

BKA Kendo Bu

Bucho Report 2017

Introduction

This is my sixth year as Bucho and the BKA still appears calm with no significant issues brought to my attention. This is my final report as it is now time to depart the role (as per our constitution). I propose to support the new elected Bucho for as long as necessary to ensure a smooth handover of the role. Also I urge you to support the new Bucho (whoever is elected) as at times the job can only be done by your support.

Again as last year we have run a large number of successful taikai, grading's and seminars, played host to visiting sensei and moved forward with initiatives to promote kendo within the UK with particular focus on Ladies, juniors and university students. We sent men's, ladies and junior teams to to the EKC in Hungary

Again as last year there are areas where we still need to progress, e.g. delivering more coaching & refereeing courses. To help with this and to continue to develop kendo we do need to engage more active support from the membership.

Taikai

Again we held the Premier Cup at the AGM venue and as this was again successful we will do the same this year. A change to this taikai took place last year with a seperate separate Ladies and Men's sections. This change was agreed at the BuAGM for future Premier Cup events. Also as agreed at the AGM we have procured a ladies silver salver so that the men are awarded the cup and the ladies a salver (Wimbledon tennis style). Both will be engraved but retained by the Events Officer – smaller versions will be awarded as take and keep for the winners.

We also successfully held the Bowden and the British Open taikai. The Open was again discussed at the AGM and it was agreed that we will promote this as an international event for both sexes.

As as reported last year, and as regards private taikai, many took place throughout the year under the auspices of the BKA, again including amongst others: London Cup, Northern Open, Mumeishi 3s, Combined Forces (military) and the Universities taikai and events. The Bu will always support such events in response to requests for assistance from the organisers – typically advertising, provision of scoreboards/flags and referees where appropriate.

Gary O'Donnell and Emiko Yoshikawa were both selected to referee at the Hungary European Championships this year - well done gary and Emiko. The GB Kendo Team performed well and at times above expectations at this year's European Championships in Budapest. Amongst the highlights over three long days of competition:

1. Junior team fought strongly to the 1/4 finals.
2. Konradas Rukas was awarded a fighting spirit for the second year in a row.
3. Individual women placed in the last 16 (Juliette Li Wan Po) and last 8 (Emily Knight).

Seminars

Again we ran the Watchet, Stoke and Glasgow seminars last year – all reported successful with no complaints. At the Brussels refereeing seminar this February, the Bu again funded a fighters (3 man team) as requested by EKC – they paid for food and food and accommodation.

Promotions

You will be aware that Sensei Gry O'Donnell and Kazuyo Matsuda Renshi was awarded 7th dan. We congratulate Kazuyo on her achievement, Well done.

There promotions will make it easier to run 5th dan grading as we need 6 x 7th dan panilists on such events.

The current kendo high grades now standing are: -

- John Howell 7th Dan Kyoshi (1994)
- Jock Hopson 7th Dan Kyoshi (1994)
- Mike Davis 7th Dan Kyoshi (1998)
- Geoff Salmon 7th Dan Kyoshi (2007)
- Jeff Humm 7th Dan Renshi (2008)
- John O'Sullivan 7th Dan Renshi (2015)
- Yasuyuki Hiyama 7th Dan Renshi (2015)
- Kazuyo Matsuda Renshi (2016)
- Gary O'Donnell Renshi (2017)

Referee Seminars

Several seminars took place over the past year. We plan more of both in 2017 and 2018.

Bucho Activity

I have again been active this year attending nearly all major events and grading's plus many other events including: Ozawa seminar, Stoke and Watchet seminars, Universities taikai and events, Welsh Open, London Cup, Tonbu Cup, plus various dojo visits, etc, etc. Again as last year I have tried to show a Bucho face whenever I can to promote and engender unity within the BKA.

In addition, and not visable to any of you, I have headed up a number of complaints panels – this has not been a trivial activity since most complaints are typically againt BKA Offices (all diciplines) and require a very through analysis and detaild report for the BKA Execuitive Comittee.

Also I spent a lot of effort in editing and revising the BKA Shogo policy (awards for Renshi and Kyoshi)

Kendo Bu Budget for 2017

The budget for 2018 has been prepared by Malcolm Smalley the Bu Cashier and will be published following discussion and agreement with the incoming Buchoi– I want the new Bucho not to have the same experience as myself when taking over, i.e. running someone else's budgetary ideas.

The full report can be found in Attachement C to this report.

Attachement A - Events Officer Report – Report 2016/2017

The follow was provided by Stephen Martin the Events Officer:-

More Kendo Events

In the last year the BKA has continued to support many private events as well as the regular programme of seminars and gradings. We had a successful seminar with Hayashi Sensei (repeated in 2017) and the new combination of the Bowden and Open on the same weekend increased attendance in both events. The growth in full-time membership has been noticeable as is the increased popularity of student events. This is an encouraging sign for the future as students members inject new enthusiasm into the BKA.

