

## *Kendo Bu AGM 12/12/2015 - Meeting*

<b>Date:</b> Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	<b>Q3 Academy, Birmingham</b>
<b>Attendees:</b> 57 members present (quorate), including the following mentioned in the text: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>GO'D</b> Gary O'Donnell (Coaching Officer)</li><li>• <b>JOS</b> John O'Sullivan (Bucho)</li><li>• <b>JG</b> John Gale (Grading Officer)</li></ul>	<b>Apologies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SM</b> Stephen Martin (Events Officer)</li><li>• Geoff Salmon</li></ul>

**The meeting was declared quorate with 64 kendo Bu voting members**

### Notes Taken

#### Apologies

- Apologies received for the Events Officer Stephen Martin due to family issues.
- JOS reiterated the main reason for this late AGM. The initial AGM in June did not have sufficient members attending and so was not quorate. The key issues outstanding as the election of officers and the voting on the budget for 2015.

#### Matters arising from 2014 AGM minutes

- There were no matters arising.

#### Budget and fees for 2016

- The budget and fees for 2016 had been previously distributed for the June AGM were still available within the Bucho report currently available on the BKA web site (hard copy was available for the meeting).
- The detail of the budget and historic data was provided by Malcolm Smalley, the Kendo Bu Cashier. Many thanks to Malcolm again for his hard and dedicated work in this task. A job well done.
- The report highlighted the key premises of the budget as follows: -
  - Existing Longstanding events and Seminars to continue to be run on the basis of 'covering costs', i.e. no net gain or loss
  - Gradings continue to provide income
  - Support of Kendo & Dojo through key initiatives
    - First aid courses provided at no cost to attendees
    - Coaching courses provided at no cost to attendees
    - Refereeing seminars provided at no cost to attendees
    - Dojo Start up assistance through support of dojo costs & costs for regional sensei visits
  - Continue with Positive Support of Ladies & Junior Kendo
  - Continue with 2015 initiative to engage with University Dojo & encourage membership through this
  - Set aside funds to contribute to funding a team entering the 17<sup>th</sup> WKC in 2018 (US)
  - Contribution to costs for 6 Nations & Squad Training
  - Maintaining a realistic contingency surplus
  - No increase in the member's contribution for 2016
- JOS proposed **no change to the budget or subscriptions** as published i- but the Bu may decide to purchase more children's bogu for distribution (on loan) to new and existing children's dojo as last year. This is not a budget line item (approximately £3k) but will be taken out of surplus fund as and when available.

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### **Election of Bu Officers**

- There were no further nominations for the three Bu Officers roles.
- The following existing Officers had applied to remain in post. This was put to the meeting and voting was as follows: -
  - Bucho: John O'Sullivan – unanimous from the floor
  - Grading Officer: John Gale - unanimous from the floor
  - Events Officer: Stephen Martin - unanimous from the floor

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Communications:**

The issue of communications was discussed.

- The Facebook site was not owned by the BKA but Stephen Martin is the moderator and has editorial control. Any person can post items even if not a BKA member.
  - The site is highly interactive and often reports the status of events and taikai in real time which is excellent and all appreciated this.
- The BKA web site is the formal distribution for all official announcements but it is not as dynamic as Facebook. It may take days to get updated.
  - The meeting briefly discussed the linking of the sites so that information can be more readily available. JOS explained that we would need to pay for such a linkage. Since the meeting was in agreement JOS agreed to fund the linkage.

#### **British Open – Discussion and agreement**

There was a long debate regarding the status of the British Open and whether it should be of mixed gender and if a lady's event should be undertaken.

**Proposal 1:** This discussion resulted in a proposal that the Open should be of mixed gender and be widely advertised in Europe much as the French open is. In addition, we should be inviting sufficient referees from both UK and Europe to ensure a professional standard. The meeting agreed by a show of hands ***and the proposal was carried.***

Several proposals were discussed at length as to a lady's championship. Many ladies felt it needed to be linked to the British Open as they wanted the opportunity to practice with our more senior European ladies that would be attracted to the Open as in Proposal 1 above. Some felt it should be on the same day as the open, and others the day after when more time would be available for keiko post championship.

The discussion was prolonged and the meeting ran out of time. A solution was therefore proposed as follows: -

**Proposal 2:** The Bucho to set up a sub-committee to resolve the issue of a lady's championship:

- When to be held?
- Was it linked to the Open event?
- Would it be an international event, i.e. European invites as per the Open

***The proposal was carried.*** Closure

There being no further business or time available the meeting was closed

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