

## Minutes SOA NTC meeting Sunday August 18, 2019 11am to 12noon in person and via SKYPE

Present: Shin (chair), Michael T., Connie, Jim, Chris, Mike, Rob G., HF Ito

Absent: David F., Byron R., Lee S., Bela

### AGENDA

#### I. SOA VIDEO PROJECT

The meeting opened to include Sarah Baker who is doing the video recordings and edits. Sarah requested NTC members to share openly on requests for videos and critiques of what is working and what could be done better. At this time Sarah has hours of recordings and sees both short term and long term uses. Sarah is sharing videos via google drive and if there is a need for the raw footage of the videos, she will need to get the next level of google drive support.

Sarah asked for members to share how they see the videos being used. Mike would like to both have a library and reference of materials, but also do outreach to new students. Jim would like the Karate Wakame clip have the voice over by Shin as the audio was not successfully recorded. Jim would like segments that just show Ito teaching.

Sarah asked if members what to tell her which segments to use in clips or for Sarah to make that judgement. Currently it takes Sarah 5-6 hours of editing to produce a 10-minute clip. Sarah proposes having two levels of materials on google drive: clips for review and clips considered Final and ready for release.

Process as identified at this time:

- 1) Sarah will do edited clips.
- 2) Clips will be placed on Google Drive for **review**
- 3) Clips with changes needed will be placed in a section called: **Adjustments**
- 4) When the NTC concludes the review and consensus is ok for release, the clip moves to a section labeled **POST**

Sarah reports after leaving California on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, she will not be working on edits until mid-October.

Connie requests 3 clips be ready to start the review to Post process with a target date of mid-September for posting. Shin reports he will be able to do more reviews by mid-September. Current proposed clips are: Mike and Jo Kumite, Rob and Boh Kata, Shin & Chris with Karate Kata. By mid-October a process to add the voice over by Shin will be clarified.

**Action item:** Sarah to tell Connie if the next level of google drive is needed and the cost so that SOA can approve this expense. This section on google drive will be called: **RAW**

**Action Item:** First posting of video clip in Mid-September with two more clips before mid-October. Current process is to post via YouTube. Both website and Mailchimp will announce the videos. Feedback on these three clips will be useful for development of additional clips.

**NTC members thank Sarah for her work on this project and her excitement to make this successful.** Sarah thanks the group and restated she is here to service.

#### II. SOA UPCOMING EXAMS

Shin, Connie and group reviewed upcoming SOA exams: Quebec there are expected to be 3 challengers for Shintaido Kenjutsu Shodan – Bruno, Denis and Sarah and 1 challenger for

Shintaido Graduate – Mark Bannon. October 20<sup>th</sup> a Shintaido Assistant exam with Shin Aoki and Connie Borden as examiners and Mike Sheets as Goresha will be held for Nicole Masters. In January 2020 at Kangeiko there will be Shintaido Kenjutsu Shodan challenger – Nicole Masters.

### III. SHINTAIDO GRADUATE

Connie asked the NTC members to review the current SOA website definition of Shintaido Graduate. Connie had the recent experience of 3 Shintaido Graduates questioning if they were considered instructors. Connie requests consideration of updating the SOA website definition. Connie read the current statement and the proposed changed.

Approved by NTC to read Shintaido Graduate – Shodan

**Graduates are eligible to attend SOA advanced workshops, wear hakama and are eligible to teach.**

Rob G. requested the SOA assistant definition be reviewed to also reinforce eligibility to teach.

Ito-sensei suggested that more advanced instructors help advance assistants and graduates in their growth as students of Shintaido by 'being more strict'.

**Action item:** Connie to give Rob Kedoin the updated statement on Shintaido Graduate as well as review Shintaido Assistant statements and information on Shintaido Advanced workshops.

### IV. 2020

Connie read the announcement from the organizers of Biwako 2020 international gasshuku with the theme 'Waki Aiai". This means gathering together with energy and harmony with the powerful spirit of love, interdependence and as a result feeling happier, lighter and open in spirit.

Ito – sensei reviewed his role as technical director in charge of gorei and keiko. His plan is for the advanced workshops to be a combination of master class, collegial keiko and mock exams. Individuals attending will be either declaring their desire to take an exam or studying the material for future advancement. In Collegial keiko a person is self-training and the Master Instructors of Minagawa and HF Ito along with General Instructors of Alain, Jim and Pierre will be giving feedback. Therefore, feedback will not be given after exams. The potential examinee will be given opportunities to incorporate the feedback into their performance and this will determine if they will pass the mock exams. A person should do better than before the gasshuku. There will be two mock exams and then the final exam. IF a person is unable to change, that is the feedback and they will not pass.

The last two keiko on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning will be open hand Shintaido where the expression of joy in practice will be expressed. HF Ito has the ability to invite others to join these keikos by 'special invitation'. Ito stressed that for many practitioners the opportunity to see higher ranked level examinations is inspirational and a motivation for them to continue their own study.

**V. January/February Dates 2020**

PacShin Kangeiko – 18, 19 & 20 January 2020 with Ito-sensei as Instructor

PacShin Follow up class: 8 February 2020 with Ito-sensei as Instructor

NTC keiko: 9 February 2020 with Ito-sensei as Instructor

Tuesday Taimyo evenings 7 – 8:30pm – 21 January, 28 January, 4 February and 11 February with Ito-sensei; organized by Connie

**Next dates:**

**15 December 11am** – Joint SOA Board and SOA NTC meeting  
(preceded by West Coast NTC keiko from 8 – 9:30am)

**9 February 2020 11am** NTC meeting

Preceded by West Coast NTC keiko from 8am to 9:30am

Agenda items:

SOA video project

PacShin Kangeiko

Biwako 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Borden

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