

SOA Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, December 2, 2012

Skype Phone Meeting

Present: F. Ito, Michael Thompson, Nancy Billias, David Franklin, Rob Gaston, Rob Kedoin, Byron Russell, Shin Aoki (TC Chair), Sandra Bengtsson (Treasurer), Cheryl Williams (International Gasshuku Manager), Connie Borden (ISC Chair)

1) Topic: Approval of minutes for last meeting (9/10/2012). Approved without objection.

2) Topic: International Gasshuku Report and Financial Report. Sandra B and Cheryl W presented a preliminary financial report for the Gasshuku showing a profit of approximately \$5600. With the addition of the \$5000 grant from the ISC, profit from the event should be over \$10,000. This amount will be split evenly between SOA and ISC. Sandra will continue reconciling the accounts and present a final report at the next meeting, including merchandise sales profit. Thank you to the ISC for their support in this event. Cheryl and Sandra will also be producing a budget and report for ISC to be used in planning future International events.

3) Topic: Bookstore and Inventory Storage. Rob G presented a report on the current inventory, which occupies a 4x4 locker at present at a charge of \$57 per month and includes around 30 boxes of books. Shin Aoki volunteered free space for storing these items. Rob G will give 30-day notice on the storage locker and coordinate the move to the new location. Cheryl W. has given notice of resigning from the position of bookstore manager as of 12/31/12. Last year we had about 5 bookstore sales that required shipping. Rob G will coordinate looking for a bookstore/publications manager and a shipping manager. It was pointed out that these do not have to be the same person and that we will sell more bookstore items if these are brought to Shintaido outreach events. Rob G will email an inventory list to the board.

Ito proposed that SOA donate one box of books to British Shintaido and volunteered to carry them to the event in January. This motion was passed. It was also proposed that some of the books be shipped to the East Coast to make them more available for events there. Nancy Billias volunteered to take charge of these. Rob G will look into the shipping costs and report at the next meeting.

Rob K and Rob G will look into possibilities of moving some bookstore items to a digital format and report back at the next meeting.

3) Topic: Exam Videos. We have a raw video footage from the International Gasshuku exams taken by Rob K and Dirk at the event. It was proposed and passed that David F, Rob K and Dirk will talk about the best way to make this footage available to the ISC membership, probably by putting it up on Vimeo, password protected, with an embedded link on the ISC website.

4) Topic: National Gasshuku 2014. Byron reported that he is having difficulty finding a Gasshuku manager and sponsoring regional group. We will continue discussions on how to make this happen.

5) Topic: Email list. There has been a request to the board for an updated Shintaido email list. We will continue discussions on the best way to maintain such a list and distribute it to members. A Vertical Response type newsletter was suggested and a proposal made and passed for Byron to create an account for Shintaido of America and create an email list to foster better communication with SOA members.

6) Topic: Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 3rd, at 1PM PST, 4PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron J. Russell, December 4, 2012