

## **EJF General Assembly Minutes of January 4, 2014**

Beginning of the Assembly: 7:30 p.m.

### **Point I: Opening of the Assembly**

The President Barbara Meroni opens the session, greets the participants and asks that last year's report, available on the site, be accepted. It is accepted unanimously.

### **Point II: Election of Scrutators**

Dominique Rossetto and Yves Spenle accept to be the scrutators of the evening. They count 69 participants.

### **Point III: President's Report**

No speech or report this year, just two words addressed by President Barbara Meroni who reminds the theme of the Gasshuku, which is important and that sums up, in her opinion, the spirit of the EFJ: Isshin Denshin. Barbara cites her teacher: "Joy is everywhere under heaven, look for the one that matches your heart." The president thanks from the bottom of her heart everyone who contributes to make the EFJ what it is.

### **Point IV: Vice-President's Report**

Helga Wurth recalls that the website has been updated and asks people to verify the information contained therein. She asks that changes to be made should be quickly communicated to her. She asks at the meeting if the fact of using Google translator to translate texts is acceptable. The result is not optimal, but has the advantage of being fast (until Matthias Wenderoth has made the translation). Everyone seems to agree to use this solution. Gilles Tâche also said that people who send texts can translate these texts themselves. Pascal thinks this is quite justified. Sergio Dieci suggests to put a notice "translated by Google translator", for example. Helga, our Vice-President, is satisfied that the EFJ remains what it is and thanks the people who organize Gasshukus, teachers, and especially PK.

### **Point V: Treasurer's Report**

The accounts are healthy. As every year, the EJF account has increased. The number of the active EJF members remains stable this year slightly below 450 members. (about 430).

### **Point VI: Report of the Auditors of the Accounts**

The auditors Nathalie Kopitko and Christiaan Zaandt announce that the account is in good order and managed with care. They ask the Assembly to accept it, which is done. (next auditors: John McWilliams and Thierry Bissler)

### **Point VII: Acceptation of Points I to VI**

The points I to VI are accepted unanimously.

### **Point VIII: Election of the new Committee**

No change

President: Barbara Meroni

Vice-president: Helga Wurth

Treasurer: Yves Galley

Secretary: Jérôme Seydoux

Director of the Technical Board: Pascal Krieger

## **Point IX: Technical Board's Report**

PK is satisfied. He went to Singapore where he met a former student of Iaido and made Jodo demonstrations to the people of the Singapore group. He also met Johnny Seow and asked him for information concerning the next international seminar to be held in Malaysia in 2015. So far, everything seems to be going well. PK went then to Australia, where he gave a Jodo training for Australian practitioners. About 20 Australian practitioners will move to Malaysia, so PK asks Europeans to invest, too.

In Australia, there is still no Menkyo Kaiden of Seyryukai, but Kaminoda Sensei appointed Paul Maloney Menkyo. In Australia, PK demonstrated changes made by Nishioka Sensei, but as Paul Maloney and several others follow Kaminoda Sensei, this created a few problems. For PK, Kaminoda Sensei and Nishioka Sensei are both students of Shimizu Sensei and we must accept that there are several styles in the IJF. Anyway, PK is grateful to Kaminoda Sensei who taught him Kusarigama and Jutte. But in Europe, we follow the line of Nishioka Sensei. In Australia, PK met about 50 people and had a great Gasshuku.

After Relnick Sensei has left, the IJF had a few troubles, but with Malaysia, Brazil, Hawaii, and Europe, the federation is still alive.

PK again thanks Alain Robert for having organized the Macon Gasshuku.

## **Point X: Miscellaneous**

Election of the Auditors of the Accounts:

John McWilliams and Thierry Bissler

Funding of Summer Camp.

To avoid that the costs of the summer camp prevent practitioners with limited resources from attending it, three proposals were submitted to the General Assembly by the Treasurer to reduce (slightly) the price of summer camp:

1<sup>st</sup> proposal: half of the contributions received during the previous year is given to the organizer to pay teachers.

2<sup>nd</sup> proposal: during every Kagamibiraki, the AG decides how much the EFJ pays the organizer for the teachers' expenses.

3<sup>rd</sup> proposal: only some teachers are paid, others come at their own expense.

The 1<sup>st</sup> proposal is accepted by the AG.

Secretariat

The secretary, Jérôme Seydoux, asks group leaders to communicate their email address. He also announces that there are still a few DVDs.

Presentation of next summer camp

Michael Söderkvist presents the summer camp. He announces that a deposit will be required and in case of cancellation after the deadline, the deposit will not be refunded.

The GA is closed at 9:00 p.m.