# Minutes of the WORLD MOO DUK KWAN 2013 SYMPOSIUM,

**Athens, Greece**

**DATE:** **30 October – 4 November, 2013**

**PRESENT:** **Hwang HC, KJN (President, WMDK)**

 Seiberlich, Lawrence, SBN (Chairman)

Blotta SBN Argentina -holds proxy for Uruguay, Mexico, Chile and Puerto Rico

 Cooper, Cash, SBN USA

 Glenn, Kriton, SBN Australia- holds proxy for Korea

Mollett, Elodie SBN France

Spoerri, Urs, SBN Switzerland

Vatan, Mo, SBN Iran

Papadopoulos, Costas, Master Greece

Salinas, Diego, SBN Spain - holds proxy for Iceland

COUNTRIES CHOOSING NOT TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AT THE SYMPOSIUM:

ISRAEL; ITALY; GERMANY; ENGLAND; BELGIUM; MALAYSIA; PHILIPPINES; NEW ZEALAND; BRUNEI; CHINA

The 2013 WMDK Symposium was a full Symposium Meeting

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|   | **AGENDA ITEM** | **ACTION** | **BY WHOM** | **REVIEW****DATE** | **RESOLVED** |
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| **1** | **1st Session Opening Ceremony 30 October**, **2012** (8:00 pm to 9:30 pm) All present |
|  |  | Formal opening and bowing in ceremonyThe WMDK President officially opened the WMDK Symposium.The President made a special thanks to the Designees for their attendance and to the Greek Federation for hosting the symposium. The President noted that there are 24 countries actively practising Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan. | President  |  | Yes |
|  |  | Appointments for the Symposium 2013* Seiberlich SBN Chair
* Spoerri SBN Vice Chair
* Glenn SBN Secretary
 |  |  | Yes |
|  | WelcomeRemarks**Concept of Unity****Agenda Items****Acceptance of the 2012 WMDK Symposium Minutes** | The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He said:*‘Thank you for your sincere efforts in attending and assisting in the success of the 2013 WMDK Symposium. This action will assist in building a strong foundation for the future of our Organization and our Art’*The President noted that some countries do not have any representation at the 2013 symposium and no proxy had been received. The President stated that the WMDK encourages full participation by Designees at all Symposia. He then reminded us that if a Designee is unable to attend a Symposium, the Designee is obligated to assign another or at a minimum, designate an informed Proxy thereby promoting active participation and the representation of the membership.The Designees expressed their sincere gratitude to the host nation, Greece for providing for the Symposium. Designees were graciously welcomed to the Symposium by the President and the senior member from Greece, Costas Papadopoulos Master.The opening statement of the Symposium was the reading of the WMDK Concept of Unity by the Secretary. Agenda items were reviewed, followed by a discussion of the scheduling of the Symposium meetings and the Agenda order.Chairman brought to attention the Minutes of the 2012 Symposium. The 2012 was a Zone Symposium (see attachment #1)The Minutes of the 2012 Ramona California USA ZONE Symposium were reviewed and a Motion was made to accept the 2012 minutes **MOTION: “I make a Motion that we accept the Minutes from the last WMDK Symposium meeting in USA 2012”.*** Motion passed. Minutes accepted and approved.
 |  ChairDesigneesPresident &Greek Designee SecretaryChairMotion by Blotta SBN 2nd by Spoerri SBNVote: Unanimous |  | YesYesYesYesYesYes |
| **2** | **ITEM #1 WMDK Intellectual Property (IP)** | ***Second Session 31 October 2013 9:30 to 12.00******CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR*** |  |  |  |
|  | Organizational structure of the WMDK | Kwan Jang Nim HC Hwang declared that this is a high priority item for the world Moo Duk Kwan. Each country Designee presented a short verbal report to the Symposium in regard to IP progress in their respective countries. See Addendum #2. **ACTION;** All countries to submit an annual report to the WMDK at the SymposiumIt was strongly advised that all postings of SBD MDK material on the internet and social media have direct ‘hot links’ and acknowledgements to the WMDK. With the aim to drive internet traffic to the WMDK web pages. | ChairEach DesigneeEach DesigneeAnd all members of the WMDK |  | incompleteongoing |
| **3** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ITEM 2: Discussion of how each national organization is promoting and developing the Young Leaders Program in their schools and their country. | **ITEM 2: Discussion of how each national organization is promoting and developing the Young Leaders Program in their schools and their country.**Kwan Jang Nim opened this topic with the observation that this Program is critical to the future of SBD and the WMDK.Each country presented a short report to the symposium see attachment #3 For example; France has instituted a teaching programSwitzerland enables the youth to plan and conduct multiple activities and fundraisingAustralia has activities in all 4 regions; communication on FBUSA has arranged separate specialised training in some areas; meetings at nationals and involvement on the website and FB. Argentina has the 6 regions connecting with each other with clinics seminars and tournament demos.Spain involved the Youth Leaders Program in the Moo Do FestivalThe President again commented on where the responsibility to strengthen the foundation of the Art sits, and it sits directly with the Leaders of the art. This is includes the Dan membership, the Do Jang owners, the TAC, the senior membership and the Designees.**ACTION;** It is the responsibility of the Designees to show direction, to nurture the future leadership with goals, plans, and specialised materials to ensure the success of this concept.Also the world wide membership has challenges with the youth who are Sam Dans who are 14 - -16 years of age. What to do for them in the future, until they are eligible to test for KDJ.While there may be some different approaches on a range of cultures there is considerable scope to focus on the youths Academic qualifications and contributions to the Do Jang and local community. There is a need to move the YL program into action and systematize it. Leadership needs to be shown by the current Designees to build on the work by those who showed insight and initiated the structure of the Program over six years ago. | PresidentPresidentDesignees | 20142014 | On-goingongoing |
| **4** | **ITEM 3: Update of the Soo Bahk Do Institute activities and opportunities for the participation of all WMDK members.** |
|  |  | The Institute is an international web presence platform and has been identified that more international content is needed. Those National Designees with thoughts on how to build on this concept further are advised to contact Duncan SBN directly and submit their ideas. The President commented that this platform was built by the US Federation on behalf of the WMDK for all member countries. He welcomed and encouraged content from all countries to be included. The Designees showed their appreciation of this vital information portal.The President tasked the Designees to promote this platform to their countries, TAC and senior members and thanked those countries who have already made contributions. He is looking forward to continued contributions to the site to ensure that it represents membership and maintains its currency.**ACTION;** all members to have content checked by a senior Dan member and must provide a link to the WMDK web site in all postings. | All WMDK membership | 2014 | ongoing |
|  **5** | **ITEM 4: Update of the WMDK Website, plans for the future and opportunities for each nation’s further participation.** |
|  |  | The WMDK Website is maintained by Roberto BonefontROB13927@gmail.comSome suggestions to make the web site more engaging were to include a shop where Do Jang signs and flags could be purchased.The President said that Bonefont SBN was doing a very good job and worthy of mention.The President’s charge to the Designees was to maintain active participation, to keep sending content to the site to keep it alive.  | Designees | 2014 | Ongoing |
| **6** | **ITEM 5: Standardization.**This Item was discussed at the 2012 Symposium and the urgent need for standardization was apparent. |
|  |  |  Standardisation This is across several fundamental components of the Art.1. For grading requirements there is an increased focus on the Regional Examiners (REX) to uphold the minimal requirements of the art.

