

Jodo Bu meeting  
8 July 2018, University of Birmingham  
*Chair: Stojanka Vidinic*  
*Events Officer: Mark Thurman – Grading Officer: David Parker*  
*Apologies: William Heal*  
*Meeting opened at 1032*

### **Minutes**

Minutes from previous meeting published on website. Accepted with 27 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

### **Matters arising**

It was noted that last year's agreed subscription rates had not been implemented.

### **Buchos report (Stojanka Vidinic)**

New Events Officer (Mark Thurman) and Grading Officer (David Parker) had been co-opted.

Vote of thanks for outgoing officers, Kristina and Daniel Silk.

Rob Colson replaced Ed Marshal as bu cashier, with thanks.

Aims for this year stated as:

Consolidation of Seitei and Koryu Jodo knowledge;

Bu plans to hold a Koryu seminar this year, a day of Tanjo at the summer seminar and possibly the Eishinkan Taikai.

Growth of membership;

laido and Kendo buchos will be approached to plan Jodo taster sessions for their members.

Reach Treasurer set financial target of £18k reserves.

The 2018 Jodo nationals will be held earlier in the year (February or March) due to changes in the EKF squad selection rules. Jock Hopson suggested that a grading could be held at the nationals.

Bucho to consider.

Membership is up by 8 to 234, and 2 new dojos have been created. It was noted that of the Jodo bu members, 215 also practice laido (38% of the laido bu membership).

Funds have also increased as described in the bucho's report posted on the BKA website. However the bucho noted that the published figures differ from those in the Treasurer's report.

As a result of the improved finances, the bucho has reverted to the official expense claims policy.

From 2017 onwards, financial records will distinguish between donations and unclaimed expenses.

A. Watson noted that this is best achieved by recording unclaimed expenses as expense outgoings with donations back.

Bucho proposed implementing last year's agreed membership fees this year (an increase of £8). After discussion as to whether it was necessary given the improvement in bu finances, and noting that e.g. the squad still has to contribute to EJC expenses, J. Hopson proposed a revised increase of £3 to £15.

This was seconded and passed with none against and 1 abstention.

A. Allen suggested that an option be available to voluntarily pay more at the membership renewal page. Bucho to consider.

### **Events Officer report (Mark Thurman)**

Improved attendance at Summer, Northern and Kangeiko seminars. Attendance at the Spring seminar was slightly down, possibly due to the split venues.

At the summer seminar this year, there will be no accommodation available on campus due to a break up in communications with the laido bu.

Northern seminar 2018 was confirmed for Darlington.

J. Hopson noted that the 2018 Eishinkan Taikai will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Thanks was given to Ojika dojo for organising and underwriting a new Jodo seminar.  
Thanks given to A. Watson for his help during the officer transition.

**Grading officer report** (David Parker)

The number of grading passes have continued to rise to 47. J. Hopson and R. Colson observed that the number of low grade passes is particularly encouraging.  
Thanks given to D. Silk for his help during the officer transition.

**Squad managers' report** (A. Mihaylova)

EJC budget this year is £6.5k, with contributions by team members (£200) and referees (£100) necessary.

No team sponsorship obtained this year, however team member fundraising activities have helped to reduce costs. J. Hopson noted that with the exception of the Kendo World Championships, no sponsorship has ever been found for a BKA team.

H. Jones noted that competition for places on the squad has been very high this year, and thanked all those that applied for their enthusiasm and hard work.

**Feedback from Jodo DRC**

Only issue raised with the Jodo DRC chair was with respect to the splitting of Jodo and laido events. DRC chair requested that the Jodo events officer liaise with the laido counterpart to try and bring events back together again. Bucho noted that efforts to do this have been ongoing.

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A. Oyede asked whether there will be any opportunities to learn how to referee. Bucho to consider options.

A. Coleborn vote of thanks to S. Vidinic.

S. Vidinic thanks to all officers, members and faculty.

*Meeting closed at 1117.*