

BKA Jodo DRC meeting 11/07/15:

Quorate at 12 reps

Meeting opened by Jodo DRC Chair, Leslie Drewe, at 10:25

Points from last year -

Newsletter/Magazine:

leaving coverage until after summer seminar to around Sept/Oct so a bumper issue can be put out. Links in with Facebook.

New website:

Thanks to David Parker for new BKA Website.

Point from Fay Goodman, website was created by Piotr, further thanks given

Continuous cancellation of events:

2 events known. Because multiple events closed, discussion via email has taken place and cancellation has been agreed as a last resort measure if no other course is available due to funds issues.

Statement by DRC Chair to bu to make sure attendance beforehand is adequate.

Ishido fund:

No further developments.

Request from Andy Watson for Financial Details, DRC estimates about £5000 left.

Chris Buxton states £575 spent on translations, approximately greater than £4000 left

Harry Jones suggests to leave money be. Andy Watson makes point that Jodo bu funds are more volatile, and that hitting the red would end the Jodo bu and that the fund would be good to use as a buffer.

--Vote to leave funds as-is, 12 for, 0 against, no abstentions

Request from DRC for information about how much of the Jodo funds goes towards the EJC

Harry: This year only seminar and taikai entry fee funded, relying on donations and large raffle. Entrants this year will need to pay their own way.

Further request for items for fund raising to be donated. Harry to post on Facebook with details on where to donate items.

Dave Fanning asks if any other plans to raise funds.

Andy Watson responding on Al Colebourn's behalf:

- 1) Cutting funds on EJC
- 2) slight increase in annual fees
- 3) decoupling from Iaido Bu finances
- 4) <from Stoj> Officer's free way now dropped
- 5) Sensei's expenses partially paid back.

Follow-up from Dave Fanning, suggests fewer events but larger.

Response from Harry - Jodo Koryu seminars cancelled until further notice, but individual dojos asked to host.

Decoupling events from other bu counterproductive due to many members doing both arts.

Chris Buxton: points that jodo participants must come prepared if they are to do Jodo-only seminars with grading.

Harry: Sadly unfeasible due to fees as gradings contribute a lot.

DRC Chair: States together is better as it would keep costs low which is needed for Jodo to continue.

Martin Chambers: Calendar is very full, Jodo membership at 190. Possibility to start local based recruiting at dojo level to increase membership?

Harry suggests online services as a method to advertise dojo session presence (amazon local, groupon)

DRC Chair agrees and suggests more recruiting from outside the BKA instead of from within dojo (existing measures).

Andy Watson states that there are not that many Jodo dojos in the UK. Making a policy that if you join a dojo, member has to do both Iaido and Jodo.

DRC Chair term has ended, new DRC chair to be Dave Fanning.

Request to send Dave Fanning information

Vote of thanks to Leslie Drewe, passed.

Chris Buxton advertisement for Sat 5th Dec Eishinkan Taikai

Dave Fanning takes DRC Chair stand.

Request for information on how to use online advertising services.

Trial to begin with Will Heal's dojo for Amazon Local.

Proposed post out to dojos with information once obtained.

Point raised about accessibility to Jodo information.

Idea put forward, Dojos can take information from BKA website to put in advertisement.

Carlos: Some online services may have a fee for low usage advertising.

Carlos Xilotl to research fees and methods of using online services

Meeting closed at 11:00am