The request for a time line of actives in the translating and implementation was put forward last symposium and a sheet of this progress is attached as Addendum #4**Motion** put forward by *For all member countries to submit to the WMDK the plan for the implementation of the standardisation of the Gup and Dan testing, the schedule for the translation of the Jok Kyo, Kyo Sa and Sa Bom work Kits by 15th December 2013.* **Unanimously passed****ACTION** *For all member countries to submit to the WMDK the plan for the implementation of the standardisation of the Gup and Dan testing, the schedule for the translation of the Jok Kyo, Kyo Sa and Sa Bom work Kits by 15th December 2013.***REVISITING AGENDA ITEM #1 related to the support of the WMDK by each country’s payment of their fee for the use of the License granted them by the WMDK.** **Standardisation discussion on IP and support for the WMDK****Communication is key and support for the WMDK is fundamental to its ongoing existence.**As martial artists we follow a line of command, there may be some different approaches to the challenges we face on a regional country and internationals basis yet it is our oneness that unifies us to accomplish our goals. Communication is Key. And as Designees we need to be confident in our communications with the WMDK.Certification (Gup and Dan) can only be given to Licensed members of the WDMK, which is through one organization in each country.**Each country’s organization is required to pay the WMDK $10 per member each year for the use of the Exclusive License which enables them to attain the Certifications.****ACTION; Delegates to ensure that Each country’s organization pays the WMDK $10 (US dollar) per member each year for the use of the Exclusive License which enables them to attain the Certifications.**Chairman asked all Designees if they fully understand their ongoing financial responsibilities for the WMDK. All acknowledged that they completely understood. | Glenn SBN and Spoerri SBN *All WMDK Designees*Chairman**Every Designee** | 15 Dec 2013**annually** | **ongoing** |
| **7** | **ITEM 6: Future Symposia** |
|  |  | 2014 Puerto Rico (Zone symposium)2015 Korea (full symposium - Celebration) The 70th Celebration2016 USA (Zone symposium)2017 Europe (full symposium - Celebration)2018 Argentina or Chile (Zone symposium) |  |   | yes |
| **8** | **ITEM 7: Update on the preparation for the 2015, 70th Celebration in Korea.** |
|  |  | **70th Celebration in Korea** Preparation for the 2015 “70th Celebration” in Korea was discussed.The date for the 70th Celebration was set to be around the Founding Date of the MDK, the 9th of November. The Location of the Celebration within Korea was discussed. There is an event coordinator already identified in Korea to promote its success in that country.There will be demos from each country, training opportunities, cultural presentations and site seeingThe Designees meeting needs to be meaningful and well organized. The President stated that the 70th Celebration of the MDK is open to all past and present MDK members, and that we should open our spirit to embrace all. | General discussionPresident |  |  |
| **9** | **ITEM 8: New Business** |
|  |  | Questionnaire for the 70th Committee. Mollett SBN asked for feed back by 1 December 2013.Designees are to promote this to their countries membership and each country is to have a contact officer for the promotion of the 70th Celebration of our Art.The Chairman requested a draft paper ‘how to run a Symposium’ paper to assist host nations with the event. See Addendum #5Mexico has had a high level international award presented to 2 of their members at an event in Las Vegas. Activley promoting Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan in Mexico the Guzman Leguel Family, on October 18th, 2013 in Las Vegas Nevada, USA in the 4th Official Taekwondo Hall of the Fame® Award Ceremony. Kyo Sa Yisel Mi Guzmàn Leguel and Kyo Sa Anthony Kyung Guzmán Leguel were recognised for Youth Excellence in Preserving the Martial Art Soo Bahk Do® Moo Duk Kwan® and being Academically Outstanding Students. Now all the Guzman Leguel Family have been entered to the Official Taekwondo Hall of the Fame® supporting the World Moo Duk Kwan through the promotion of Soo Bahk Do in Mexico.Discussion on how to increase membership of the WMDK.Ways of increasing membership:Text marketingPhone numbers on the boards they break at demosGive away a monthVisibility at annual tournamentGarner feedback from studentsRegional and zone championshipsIncrease visibility in the Martial Art communityInternational DemosDistribution of the published medical papers that mention the benefits of SBD MDK training to doctors in your general area. | Mollett SBNGlennGlenn on behalf of Guzman SBN | *Dec 2013**Draft by Dec 2013* | Yesyes |
|  **10** | **Closing remarks** |
|  |  | The President thanked the Chairman for his inputs throughout the week and the participants for their contributions and acknowledged the progress. This event had both discussion and decisions, and we all are looking forward to working through the challenges. We are a good natured organisation as seen in the Designees working together in this formal environment. Continue to support each other and remember that we are all a resource for each other.The President thanked the hosting country and made special mention of the efforts of the Greek Federation members for making the event a success.The Greek Federation represented by Master Papadopoulos thanked the designees for their participation and actions supporting the Moo Duk Kwan. He showed his appreciation for the international commitment and thanked them for coming to Greece.The President reminded the Designees of the Founder’s vision, Human relations, well-being for the individual and this is done by training in Moo Do and living the philosophy. The WMDK carries on the concepts of the Founder and assists countries to accomplish these goals. The Chairman called for a Motion to Adjourn which was made and seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved. The Chairman adjourned the meeting and officially closed the 2013 WMDK Symposium. |  |  |  |

