus made accessible to all.

A first quotation was done with David Charpentier, professional videomaker and aikido practitioner, who had already realized several video clips for the association in the context of the Seminar's 25th anniversary.

The quotation was presented to members present at the meeting. To note, that the quote presents costs in proportion of the original material length. To date, it is estimated that the total length of recording reaches around 4 hours. Following the bureau proposal, a discussion is held. In principle, members are favorable to the conduct of this work. The main challenge lays in locating copies in good condition. Stéphane Le Derf noted that he had

already requested some to the persons who had originally filmed the pieces back then, with little success.

Aurélie Bousquet (secretary) notes that Alain Guillabert holds several VHS copies. At the time they had been given by Jean Michel Mérit.

It is concluded that the bureau will gather the available VHS' and ask for a final quotation from David Charpentier.

Video clip for the 30th anniversary of the association

The Bureau proposes that a short movie clip be made to mark the passing of the 30 th anniversary of the association ,which will be celebrated in august 2022. Again, here, quotation will be asked to David Charpentier.

Marc Durupt proposed that the association makes several requests for quotation, because, when combined, these several requests make up for a significant sum of moneys.

Aurélie Bousquet underscored that capturing images and filming aikido is challenging for someone who does not know the practice. In addition, Stéphane Le Derf recalled that in taking someone from outside the seminar, there would be significant additional costs to host them during the duration of the seminar.

Aurélie Bousquet mentioned that she knows an aikidoka and professional video maker who has already done videos for his club. She proposed to contact him to ask whether quotations would be possible or , to help support the bureau in the technical assessment of the quotations proposed by David Charpentier.

Members recognized that it is important that the film maker knows the discipline ,if the goal is to create a quality video. Being mindful of the difficulties in finding a professional knowing the practice, the participants agreed in having at least a second opinion on the quotations proposed.

Misc questions

Members asked whether the summer seminar will be held in 2022.

Stéphane le Derf answered that there is no way to foresee how the sanitary context will evolve; that said he remained rather optimistic looking at the current improvements. He underscored that if a sanitary pass has to be presented to practice, the association will put adequate controls in place to verify and ensure safety of all in practice.

Stéphane Le Derf recalls that the 30th anniversary of the association will be celebrated in 2022 according to the modalities presented and validated in the General Assembly of 2020.

Important information:

In 2022, elections for a new bureau will be held. Requests for candidacy have to be made by email, letter, or given by hand prior to Monday, 22nd August to the Bureau. At this stage no member of the current bureau has announced the wish to run for another mandate. *The Anniversary event will be held on the 23rd of August 2022 – confirmations and checks are ongoing with the local administration.*

The General Assembly was concluded at 19:00.

Next seminar will be held from August 20th to 28th 2022

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