

Iaido DRC, 09/07/16, Start 10:06

Chair Chris Buxton, Minutes Will Heal (25, 14 for quorate)

Apologies for absence: Peter West, Elena West, Paul Gledhill, Phil Henderson

Congrats expressed to:

René van Amersfoort (jodo 8th dan)

BKA shogo - all passers

This year's Nationals were exciting

Seminars good so far this year

EIC results (3br, 1fs)

Ishido Sensei fund £3,951, £1,950 spent on 3 translations, abeyance last year to take stock

Coaching scheme, could be published and sold for a few pounds

No written complaints but Zac, Duncan and Fay had some issues to discuss

Thanks expressed to Neil Andriot and Martin Farncome for hard work (leaving roles)

Minutes of last DRC AGM – Accepted Doug Evans, Fay Goodman second

No matters arising

Chairman's report – Membership feedback last year –

Zac - Unable to come to Cambridge (Summer sem), due to the cost of hotels.

Response - Next year back to Stevenage, was not available this year.

Duncan – BKA website dojo info out of date. Map etc. - Proposal that auto updates from annual dojo info update. People liked Kihaku. Asked for articles terminology and history. Asked for more seminars. Al Colebourn - have tried, not viable.

Fay – Hoped for face-to-face meeting with Andy Watson. Cf. Fay's 4-page document of issues from the membership (to be sent to Will Heal for inclusion with the minutes). Darlington date change concerns - significant inconvenience. People not satisfied with resolution. Due to venue booking late rather than an issue outside of control. Can we prevent this happening again? Issue about online membership renewals, Neil Andriot - has addressed already. Concern that people running events all from same dojo. Can we have a rule that only two people from one dojo? Andy Watson explained that each Iaido Bu exec is from a different dojo. When events organised needs to be visible that organisers are from different dojos. More high grades at events and better distribution. Some not happy with squad selection points system. Query about rolling calendar so they know what events are running through the year. Last minute changes etc. Can we be better organised?

Chris Buxton – WRT the comment that people from one dojo are organising events; Eishinkan dojo has organised many events. It is a perception but not accurate.

Stuart Sheriff – Apathy in all 3 bu. Should be mandatory that each affiliated dojo send a rep. Comment that this would be difficult to police. Anna Stone – must therefore be more central (geographically).

Andy Watson – Event changes, none this year except Darlington, due to not being allowed to make bookings more than 6 months in advance. Several venues don't allow early booking. Dates set and published early (beginning of year) even if venues not. Point system only just approved, will be published in due course. Fay Goodman requested that a copy be sent to the NC. Regarding the perception that all event organisers from one dojo; Our responsibility to communicate the facts to our membership. Andy Watson pointed out that this information is on the BKA website.

Jenni Wilding – Points system very fair. In kendo some people selected who don't attend squad training. Chris Buxton – points system there for a reason.

Lesley Drewe – Concerns with points system. May miss talented people who don't turn up. Andy Watson – Squad selection panel set, if they don't turn up the panel don't see them. Points only for long listing, not first-past-the-post, final selection by discussion and opinion of selection panel.

6. 2016/2017 more written down and formed. 2017 big Japanese delegation for summer sem.

7. AOB: Anna Stone – When is date for Darlington. Andy Watson to confirm exact dates – Provisional date has been on the BKA website calendar for some time (5th/6th November), see previous comments re advance venue booking.

Chris Buxton – Role of DRC to repress individuals. Comments only received in last week, no complaints before that. Can we have comments in earlier? Then they can be discussed in advance.

10:36 close.