

BKA Iaido Bu AGM – 27/07/2018

Start – 12:00pm

Members present – 117

Introduction by David Hickey – feeling in the room of need to move forward and be optimistic

1) Apologies of absence – John Honiz-Green

- Anil Sahal

Quorate? – yes

2) Minutes of the 2017 AGM

-agreement proposed – Alan Nash. Seconded by Amanda Allen

- Votes Against – 0

Abstained – 14

For – 103

3) Matters arising from 2017 AGM Minutes

- No matters arising

4) Bucho's report including:

i. Aims & objectives

- David Hickey (DH) – aims to keep wheels on and get bu to the AGM in one piece
- Tried hard to reach across the iai divide and prepare new team to move forward.
- We need to work together to move on and hopes JHG statement will help with this.
- Recommends we put the past aside.

ii. Membership numbers

- 530 members - down by around 8% or 9% on previous year

iii. Budget and cashiers report for 2017-18

- DH advised has not received these so cannot present them but has worked with Martin Farncombe to get some unofficial figures.
- advised iai bu made a profit and is around £34,000 in surplus
- This years summer seminar was budgeted for well over 100 attendees and made a loss of around £8000 including flights etc. apologises for budget error, but this means bu is now closer to £25000 aim.

iv. Events officers report - Read by D. Hickey

- see attached notes re. Northern iai seminar, Scottish seminar, Spring seminar, West mids seminar and summer seminar.
- Stojanka confirms booking for Darlington seminar will be confirmed in June not August as per report, and that the date has never been refused previously.
- Ed Marshall asks which seminars had profit and loss. DH confirms nationals and summer seminar ran at a loss.
- Jock Hopson – Asks for income amount from gradings – not available at AGM but P. Henderson can look into this and get a figure at a later date
- Deborah Pallari – advised personal and some members feeling that nationals attendance fee was too expensive and one team per dojo, which may have put some folk off. but that the

training sessions were useful for lower grades and panel members to help smooth running of the shiai event.

- Jenny Wilding – advised she really enjoyed the summer seminar and having more present would have been too cramped. A cheaper seminar fee would help in finding accommodation as found Cambridge expensive in that respect.
- DH advised that originally 2 halls were booked for summer seminar based on forecasted numbers and the room was well within H&S limits.
- Martin Chambers – advised summer seminar was very well run and enjoyable and found cheap accommodation in one of the local colleges and maybe we could speak to colleges to make a block booking if Cambridge is used again as previous seminars have used.
- Stojanka – advised the same venue was used for Jodo and cheap accommodation can be found if booked early.
- DH confirmed that this years iai seminar clashed with festivals and airshow in the area making accommodation difficult.
- J. Hopson – adv cheap accommodation available 20 mins away in St. Hilliers
- K. Rose – advised not a spacious venue but good for low numbers.
- DH advised that H&S min is 9 squared meters which does feel tight
- J Wilding advised that people need to take into account that sensei need to move around whilst people are training also.
- David Street – liked that everyone could train at the same time rather than taking it in turns.
- **DH hopes new team will take comments on board**

v. Grading officers report – read by Phillip Henderson (PH)

- see attached notes.
- From summer sem 2017 – West mids sem 2018 the following numbers passed:
ikkyu – 26 graded – 26 passed
Shodan – 24 graded – 24 passed
Nidan – 18 graded – 16 passed – of which 2 passes were non BKA members
Sandan – 18 graded – 12 passed
Yondan – 25 graded – 15 passed – of which 2 passes were non BKA members
Godan – 18 graded – 12 passed – of which 3 passes were non BKA members

- For summer seminar alone: 100% pass rate for 4 ikkyu, 5 shodan. 5 nidan, 2 sandan. Yondan 3 of 7 passed, and 2 of 6 Godan passed which equated to around £740 in menjo fees.

- Having a grading with a seminar does help with costs.

- Thanks members who assisted him in the grading process and hopes to give a smooth hand over for new officer now he is standing down after 3 years.

- PH gave personal thanks also to Dave Hickey for standing in as bucho.