Regular Seminars & Grading's (Glasgow, Watchet, Stoke, Mumeishi):

We continue to run these seminars at the predictable times of the year so that kendoka can manage their own grading clock in the timing of the seminars that they regularly attend. The online booking system with 3+ week 25% discount continues to work and seems to generate regular attendance. Because we can be more certain of attendance we have been able to keep seminar costs to 2011 prices for those who book early.

Regular Taikai (Premier, Bowden, Open)

Following the AGM discussion last year and this, we have reformatted the Premier and the Open. The Premier has been formatted as the BKA Championship and has trophies for Male and Female adults. The criteria for participation is that the entrants must be eligible to be members for the GB squad. The Premier Championship takes place on the day of the AGM. The Open is held in November and will be publicised across Europe. There will be a Junior (14 to 17) and Adult (18+) competition. The Open will run on Sunday 26th 2017. The Bowden team taikai will be run on the Saturday 25th 2017 and will be followed by an evening keiko that includes any visitors for the Open on the following day.

Private dojo event support from BKA

We support many private/local events. Applications for financial support need to be made to the Bucho, publicity support for all events is available on request from the Events Officer at kendoevents@britishkendoassociation.com

Communications

Facebook continues to be the main venue for communication, but all event announcements are duplicated on the website. The diary (provisional) is shared with dojo leaders in December.

All the best,

Stephen Martin
Kendo Events Officer - BKA

Attachement B - Grading Officer's Report 2016 - 2017

The main gradings, Glasgow (two gradings, one at each end of the year), Watchet, Stoke and Mumeishi have been well attended. All had between 50 – 60 people grading.

We also carried out another successful grading at the University Taikai, this time in Cambridge, where 53 people graded up to shodan.

The exciting news is we have enough 7th Dan in the BKA to run our own 5th Dan grading, which is held at Mumeishi each year.

We are also still trying to promote a Junior grading at Tsubaki at the beginning of October. It went well last year and we are holding it again on 1st October. It will again be an Ikkyu grading, in the hope that it will get known as a Junior grading and we can start grading Dan grades.

With some excellent help, the Examiners marking sheets have been revised. This should help make the feedback more comprehensive, as this has always been a difficulty, because of time restraints after the grading.

John Gale

Kendo Grading Officer

Attachement C - Kendo Bu Financial Report for 2017 and Budget for 2018

Key Premises of Budget

- *Existing Longstanding events and Seminars to continue to be run based on 'covering costs'. I.e. no net gain or loss*
- *Gradings continue to provide income*
- *Support of Kendo & Dojos through key initiatives*
 - *First aid courses provided at no cost to attendees*
 - *Coaching courses provided at no cost to attendees*
 - *Refereeing seminars provided at no cost to attendees*
 - *Dojo Start up assistance through support of dojo costs & costs for regional sensei visits*
- *Continue with Positive Support of Ladies & Junior Kendo*
- *Continue with initiative to engage with University Dojo & encourage membership through this*
- *Set aside funds to contribute to funding a team entering EKF & WKF taikai on appropriate years*
- *Contribution to costs for 6 Nations & Squad Training*
- *Maintaining a realistic contingency surplus*

Summary of 2016

Initial reserves of £38,992

Budgeted for a loss of £11,115

Achieved a surplus of £1,236

- Admin costs £1,157 over budget
- Gradings & Events over delivered budget by £6,261
- Initiatives underspent expectation by £10,620
- International was flat to budget (-£211)
- Squad Training & Taikai overspent by £5,832
- Membership income £2,670 higher than budgeted

Summary of 2017 (year to date)

Expected start position at 2016 AGM £25,367

Budgeted for a loss of £3,205

Actual Start position £40,228 (Subject to confirmation by NC Treasurer)

Many costs not yet available. Currently projecting a loss of c£3,000.

Consequently end 2017 position expected to be c£37K - £14K higher than projected at 2016 AGM

Year on Year

	Budget	Expected
2017 Starting Position	£25,367	£40,228
2017 Budgeted Event P&L	-£22,550	
2017 Expected Final Event P&L		-£23,901
2017 Budgeted Membership Income	£19,345	
2017 Expected Membership Income		£20,805
2017 End position	£23,162	£37,132
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2018 Expected Starting Position	£37,132	
2018 Budgeted Event P&L	-£13,450	
2018 Budgeted Squad P&L	-£17,700	
2018 Budgeted Membership Income	£19,725	
2018 Budgeted End position	£25,707	

Membership Fees

Membership	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (cur)	2017 Fee	Estimated Income ¹	Increase/decrease per £ in the fee
Full	702	687	740	761	844	809	£20	£16,180	£795
Concession	223	230	280	282	288	268	£10	£2,680	£280
Junior	107	95	107	150	209	173	£5	£865	£165
TOTAL	1032	1012	1127	1193	1341	1250	-	£19,725	£1240

