



## Club Committee Appendix February 9, 2017

**February 01, 2017**

### **Full Status Application:**

McGill Naginata Club

#### **Mandate:**

The Club's mandate shall be to hold regular practices of the Japanese martial art "Naginata". The club will encourage active participation by holding events such as gradings (skill exams), tournaments, and seminars (extended practices) as well as informal social events. The Club shall be mandated to provide opportunities for physical training as well as to create a forum for discussion of the philosophy of budo and Japanese martial arts and sports culture. The Club shall be mandated to pursue correct Naginata as taught by trained instructors. The Club shall be accessible for both competitive and non-competitive Naginata practitioners.

#### **Application:**

##### **How has your club met its mandate over the course of this year?**

The McGill Naginata club has managed to achieve a significant amount of the mandate and is planning on accomplishing even more. As of now, the Club is holding two weekly practices every week since January 2016, of this year. The Club has already held one examination in April 2016, and is planning for another one in January of 2017. We have participated in the Canada Naginata Federation annual seminar and tournament. Our competitive Naginata practitioners got first in the singles tournament as well as first and second in the group tournament. For the non-competitive members they attended the seminar where they were taught by many high level practitioners and spectated the tournament. The Club has held many informal events where the members would get to know each other and the history of Japan and Naginata. The Club's practices are being taught by a high level instructor who is qualified by the Canadian Naginata Federation.

##### **How has your club contributed to the McGill community? What benefits do you offer to students?**

The Club provides an opportunity for exercise twice a week. These practices not only provide physical activities but also educate the members about Japanese culture and its intricacies. The frequent grading we hold gives practitioners freedom of self-guided growth and development. They give the members a goal to constantly strive for. Because the Club is a mixture of undergraduate, graduate and graduated students it provides an environment where one can ask questions and refer to other members for advice. Newer students can ask more advanced students about any problems they have in class, and the older students can refer to the graduated members.

##### **How have you built your membership base and how have you engaged new students?**

The McGill Naginata Club held a table at the September Activities night and is planning to attend the January event as well. During the early weeks of every semester we hold two open practices for any undecided students to attend and make their final decision. We also strive to update and actively expand our website and Facebook page with photos and significant developments.



**What steps have you taken to make sure your club will have a smooth executive turnover when the founders graduate?**

The Club has taken in first year students into executive positions that have fewer responsibilities such as Webmaster or Equipment Manager. This gives them exposure to the workings of the executive committees and also engages them into the inner workings of the club. Also we use a buffer year, where executive members who are soon to graduate will help teach any members who are striving to get a position on the executive committee.

**What resources has your club used during your Interim Status Period?**

We are currently booking the Acrobatics room and the Mezzanine room at the McGill Fitness Centre. We also made use of the Activities night in September and are planning to attend the January night as well.

**What steps have you taken to ensure the financial sustainability of your club?**

The Club takes a membership fee that goes primarily as payment to the Gym for the booked rooms at the Fitness Centre. We are currently planning a fundraiser that we are hoping we can hold during the second semester that would go towards updating older equipment and the purchasing of new equipment.

**Event 1: Wednesday Night Practices**

Every week we hold a Wednesday practice at the Mezzanine room or Gym 1+2 for the members of the club. This is held from 8:30 to 10:30.

Number of Attendees: 10

**Event 2: Saturday Afternoon Practices**

This is the weekly Saturday practice that is held in the Acrobatics room in the Fitness Centre. Practice is held from 1:00 to 3:00.

Number of Attendees: 8

**Event 3: Wednesday and Saturday Open Practice**

On the first week of September we hold a free open practice for anyone who got interested in the club from Activities Night. This was held from 8:30-10:30 and 1:00 to 3:00, on Wednesday and Saturday, respectively.

Number of Attendees: 25

**Supplemental Material: Budget and Membership List**

**Constitutional Amendments:**

1. McGill Students for Enactus

1. Constitution revised after this meeting. Details of changes will be included in the next report.

2. McGill Taiwanese Students' Association

1. We reviewed their constitutional amendments on November 21<sup>st</sup> and were concerned about the number of executive committee members (27). At the time, our decision to approve it was tabled until we could ask them about it.
  - a. The Secretary of TSA has assured the Club Commissioner that all EC members are necessary and equally contributing.



### 3. McGill Students' Wine Society

1. We reviewed their constitutional amendments on November 21<sup>st</sup> and had questions about the "Past President" role and who had voting rights.
  - a. To address the conflict between the voting rights of the Past President and clause 3.2 (stating only members of SSMU and PGSS can have voting rights), Article VII was edited to say:  
*"The Past President shall:*
    - 7.1.1. *Provide advice from previous years and institutional memory*
    - 7.1.2. *Hold voting rights, unless they are no longer a member of the SSMU or the PGSS, as per Article 3.2."*
  - b. It was clarified that all members of the three Subcommittees have voting rights, not just the three Executive Committee members.

### 4. McGill Students for Think Pink

1. We reviewed their constitutional amendments on November 11<sup>th</sup> and wanted to address their electoral procedures. As it stands, the current co-presidents appoint all future EC members.
  - a. Discussion has led to the following proposed procedure for election of the co-presidents. Election of other executives will follow the same procedure should multiple people apply to a position.
    - i. All interested people will be interviewed by the current presidents, allowing them to ensure they have an understanding of the role
    - ii. The current presidents will then choose the top 3 candidates and hold a general election in which general members can vote

### 5. The Caribbean Students' Society

1. We reviewed their constitutional amendments on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Clause 4.1 stated, "Whether or not an annual nominal membership fee is put into effect for the scholarly year may be determined by the Executive committee of said year."
  - a. To ensure membership fees are controlled, an additional clause was added to say "If a fee is to be implemented, it must be restricted to an amount between the value of 5 and 10 dollars."

### 6. The Energy Association

1. Addition of the Vice President Marketing and Outreach with the following portfolio:
  - a. Be responsible for community engagement and outreach within the McGill Community and Montreal
  - b. Collaborate with clubs and represent EA at meetings with other clubs
  - c. Be responsible for designation of marketing roles to the other EC members
  - d. Work closely with the VP Events and VP Communications to advertise events via social media, listservs, posters, etc.

### 7. McGill Armenian Students' Association

1. They will add the mandatory clauses (I couldn't yet because they sent me a PDF).
2. Article III: Mandate – Edited mandate to be:
  - a. Introduce McGill students to Armenian culture through various activities.
  - b. Unite students of Armenian origin by giving members the opportunity to interact in a dynamic social environment.
  - c. Promote awareness of Armenian heritage.
3. Article VI: Portfolios



- a. VP Internal
    - i. Removal of event coordination and membership list maintenance
  - b. Addition of VP Communications description (it previously was left blank):
    - i. Maintain the membership list of the Club.
    - ii. Be responsible for promoting the image of the Club to the community within and outside McGill University.
  - c. VP Operations description changed to:
    - i. Be responsible for booking rooms and making reservations for events
    - ii. Organize the Club's physical resources and equipment.
  - d. Addition of VP Events description (it previously was left blank):
    - i. Oversee and coordinate the programming of activities and events of the Club
    - ii. Advertise the Club's events and promote the Club's activities on social media
4. Article VII: Fees
- a. Removal of membership fee.
5. Article VIII: Finances and Article X: Electoral Procedures
- a. Changed to clauses in constitution template.