

# BuAGM 2016 Minutes

**Date:** Meeting 9th July 2016

**Attendees:** 54 members present (quorate)

**Venue:** Sports Centre, University East London - Docklands Campus

**Officers Present:**

John O'Sullivan – Bucho

Steve Martin – Events Officer

John Gale – Grading Officer

## Notes Taken

### Minutes of the 2015 Bu AGM

- The minutes had previously been circulated to all members and were available on the BKA website.

### Matters arising from 2015 AGM minutes

- There were no matters arising other than taikai matters– see Any Other Business - below

### Bucho Report

The Bucho summarised the report as follows:

- This is my fifth year ending as Bucho and the BKA still appears calm with no significant issues brought to my attention.
- The recent EKC in Macedonia was significantly more expensive than anticipated for in the budget.
- The 6 nations were held in Birmingham – two countries dropped out at the last minute - again incurring more un-budgeted expense.
- Again, all the usual Taikai and seminars were run in the year with no complaint excepting the Open. A ladies' complaint from certain refereeing issues in the British Open were discussed and apologies made. Competition rules and method of refereeing will always be announced in future before the competition starts.
- In 2015, we again ran a 5<sup>th</sup> dan grading taking advantage of sensei Sumi and Tashiro availability. However, as the ZNKR are now restricting visiting sensei from attending grading panels, and the fact that we have sufficient 7<sup>th</sup> dan in the BKA, we will no longer need to rely on visiting sensei.
- Only one referee seminar was run in the year – more are planned.
- As Bucho I have again been active attending major events and grading's plus many other events including: Ozawa seminar, Stoke and Watchet seminars, several Universities taikai and events, London Cup, Tonbu Cup, squad trainings plus dojo visits, etc, etc.
- Communications was again discussed with Facebook the method for informal communication and the BKA website for more formal matters.

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## Budget

The Budget was discussed with the following notes recorded: -

1. £1569.60 Admin for Menjo printing (sufficient for about 3 years)
2. Provisional values for 2016 as at 01-06-2016 assumed final
3. 2016 budgets for events based on 2015 actuals & 2016 where available
4. Premier Cup – New trophy cost
5. Coaching, Refereeing & First Aid remain despite minimal spend in 2013-16
6. Juniors budget & Ladies budget remain unchanged
7. Bucho discretionary unchanged.
8. Continuation of University support
9. Japanese Sensei costs based on 2013 but assumes better attendance.
10. Brussels Seminar based on 2014 costs
11. Cost for WKC in 2017 accruing for 2018
12. Membership Income based on 2016 Numbers at 2016 Fee structure

**The proposed fee for Kendo this coming year remains unchanged**

## Any Other Business

### Taikai Matters – Premier Cup

Further to the debate at last year's BuAGM, this year, the Premier Cup (held this day) has ladies and men's section. Following a vigorous debate, it was agreed: -

- The ladies section of the Premier Cup will have its own trophy possibly a silver plate - Wimbledon style.
- The men will be awarded the existing Cup
- Both Cup and Plate to be engraved – but not passed to the individual winners to take home. The winners will have an appropriate (significant) trophy to take home and retain.

### Taikai Matters – British Open

The open will be held again in November this year but it's too late to announce it internationally – as many overseas referees are committed due to a heavy Taikai workload in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We will publicise it internationally next year.

## Closure

With no further business to hand, the Bucho closed the meeting.