

KICKBOXING ONTARIO

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ZOOM Platform
Sunday April 6th, 2025
5 pm – 6 pm

MINUTES

In attendance – Steel Mountain MMA; Kombat Arts; Elevation; Windsor Thai Boxing; Black Belt Institute; Bay Area Athletic Club; ROCKIT Kickboxing; Pound for Pound; DeSantos Martial Arts; Golden Tiger Kung Fu, Muay Thai Niagara, Seito Bugei Juko, RISE, North Star, Golden Tiger Own Sound, World Championship Martial Arts.

Board Members – Amanda Dominchetti; Veronica DeSantos; Terry Sulkye, Brian Dickson, Stephan Nash. Executive Director – Muzammal Nawaz

1. **Welcome** – Amanda welcomed everyone present
2. **Attendance** – 16 clubs were in attendance and listed in the minutes above
3. **Approval of 2023 AGM minutes and 2023 Financial**

The 2023 AGM Minutes were presented as found on the Kickboxing Ontario Website. Specific items were highlighted from that AGM.

Motion to approve the minutes – Veronica DeSantos
Motion seconded – Stan Mancebo
Non opposed.
Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the 2024 AGM Agenda
Motion seconded – Stan Mancebo
Non opposed.
Motion carried



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5. KO Update

Amanda reviewed the years activity:

- a. 2024 was the busies year for KO (greatest number of events and courses)
- b. New statues are nearing completion due to new non-profit compliance requirements
- c. KO will be back with the 2026 OWG to happen in Orillia. Selection will start in 2025

6. WAKO Canada Review

Muzammal provided an update on WAKO Canada activity in 2024 and future plans.

- a. The Podium Principles program is continuing to gain momentum across Canada
- b. SPORTDATA compliance will begin in 2025 with all major tournaments
- c. Century has become a national sponsor and will provide revenue sharing with PSOs
- d. The new WAKO Canada website is now completed and will go live in May.

7. Insurance Changes

Muzammal provided an update with changes in our insurance policy coming into effect in 2025.

The insurance landscape has changed dramatically in Canada on the heels of the catastrophic injury that occurred in Vancouver involved in the Kick Light Tournament. Our legal counsel and insurance broker is requiring our association to review our sanctioning policies and association risks related to all leadership positions. In particular the following roles are being assessed:

Provincial/National Team Coaches – coaches working with athletes that are not members of the respective club pose a higher risk for WAKO Canada. Our legal counsel and broker are developing new policies to address this risk gap.

Board/Committee Members – There are members of some provincial board or standing committees or working groups that no longer affiliate with member clubs. Many such individuals once were members of clubs but over the years have moved into different stages of life and no longer train. Our legal counsel and broker are developing new policies to address this risk gap.

Officials – starting immediately all officials must have the same membership requirement of coaches and athletes – ‘be full members of the main location of training.’ This is the insurance requirement of all membership within the organization to ensure continuity of communication and oversight of membership.



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Currently WAKO Canada has officials that are not members or affiliated with member clubs and some officials are members or affiliated with non-WAKO Canada clubs. A new policy will come into effect that all members of WAKO Canada – athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials will be required to be members of WAKO Canada clubs that are their primary location of training and affiliation.

As the policy is being drafted, members of the KO and WAKO Canada will begin a communication strategy to inform all members of the association of this change in membership policy. Donna will provide the executive with names of such individual so early discussions can be started examining options.

8. IMMAF Canada

Further discussion was made about the work and progression of IMMAF Canada and the support being provided by the PSO and NSO. The new association is developing and support is being provide. The new executive consists of Nick Castiglia (GBRA) – Chairperson; Joey De Los Reyes (KOBA) – Vice Chair; John Cole (SMMA) – Board Member; Pat Chapman (RELT) – Board Member; and Brent Fria (TOTL)

9. Wrap Up

Motion to close the 2024 AGM
Motion seconded – Stan Mancebo
Non opposed.
Motion carried

AGM closed at 5:46 pm

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