



## **Jodo Bu meeting**

**21 July 2018, Warwick University**

*Chair: Stojanka Vidinic*

*Apologies: P. Ellis, A. Watson, E. Turner*

*Meeting opened at 0929*

### **Minutes**

Minutes from 2017 Jodo Bu AGM: Accepted with 0 against and 1 abstention (Proposed: O. Jarvis, Seconded: L. Drewe)

### **Matters arising**

None.

### **Bucho's report (S. Vidinic)**

The Bucho is looking forward to having joint lai and Jo events again for the convenience of members, officers and teachers.

Attendance at events has decreased in comparison to the previous year. Grading applications are also down. This has resulted in reduction in Bu income this year. However, all events made a small profit, and the Bu finances currently have a healthy surplus of £19K (which includes the Ishido fund of £4500).

The Bucho asked dojo leaders to support seminars and encourage attendance from their members.

Membership of the Jodo Bu is also down by 14. Plans and actions to increase membership include:

- The appointment of S.Knight as PR advisor;
- A taster session organised with an interested Kendo dojo;
- To approach other Kendo dojos to offer introductory sessions for Jodo.

J. Hopson suggested that dojo leaders might run more beginners courses, advertised to the general public.

L. Drewe was concerned about insurance for non-BKA members attending beginners courses.

J. Hopson noted that NAKMAS can provide dojos or groups of dojos with insurance for non-BKA members for a small fee.

E. Marshall thanked S. Vidinic for her hard work as Bucho over the last year.

H. Jones shared the results of a study undertaken by the Polish Jodo squad that ranked the overall performance of teams at the EJC. According to this analysis, the UK were the most successful squad in 2017.

M. Thurman asked again for dojo leaders to encourage members to attend events, citing the social experience as a strength of the Jodo seminars.

A. Mihaylova congratulated members of the 2018 squad on their selection, and described the success of the post Nationals intensive training session.

### **Complaints committee**

No complaints.

### **Feedback from Jodo DRC**

No issues raised by members of the last year.

### **AOB**

J. Hopson suggested that the drop in attendance may be due to an overcrowded event calendar.

S. Vidinic responded that she believed it was due to Iai and Jo events being split over different dates and venues.

J. Hopson suggested that the yearly Ueda sensei Jodo should be advertised more by the Bu.

S. Vidinic agreed, but noted that the Bu does already advertise the event through email to the membership.

M. Chambers suggested that a record of new members attending events should be kept, in order to understand the issues around seminar attendance more.

W. Heal argued that it would also be useful to analyse who is leaving/joining the Bu.

A. Mihaylova suggested that BKA seminars are advertised at international seminars.

S. Vidinic replied that she plans to do this next year.

J. Hopson suggested that hosting an EJC would be an effective form of advertising.

S. Vidinic stated that a proposal and budget to hold the EJC in 2020 had been sent to the EKF for consideration.

### **Election of new officers:**

Bucho: S. Vidinic elected unopposed.

Events officer: M. Thurman elected unopposed.

Grading officer: D. Parker elected unopposed.

S. Vidinic thanked all teachers, assistant teachers and officers for their support this year. A. Watson was thanked for his support in helping S. Vidinic find her feet as Bucho. M. Farncombe was thanked for his financial assistance during the suspension of the BKA treasurer. Donators to the Bu were thanked for contributing £716 to the Bu over the last year.

*Meeting closed at 1002.*