

NEW ZEALAND KUNG FU WUSHU FEDERATION, 2023 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Introduction

This report covers developments and key activities of the Federation for the period Jan-Dec 2023. The Federation Executive had a very successful planning day in March this year, where a number of significant matters were discussed, and decisions made. The minutes of that meeting are attached as an appendix to this report.

Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Championships 2023

The New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation hosted the 2023 Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Championships on Saturday 2 September at the Auckland Netball Centre. Individual event categories included • Traditional Taolu • Modern Taolu • Individual Tai Chi • Sanda • King of Sanda Cup. Group event categories included • Group Tai Chi • Dui Lian. The event saw record numbers of competitors in both Taolu and Sanda, causing the event to run overtime. Several clubs competed from Australia giving rise to a true Oceania event. The next Oceania Championships will be hosted by the Australian Kung-Fu Wushu Federation. Special thanks to Julian Paul and Wei Zhao.

Wellington Regional Kung-Fu Wushu Competition 2023

The second Wellington Regional Kung-Fu Wushu Competition was held on Saturday 24 June at Aotea College in Porirua. Individual event categories included • Traditional Taolu • Modern Taolu • Individual Tai Chi • Sanda. The event was a success attracting greater numbers than the previous year's event, which was held in June at the same venue. Special thanks to Julian Paul.

Auckland Tai Chi & Qigong Festival 2023

The New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation hosted the Auckland Tai Chi & Qigong Festival at Tamaki College, John Cassidy Recreation Centre, Glen Innes, Auckland on 8 July 2023. The event was a great success with the following clubs participating in the event. Independent Living Charitable Trust; NZ Wushu Academy; Wu Style Tai Chi Association; South Auckland Chinese Association Tai Chi Group; Auckland East Chinese Society Inc; Univision Community Trust Tai Chi; Auckland Mulan Boxing Association; Chinese Senior Citizens Health Exercise Group Inc; New Zealand Tai Chi & Martial Arts Society Inc; Taranaki Tai Chi Chuan Association Inc; Yang Style Tai Chi Auckland NZ; Tai Chi & Qigong 18 NZ; Gan En Tai Chi Academy New Zealand; Tai Chi Chen Style Academy; NZ Shu Huai Sword Training Centre. Special thanks to David Wong, Diana Lau and Julian Paul.

Federation Grant Funding and Sponsorship

The Federation would like to acknowledge the ongoing long-term support of New Zealand Community Trust and Pub Charity and thank them for grants approved for our 2023 events. A special thanks also to Zhou Huibin [Dragon], the President of the Auckland-based Hunan General Commercial Association in New Zealand, for his, and the Associations, ongoing

generous support of the activities of the Federation. Dragon also has an official role in the Federation as Gu Wen 顾问 Advisor/Consultant to the Federation. The Federation also received a welcome donation from a longtime friend and supporter, Hong Wei Guo.

Financial Performance and Position

Sweeney Ng, the Federation's new Chartered Accountant was happy to do a review of the Federation's 2022-2023 Annual Accounts, including an Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report, Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position, all of which will be uploaded to the Federation's website.

National & Regional Events 2024

The Federation plans to host a Wellington Regional Competition, Nationals Championships, and World Taichi & Qigong Day over 2024. Resources permitting, the Federation will also endeavour to run Taolu and Sanda Judges and Coaches workshops over 2024. Details of dates and locations will be provided before the end of March 2024.

International Events 2024

The International Wushu Federation (IWUF) will host a number of events over 2024. The NZ Federation will decide early in the coming year whether to register teams. See details on the IWUF Events Calendar Website http://www.iwuf.org/calendar?calendar_year=2024. Note that the IWUF 10th Sanda World Cup will be hosted by the Australian Kung-Fu Wushu Federation in Melbourne, Australia between 22-25 November 2024.

I have had discussions with Walt Missingham the President of the Australian Kung-Fu Wushu Federation about the Australian Federation also hosting an Oceania regional event immediately prior to the Sanda World Cup. Ideally this would include Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Island members of the Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Federation.

There was discussion as to whether the pre-event could be another Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Championship, which would put the event on a better biennial cycle (once every two years), with the next being held in 2026 in New Zealand. Currently the Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Championship is held in the same year as the World Wushu Championships, which limits the number of competitors Australia can commit to participate in the Oceania event.

Having it during the off year to the World Wushu Championships, while solving one problem, means that it would then occur in the same year as the World Junior Wushu Championships. A challenge for both Australia and New Zealand is to lock in an Oceania and National Kung-Fu Wushu Event calendar, that is not in conflict with key IWUF International Events.

Thank You and Stay Safe

As a volunteer-based, not-for-profit, amateur sport, incorporated society, it is the dedication, commitment and good-will of officials, members, participants, volunteers and supporters that makes the biggest difference. On behalf of the Federation Executive, I would like to thank all members for their ongoing loyalty and support and welcome any new members into the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu family. I wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Wushu



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APPENDIX 1

Minutes of Federation Executive Meeting

Date: Sunday 19 March 2023

Location: Auckland

Start Time: 10.00am

Meeting Chair: Glen Keith

Attendees: In-Person: Glen Keith, Terry Hill, Julian Paul, Wei Zhao

Purpose of Meeting

This meeting was a follow-on from earlier meetings held on Teams on 28 January 2023. The overall purpose was to discuss the shape of the Federation moving forward.

