

EJF General Assembly Minutes of Jan. 8, 2011

Beginning at 7:25 p.m.

Present: 117 persons

Item I: Election of scrutators

Raphael Berney and Tristan Corbières volunteer for being scrutators during this assembly

Item II: Reading of the preceding Report

No reading of the report by the president, for the report is on the website.

Item III: President's Report

Good evening to everybody at the General Assembly 2011 of the European Jodo Federation (EJF)!

On behalf of the EJF, I express my best wishes for the new year to everybody present here and to all those who are part of our big Jodo family and who were unable this time to come to the Kagamibiraki 2011 in Cartigny!

Isshin Denshin "to understand each other without many words, to be on the same wavelength" is the subject Pascal had chosen for our seminar and it shows us to which extent the complicity and the connivance, for which words are superfluous, for which only a glance is enough, and for which a fleeting gesture takes on real meaning, have an important meaning not only for Jodo practice but also in our daily behavior. The literary definition of Isshin Denshin "Exchange between two similar hearts" reminds us somehow of the subject of a Jodo Kagamibiraki where the subject was "Do never forget a child's heart". May your heart aim for comprehension, for complicity, for connivance, and for confidence during this year 2011!

Item IV: Vice-President's Report

As Helga could not be present, she has sent a letter to the president:

I'd like to greet all of you of the Jodo-family. I'm sorry I can't be with you and I'm surly going to miss seeing you and training with you.

Last year has been one of mixed feelings. Some of us had to endure the loss of dear people. My heart goes out to them and I hope you will keep the good memory.

On the other hand European Jodo has grown again. I've the feeling it's becoming more and more solid. Some local stages are now well established and when I look at the calendar for 2011 it's obvious that there is no shortage of training possibilities. I'd like to thank the organizers, the teachers and the group leaders for their effort. We can't value their work highly enough. Without them we wouldn't be able to train so well.

Concerning the website, I think it goes well enough. Matthias Scholz has been a huge help this year. He's not only back-up, I believe he does it better than me. I ask you for your continued patience when you send in reports. They have to be translated and then the administrators have to find the spare time to put the words and pictures into the code.

Still, I want to put forward two suggestions:

The "news" page, the one you see after "entering" the site, is often not very new. We should find a short text to put there at least every two months.

Matthias Wenderoth is doing all the translations. Maybe he also wants to have a back-up for the times when he is on vacation or otherwise busy.

Finally, a personal thanks to the friends who have accommodated and made me feel welcome on my Jodo journeys last year. I hope to see you again this year in Roma, at the Alpine stage, in Usedom, Saillon, Geneva and hopefully on some other occasion, maybe even in Vienna.

Item V: Treasurer's Report

The accounts are healthy. As every year, the entries have increased. Furthermore, we have taken profit this year from the donations that were made during Michel Macherel's funerals. As for the licensees, their number has decreased for the first time since the treasurer keeps up-to-date the file of each adherent. This decrease is probably due to the fact that the stamps are mainly sold during the Kagamibiraki, and that during the previous Kagamibiraki many people could not come because the bad weather.

The treasurer is somehow surprised that certain groups (Austria, Ukraine) have not purchased stamps for one or two years.

Yves Galley announces that this will be his last year during which he is in charge of the stamps. Jérôme Seydoux has accepted to take over this task next year.

Item VI: Controllers' Report

The controllers Charles Martig and Jérôme Seydoux state that the accounts are correct and well managed. They ask the Assembly to accept the present accounts.

Item VII: Vote of Acceptance of Items I to VI

Items I to VI are accepted unanimously.

Item VIII: Technical Board's Report

PK has not much to say and he is of the opinion that the EJV is in good shape financially as well as the spirit is concerned. PK as well as the other teachers have attended quite a few seminars which seem to have been very satisfactory. PK expresses also his thanks to the Tata organizers who have done a pretty good job.

PK then gives the floor to Matthias Wenderoth who briefly outlines a few important points concerning the next European Gasshuku in Germany (situation, transportation, price, deadline).

Yves Galley gives some details about the International Gasshuku 2012 which will take place at Broc.

The European Gasshuku 2013 will probably take place in the Mâcon region organized by Alain Robert.

Item IX: Election of the new Committee

Jérôme Seydoux will be the new secretary. The whole committee is re-elected.

Item X: Miscellaneous.

Corinne Masson points out that everybody should have a look to the website to get updated about the seminars.

Item XI: Date of the next General Assembly

January 7, 2012

The General Assembly is closed at 8:20 p.m..