***ATTACHMENT # 1***

**ZONE LOCATIONS**

Zone 1 = Asian Pacific countries; Zone 2 = USA and Canada; Zone 3 = Europe and Near East Asia; Zone 4 = South and Latin America and Hispanic islands

***ATTACHMENT # 2***

**How to run a Symposium DRAFT paper submitted by 2013 Symposium Secretary SBN Glenn (Australia)**

How to run a symposium

Priorities are Human relations, sharing the art, planning for the future of the art and sharing culture with all the Designees.

To do this we need to have a productive location,

Accommodation, clean with no more than 2 Designees to a room.

Kwan Jang Nim’s room to have a welcome pack with snack foods and additional water, enough of the duration. Wherever possible have his room a higher standard than the others.

Chairman’s room to have a welcome pack with snack foods and additional water. Should be close to Kwan Jang Nim’s room.

Suggest that the accommodation and the symposium are at the same location or immediately close by.

**Prior to the event**

Send out the schedule to all participants (day to day running sheets see attachment below).

Ask and take notes and prepare for the cultural needs or special foods of the Designees (eg vegetarians, gluten free, pork free meals).

Send a list of other activities that the Designees may like to be involved with nearby eg beach, Museums, cultural activities...

Inform the Designees of the expected weather conditions and what that may mean for packing suitable clothes.

Arrange transportation for all the Designees from the nearest international airport as they arrive and for their departure.

**At the event location**

Have a CONTACT PERSON identified for all communications. This contact person is the ‘go to’ person for emergencies, last minute arrangements ....)

Arrange the Symposium room with a lay out that is productive for communication and allows all Designees to see each other and the head table to be reserved for the President.

Attempt to have flags of the countries being represented

Attempt to have internet access where ever possible.

Supply a pen, note pad and clean drinking water for all designees.

Provide a printed copy of the last year’s minutes for Designees and any other supportive printed materials.

Provide refreshments for meeting breaks and during meetings.

A copy of the agenda (initially provided to the host nation by the Chairman) with the suggested dress code for all meetings / engagements. (eg suit, smart casual, Do Bok.....)

Confirm with the President and the Chair about running other Moo Do events along side or immediately after. (eg Moo Do Festival, Ko Dan Ja....)

At the end of the symposium, if possible, a small gift / memento from the host nation.