Agenda

The agenda covered changes to existing structure and processes around the Federation Executive; Regional Wushu Associations; National Wushu Development Squad; National Team Selection; National Coaches and Judges; Kung-Fu Kids Schools Wushu Programme; Interschool Wushu Kungfu Programme; and World Junior World Championships Feedback.

Decisions made at the NZKWF Executive Meeting

The Executive made a range of decisions that will shape the Federation moving forward.

Federation Executive Structure and Operation

1. Review the structure of the Federation Executive to increase the governance and organising capability. Federation Executive roles, excluding the role of President, are to be appointed by the Executive, as opposed to being nominated and approved by members at AGM. This is to ensure the Executive can attract people in a timely manner with the right experience, knowledge and skills, specific to a designated portfolio.

Business and Event Planning

2. An Annual Business Plan and Budget agreed by the Federation Executive, including a National/Regional Event Calendar circulated at the beginning of the year, with event organising committees set up as required. An Administrator resource is needed for a range of tasks including administration, club engagement, Federation membership etc.

Key Stakeholder Engagement

3. The Federation is to approve any discussions occurring on behalf of the Federation, or that involves a Federation activity, particularly with key stakeholders, officials or funders such as Sport NZ, Regional Sports Authorities, Asia NZ Foundation. This applies where there is a 1:1 relationship with the Federation or where there is potential for overlap and/or an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

Regional Wushu Associations

4. Disestablish the Federation's Regional Wushu Associations to reduce layers of administration and to provide a nation-wide view of event organising and participation. While originally perceived as an option to expand the Federation's reach, they have become an administrative burden with scarce resources and little if any return.

National Wushu Development Squad

5. Disestablish the Federation's national wushu development squad, in lieu of event specific, national team selection and development activities, specifically; a national wushu team structure administered by the Federation Executive, as opposed to a national wushu development squad structure, administered by a nominated club/s.

Head Taolu Coach and Head Sanda Coach

6. Disestablish the Federation's Head Taolu and Sanda Coach positions, in lieu of national coaches being selected per event, to align to the new process around event specific, national team selection and development activities.

Coach and Judge Accreditation Programme

7. Introduce a Sanda and Taolu Coach and Judge Accreditation Programme based on a national level 1, 2 and 3, to improve the overall quality and number of judges. Coach accreditation in particular, will be based on the 3 key elements of Wushu, Kung-Fu Skills Set / NZ Coaches Certification / NZ Child Safety Certification. A timeline will be set for renewal of accreditation to make sure all skills and conditions are current, and a License Renewal Fee may be levied annually, to cover costs for the Federation.

Selection of Coaches and Athletes and Athlete Registration

8. Establish robust selection events for coaches and athletes and also to improve the athlete registration process for overseas competition. This is to encourage a wider and more diverse pool of coaches and athletes to register for overseas events.

Physical and Mental Safety and Well-Being of all Athletes

9. Establish robust procedures to ensure the physical and mental safety and well-being of all athletes participating in Federation events, whether regional, national continental or international.

Code of Conduct; Athlete Welfare & Protection; Training Programme Regime

10. The Federation will produce clear guidelines for team coaches, team managers, team leaders, athletes and parents. Guidelines will include a code of conduct; athlete welfare & protection policy; training programme regime for sanda and taolu.

Coordination and Management of International Teams

11. The coordination and management of all future international teams will be undertaken by the Federation Executive or nominated person/s, including the identification and selection of coaches, athletes, team training and event preparation requirements and conditions, registrations, flights, accommodation, uniforms etc.

Kung-Fu Kids, School Wushu Programme

12. The administration of the Federation's Kung-Fu Kids, School Wushu Programme will come back under the central administration of the Federation Executive. The Programme was always intended to be centrally administered. The Federation will review the operation of the Programme including the selection and appointment of Federation Certified Coaches. The Federation will work with those clubs who have adopted the Programme as part of their private club offering, to ensure national alignment.

Interschool Wushu Kungfu Programme

13. The administration of the Federation's Interschool Wushu Kungfu Programme will come back under the central administration of the Federation Executive. The Programme was always intended to be centrally administered, as an extension of the Kungfu Kids Schools Wushu Programme. It was originally intended that the Federation would host Schools Wushu Kungfu Competitions, which would lead to school students eventually participating in Federation events. The Federation will review the operation of the Programme including the selection and appointment of Federation Certified Coaches. The Federation will work with those clubs who have adopted the Programme as part of their private club offering, to ensure national alignment.

World Junior World Championships 2022 (Indonesia) Feedback and Review

14. Feedback from the World Junior World Championships was reviewed and responses to submitters were drafted and sent. The broader goal being to learn from past events and improve processes for future events. It was agreed to provide some financial compensation to each of the three families whose children were registered and attended the event, without being able to legally compete, given none of them were New Zealand citizens and/or had New Zealand passports, which was a IWUF registration requirement.

International Competitions and Events

15. Future IWUF competitions and events will have a greater focus on team briefings including team coaches, team managers, athletes, and parents to ensure better flow of communication and early detection of any issues, particularly around registration criteria. Athletes and parents will know what their/their child's specific training regime requirements are, and how to access support if needed. Team managers will manage, and team coaches will coach, and not a mix of roles. All team coaches, team managers, team leaders, athletes and parents will be required to commit to the Federation's code of conduct; athlete welfare and protection policy; and training programme regimes.

International Judges and Coaches Courses

16. The Federation will consider each request for support and endorsement to participate in IWUF International Judges and Coaches Courses on a case-by-case basis.



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