

## **Or KENDO BU EGM AGENDA 2019**

### **Kendo Bu EC and co-opted officers:**

**EC** – BUCHO elect: Gary O'Donnell, Grading Officer elect: Young Park, Events officer elect: Ben Emberley

**Serving Co-opted officers** – Communications Officer: Stephen Martin, Cashier: Malcolm Smalley, Equality and Diversity: Rob Wix, University Link: Reza Hamed Dinesh

Is the meeting quorate?

- 1) Apologies for absence
  
- 2) Approval of minutes of the 2019 AGM (Non-Quorate) see minutes. And an Extraordinary meeting (Quorate - Open weekend). 1 Agenda item was passed at the extraordinary meeting namely the budget.
- 3) Matters arising from 2018 AGM minutes
  
- 4) Accounts for 2018/19 (Malcolm Smalley)
  
- 5) Budget and fees for 2019/2020 - Fees to remain the same (See Budget)
  
- 6) Feedback from DRC – John O'Sullivan sensei
  
- 7) Reports on the year 2018/19 and future directions (Reports attached) BUCHO/GRADING
  
- 8) Squad/ International report
  
- 9) Programme for 2019/20
  
- 10) Proposals regarding Commemorative Shiai events - Errol Baboolal-Blake/John Howell sensei
  
- 11) Election of Bu officers (Bucho, Events & Grading)
  
- 11) AOB

**Item 5. Key areas for Budgetary consideration:**

	Budget
<b>Admin</b>	
<b>Bu Administration</b>	-500.00
<b>Main Events</b>	
Northern Seminar and grading	500.00
Western Seminar	500.00
Midlands Seminar	500.00
Southern Grading	1,000.00
Premier Cup & Bow den Taikai	-500.00
British Open & Masters Taikai	-500.00
Auspices Events	-1000.00
<b>Events Total</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Initiatives</b>	
Dojo Start-Up	-500.00
Coaching	-500.00
Referee seminars	-500.00
First Aid	-500.00
Junior Support	-2000.00
Ladies Support	-2000.00
Bucho Discretionary	-2,000.00
University Support	-1000.00
<b>Initiatives Total</b>	<b>-9,000.00</b>
<b>International</b>	
Japanese Sensei/Summer Seminar	-3500.00
Brussels Seminar	-1750.00
<b>International Total</b>	<b>-5,250.00</b>
<b>GB Squad</b>	
EKC Taikai	-13,000.00
Squad Training	-4000.00
International Squad Shiai event	-500.00
WKC Taikai	-
<b>GB Squad Total</b>	<b>-17,500.00</b>
<b>Net Total Costs</b>	<b>-31,750.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Full	20,950.00
Student & Concessionary	3,712.50
Junior	730.00
Membership Income	25,392.50
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>-6,357.50</b>

- The budget is set to run at a 25% net loss
- Existing Longstanding events and Seminars will be renewed and continue to run at close to breakeven - i.e. no large net gain or loss (Within 15% of budget)
- Gradings will continue to provide an income
- Continued support of an international kendo seminar with a visiting delegation from Japan. Potentially with a BKA grading to Godan and an EKF grading to Nanadan in 2020
- Continued support of grass roots Kendo development & dojos through initiatives on Coaching, Refereeing, Ladies development, Children's/juniors development
- Coaching processes provided free
- Access to regional and National coaching structures to be further developed
- Dojo Start up assistance
- Continue with initiatives to engage with University Dojos & encourage membership through the university engagement officer
- Set aside of funds to cover national team entry at EKF or WKF Taikai on appropriate years
- Contribution towards costs for an International friendly Taikai & regular Squad Training
- Maintenance of a realistic contingency surplus.

## **Item 7. KENDO BU AGM 2019 BUCHO REPORT**

As my second year as Bucho ends I reflect on the successes and failures and look forward to the challenges that next year will bring.

Seminars ran successfully so far with good numbers and grading success being achieved across most levels. We are planning to renew and change our shiai calendar in light of an offer made by the family of a longstanding member who passed away last year. This has led to considerable debate and a re-evaluation of our shiai offer and this will be outlined and debated in agenda item 10.

Gradings have been rationalised in response to the debate at last year's AGM and EGM but continue to provide an income. There were good numbers at the Northern seminar, and we managed to get input from Tashiro sensei at this event. There was also a strong BKA teaching group present including Mike Davies sensei. The Western seminar saw its last visit to the Watchett area. Next year we will move to Bristol. Numbers were up and the grading results very positive across most grades. Many thanks to Malcolm Smalley for his efforts in organising this very successful and well attended event over the past ten years or so.

This year we are continuing our international kendo seminar in the UK. It will once again be held at the Guildford sports park complex. The AJKF has kindly provided 2 very senior and influential teachers HAMASAKI Mitsuru Sensei (Mr.), Kendo Hanshi 8 Dan, TOKYO prefecture and SUZUKI Yasuo Sensei (Mr.), Kendo Hanshi 8 Dan, WAKAYAMA Prefecture. The seminar will feature a BKA grading to Godan and we have applied to the EKF to hold a grading to Nanadan at this event. This has not yet been confirmed but pressure has been applied and a full proposal developed. Currently only 15 people are booked on this seminar and I appeal to all present to look at their schedule and support this our premier event of the year.

The Bu has supported several events where visiting sensei attended and I have attended as your representative at most of these.