¹ Assuming current 2017 Numbers with 2018 Fee structure

Recommend Fee remains unchanged for 2018

Detail

	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2018
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual (ytd)	Projected Additional	Budget
Admin							
Bu Administration	0	-£500.00	-1,656.60 ¹	-£500.00	-107.70 ¹	-300.00	-£500.00
Events							
Glasgow Seminar	983.65	500.00	1,730.80	1,500.00	640.93	-	1,000.00
Watchet Seminar	1,122.99	1,100.00	1,553.93	1,500.00	1,230.65	-	1,500.00
Stoke Seminar	1,025.39	1,000.00	2,918.39	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mumeishi Grading	1,914.05	600.00	2,099.26	600.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bowden taikai	-357.50	-200.00	-270.96	-200.00	-	-200.00	-300.00
Premier taikai	-483.33	0.00	-532.58	0.00	-	-500.00 ³	-500.00
British Open Taikai	-205.55	0.00	-. ²	-2000.00	-	-2,000.00 ⁴	-500.00
Kyu Gradings	-	300.00	706.39	600.00	776.28	500.00	700.00
Northern Grading	429.60	500.00	649.75	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Gateshead Grading	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
Kodokan Grading	842.30	0.00	-	500.00	-	-	0.00
University Taikai	112.13	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00
Auspices Events	91.58	-500.00	-	-500.00	-	-500.00	-500.00
Events Total	5,475.31	3,300.00	9,561.37	3,500.00³	2,647.86	-200.00	3,900.00
Initiatives							
Dojo Start-Up	0	-500.00	0	-500.00 ⁵	0	-200.00	-500.00 ⁵
Coaching	-80.00	-1,200.00	0	-1,200.00 ⁵	-80.00	-500.00	-1,200.00 ⁵
Referee seminars	0	-1,200.00	0	-1,200.00 ⁵	0	-500.00	-1,200.00 ⁵
First Aid	0	-1,200.00	0	-1,200.00 ⁵	0	-500.00	-1,200.00 ⁵
Junior Support	-1,994.49	-4,000.00	-461.57	-4,000.00 ⁶	-365.55	-1,000.00	-4,000.00 ⁶
Ladies Support	-1,037.04	-2,000.00	-175.97	-2,000.00 ⁶	0	-2,000.00	-2,000.00 ⁶
Bucho Discretionary	-2,310.51	-2,000.00	-1,677.95	-2,000.00 ⁷	-1,216.29	-1,000.00	-2,000.00 ⁷
University Support	-	-1,000.00	-164.50	-1,000.00 ⁸	-	-	-1,000.00 ⁸
Initiatives Total	-5,422.04	-13,100.00	-2,479.99	-13,100.00	-1,661.84	-5,700.00	-13,100.00
International							
Japanese Sensei	-	-1,000.00	-1,898.52	-1,000.00	-	-2,000.00	-2,000.00 ⁹
Brussels Seminar	-924.79	-1,750.00	-1,062.93	-1,750.00	-750.33	-	-1,750.00 ¹⁰
International Total	-924.79	-2,750.00	-2,961.45	-2,750.00	-750.33	-2,000.00	-3,750.00
GB Squad							
EKF Taikai	0.00	-8,000.00	-15,408.76	-4,000.00	-13,130.25	-	0.00 ¹¹
Squad Training	-2,255.63	-2,700.00	-1,476.76	-2,700.00	-599.00	-2,100.00	-2,700.00
6 Nations	-1,466.29	-1,500.00	-5,146.94	-2,000.00	-	-	-
Squad WKC	-10,181.41	-4,000.00	-	-	-	-	-15,000.00 ¹²
GB Squad Total	-13,903.33	-16,200.00	-22,032.46	-8,700.00	-13,729.25	-2,100.00	-17,700.00
Net Total Costs	-14,774.85	-29,250.00	-19,569.13	-22,550.00	-13,601.26	-10,300.00	-31,150.00
Membership							
Full	15,220.00	14,800.00	16,880.00	15,900.00	10,180.00	6,700.00	16,180.00 ¹³

Student & Concessionary	2,820.00	2,800.00	2,880.00	2,620.00	1,690.00	1,190.00	2,680.00 ¹³
Junior	750.00	535.00	1,045.00	825.00	370.00	675.00	865.00 ¹³
Membership Income	23,679.00	18,135.00	20,805.00	19,345.00	12,240.00	8,565.00	19,725.00 ¹³
Net Budget	4,408.28	-11,115.00	1,235.87	-3,205.00	-1,361.26	-1,735.00	-11,425.00

Notes:

1. £1569.60 Admin for Menjo printing (sufficient for about 3 years)
2. Open costs included within Bowden
3. Premier Cup – New trophy cost
4. Additional Cost for Oversees Refereeing support
5. Initiative support costs unchanged – although spend against these historically does not require this.
6. Juniors budget & Ladies budget remain unchanged
7. Bucho discretionary unchanged.
8. Continuation of University support
9. Japanese Sensei costs based on 2016
10. Brussels Seminar based on 2014 costs
11. No EKF Taikai in 2018
12. Cost for WKC in 2018 in Korea based on 2015 Japan Taikai
13. Membership Income based on current 2017 Numbers at proposed 2018 Fee structure