- David Ansell asks for tube to put menjo in considering the cost of the menjo.

- PH advised that Keith Rose usually has these on the stal, and it will be up to the new team to introduce these if they wish.

- D. Fanning - adv but they are bulky to carry around.

- Keith Rose thanks Phil for his hard work as grading officer

vi. Squad managers' report – Read by Karl Gibbons

- Hard year especially due to withdrawal of officers and high grade support.
- All of the team was democratically selected and performed well at the EIC on and off the court.
- Congratulations to Sophie Ralston on attaining Fighting spirit at 2017 EIC in sandan level.
- Steve Taylor, Ed Umeyama and Sophie Ralston very narrowly missed out on medals and Rob

Boyd competed despite a recent kidney transplant.

- Special thanks to Len Bean, Chris Mansfield and John Honizs-Green for their help and guidance.

- C. Buxton disagrees that the team was selected fairly as people who withdrew support for BKA were not selected which was not mentioned in the code of conduct.

- Karl Gibbons advised that he was one vote of a 3 person panel and selection was by majority.

- Helen asks how people can be expected to be selected if they have withdrawn support for BKA.

- DH – asks members and squad take lessons learned and moved forward. Parties agree.

vii. The complaints committee

- Hillary has not provided/DH has not chased for list of complaints.

- Regarding financial report – the findings have been provided and in the interests of moving forward, the Bu EC fully accepts the finding of the report and would like to put the issue behind us.

viii. Money/subscriptions for 2019

- DH advised that as bucho for only 2 months and handing over to a new team, it is not his place to prepare this and will speak to the new team in supporting the setting of the new subscriptions

- Chris Buxton and Harry Jones advise these need to be voted at this meeting (now)

- **DH proposes to keep cost the same for the time being – Votes – For – 115**

Against – 0

Abstain - 2

5) Feedback from the laido DRC chair

- **Rob Coulson's motion to have a process to control extraordinary spending.**

- **Presented by Keith Rose and read from previous meetings minutes by D Pallari.**

- **For the bu to consult the DRC chair prior to any spending if it is deemed extraordinary to normal but spending**

- DH adv this was decided at DRC meeting so nto necessary in this meeting

- Debbie Bevan advised that the DRC chair should automatically be at a bu EC meeting where this would be discussed so the motion is not required.

6) Election of officers:

i. Bucho

– Will Heal (member number 9778) nominated by Jock Hopson (195) and Peter West (1514)

No other candidates and no count of against taken

Votes – For - 98

Abstain - 19

ii. Events officer

- Martin Chambers (member number 5009) nominated by Chris Buxton (1627) and David Hickey (9197)

No other candidates and no count of against taken

Votes – For - 116

Abstain - 1

iii. Grading officer

- Rob Townson & Gill Wasey both gave statements in favour for people to vote in their favour.

PAUSE IN MEETING TO COUNT VOTES: 12:42

RECONVENED MEETING: 12:52

Votes in favour of Gill Waey – 60

Votes in Favour of Rob Townson – 56

Gill Wasey to be appointed new grading officer

Votes Counted by Amanda Allen and Deborah Pallari

Checked by Karl Gibbons and David Street

Checked against register by Phillip Henderson

- DH thanks all candidates for volunteering in this era of the BKA

7) AOB

i. Martin Clarke – Thanks to Gavin Rogers who stepped up late to help with summer seminar and looking after the Japanese.

ii. P. Gladhill (member 324)– Expressed that though we are drawing a line under the past year what will be done about the Japanese sensei who have declined to support BKA venues this passed year. When he started in 1972 the do was as important as the art and the links to Japan and its culture are very important. He advised that he is mortified that long-term Japanese instructors are no longer visiting as it is something he has never known, causing a loss in lineage.

- Will Heal advised he understands these feelings and the primary goal is to renew this relationship.

iii. – Alan Nash – Thanks David Hickey for his hard work

iv – Debbie Bevan - advised that lunch is available in the Fusion restaurant above the Costa coffee.

Meeting Closed 13:00 pm