This year's University Taikai was a massive success with both team and individual matches being hotly contended and over 170 competitors being present. A large number of local sensei and leaders were present to referee and give support to the organisers and the events ran smoothly. A great demonstration of the drive within universities to participate in kendo and engage with the BKA

The National squad prepared well under the coaching and leadership of Yasuyuki Hiyama sensei Andy Fisher sensei and Nigel Collins. The whole team performed well in Serbia. We came away with a very closely fought silver medal in the junior individual category (Our player being by far the better technically), and both the men's and women's teams only narrowly missed out on progression against very strong opposition. Our individual performances were good with some very high-quality kendo on display. In the modern EKC there are no easy matches and several newer teams have become extremely strong.

Several seniors were sponsored to attend the International referee training seminar in Brussels in February and two GB referees were selected to referee at the EKC in Serbia.

The Kendo Bu has a reasonably healthy bank balance to end the year, but the surplus is still going down. The cost of participation in international events continues to rise particularly travel costs.

## **GRADING OFFICER REPORT**

Last year at the AGM it was discussed and felt there were too many gradings. This year we have not held a grading at the University Taikai and the plan is not to have a Northern Grading at the end of the year.

We are carrying on with the main gradings, Glasgow, Watchet and Stoke up to yondan. Summer seminar and Mumeishi up to godan.

We also hold a junior grading up to Ikkyu at Kodokan in conjunction with their junior seminar

Numbers so far this year have been similar to last year. 50 – 60 applicants. Although Mumeishi applications have been 100+.

Mumeishi worked well last year by having a separate grading panel from the main panel to conduct the Ikkyu grading. This made the day shorter and gave some fourth and fifth dans experience on a grading panel.

My term of Office is up this year and so a new Grading Officer will need to be voted in.

## Bu Budget for 2019/20

Key areas for consideration of the Budget:

- Existing Longstanding events and Seminars to continue to be run at close to breakeven - i.e. no large net gain or loss (Ideally within 10% of budget)
- Gradings continue to provide an income
- Continuing support of an international kendo seminar with a visiting delegation from Japan. Confirmed BKA grading to Godan and an EKF grading to Nanadan in August 2020
- Support of grass roots Kendo development & Dojos through key initiatives on Coaching, Refereeing, Ladies development, Children's/juniors development
- Coaching courses provided at no cost to attendees
- Access to regional and National coaching structures to be developed at no cost to attendees/candidates
- Dojo Start up assistance through support of dojo event costs & costs for regional sensei visits
- Continue with initiatives to engage with University Dojos & encourage membership through this. University engagement officer in post
- Set aside of funds to cover national team entry at EKF & WKF Taikai on appropriate years
- Contribution towards costs for International friendlies & Squad Training
- Maintenance of a realistic contingency surplus.

Key Notes:

1. International weekend costs include both the new “Master’s” and Open (January)
2. Bowden and Premier Cup Costs combined in the national weekend (June)
3. New Medals for BKA Taikai available
4. Additional Costs for national and international Refereeing support (EKC) 5 delegates each year Priority 1 eligible for selection, 2 Rokudan and above (National coach). 3 Godan and above (National coach). Where eligible fighters will also be supported
5. National squad development (Squad training and planned events)
6. Juniors development budget
7. Ladies development budget
8. Coaching development budget L1 to L4
9. Bucho discretionary budget
10. Continuation of University development support
11. Japanese Sensei costs - Summer seminar (Private visit support when requested through established process)
12. Set aside for EKC (2019, 2020) and WKC in 2021
13. Membership Income based on the increased 2018 Fee structure

## Item 9. Programme for 2019/20

Association Event	Date/Venue	Comments
BKA International Taikai - Incorporating "The "Master's Cup"? and "The Open".	January – Birmingham/Guildford (TBC)	International event incorporating team and individuals and open to all IKF affiliated Shiai-sha
EKF Referee training	February - Brussels	5 delegates (By Application)
Squad Training	February - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Northern seminar and grading	March – Glasgow	<b>Grading to Yondan</b>
Squad Training	March - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Squad Training	April - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Western seminar and grading	May - Bristol	<b>Grading to Yondan</b>
Squad Training	May - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
The BKA Nationals – Incorporating "The Bowden", "The Premier's cup" and The National Kata Taikai/Demonstrations	June – Birmingham (TBC)	National event for BKA members (Bowden and Kata Taikai) and British nationals (Premier's)
Squad Training	June - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Midlands seminar and grading	July - Stoke	<b>Grading to Yondan</b>
Squad Training	July - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
3 <sup>rd</sup> BKA International kendo seminar	August - Guildford	<b>BKA Grading to Godan</b> <b>Grading to Nanadan</b> (Subject to EKF support)
Squad Training	Sept - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Southern grading	October – London	<b>Grading to Godan</b> Follows the Lidstone Kyusha Taikai
Squad Training	October - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Coaching and Shogo Boards	November	By Application
Oda sensei seminar	TBC	By Application

### Additional Events – Support (Financial or otherwise) is by application

**Taikai:** Thistle Cup, Welsh open, Shiraoka cup, University Taikai, London Cup, Tonbo Cup, Lidstone Taikai, Mumeishi Threes, Northern Open.

**Seminars/Sensei visits:** Tashiro sensei visit, Ozawa sensei (Ninomiya sensei?) visit, Fine ladies' seminar.