

## **KENDO BU (AGM) 2020/21 REPORT**

As I reflect on my last term as Bucho and look forward to the challenges ahead I feel very much that the Bu has shown resilience and that the Bu team has been proactive in keeping the members up to date with developments. Whilst it has been impossible to gather the team together, plan national events or support local events, activity has gone on both nationally and locally mainly using interactive media. This demonstrates the deep commitment of the membership to their kendo development.

Covid 19 has meant that no seminars have happened since Late February 2020 and all BKA events planned for 2020/21 thus far have had to be cancelled or postponed. Some events are in the planning stages now for the latter half of 2021 and 22. We will strive to make these as safe and informative as we can.

Legacy events: The Northern Seminar (October 2021 in Glasgow), The Western Seminar 22, The Masters' 22, the Midlands seminar 22, the international seminar (August 22 Guildford), The Southern grading (November 2021 at Mumeishi), The British Open and Premier Cup 22.

The International seminar once again has had to be postponed (until 2022). We plan to secure the support of the EKF to include a grading to Nanadan as well as our own internal Godan grading at this event.

Sadly, Squad training has had to be suspended for a very extended period but will re-commence in the later part of the year. This is a real blow for competitive kendo although many squad members have remained fit and in training. With an EKC looming next year we must support our representatives to get back to full fighting fitness.

The Kendo Bu has a healthy bank balance to end the year. We have spent very little over the last two years. However! membership income has been much reduced due to the lack of new members and the high number of non-renewals

The Bu will continue to work on your behalf to get our association back to normal as soon as it is possible to do so. That said we are optimistic about the next two years. Our key development areas will be to initiate a new Taikai structure, to provide high quality seminars, restart the grading program and seek to hold an international grading within the UK. We also aim to support dojos in achieving compliance through coach development, access to 1<sup>st</sup> aid training and to further raise our profile on the international scene.

**Gary O'Donnell (Kendo Bucho)**

**GRADING OFFICER REPORT 2020/21 Young Park remains the Kendo grading officer and will stand at the upcoming AGM.**

No Gradings have taken place since 2019

**EVENTS OFFICER REPORT 2020/21 Ben Emberley remains the Kendo Events officer and will stand at the upcoming AGM**

No Events have taken place since 2019

## Bu Budget for 2021/22

Key areas for consideration:

- 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 to continue to provide a small income
- Continuing support for the BKA International kendo seminar with a visiting delegation from Japan. BKA grading to Godan and an EKF grading to Nanadan in August 2022
- Development of National standards through key initiatives on Coaching, Refereeing, Ladies development, Children's/juniors development
- Coaching courses provided at minimal 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
- Continuance of initiatives to engage with University Dojos & encourage membership through this
- Set aside of funds to cover national team entry at EKF Taikai
- Contribution towards costs for friendlies & Squad Training
- Maintenance of a realistic contingency surplus.

Notes:

1. International weekend **The Masters'** costs include both a team and Individual Taikai
2. Bowden and Premier Cup Costs combined in the national weekend
3. New Medals and Trophies 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 EKC in 2022
13. Membership Income based on the current fee structure
14. Investment in New scoreboards and Shiai equipment needed

## Key areas for Budgetary consideration 2021:

We plan to keep the Kendo Bu membership fees as they are (£25.00) for the coming year.

Based on this premise we have the following projections.

Kendo Bu 875 members	2021/22	Notes & Assumptions
<b>Admin</b>	( ) are negative values	
<b>Bu Administration</b>	<b>(£500.00)</b>	
<b>Events</b>		
Glasgow Seminar	£600.00	Assume back to normal but with backlog of attendees
Watchet Seminar	£600.00	Assume back to normal but with backlog of attendees
Stoke Seminar	£600.00	Assume back to normal but with backlog of attendees
Mumeishi Grading	£1,200.00	Assume back to normal but with backlog of attendees
Bowden and Premier	(£1,000.00)	2022
Masters and Open	(£2,000.00)	2022 Incl Scoreboards et al
Kyu Gradings	£600.00	Reduced as new member number will be low
Northern Grading	£600.00	
University Taikai	(£500.00)	Reduced subsidy
Auspices Events	(£1,000.00)	
<b>Events Total</b>	<b>(£300.00)</b>	
<b>Initiatives</b>		
Dojo Start-Up	£0.00	Never spend against this
Coaching	(£800.00)	Increased in line with historical spend
Referee seminars	£0.00	Never spend against this Covered on seminars
First Aid	(£500.00)	2020 cost contingency against PPE
Junior Support	(£800.00)	Reduced in line with spend
Ladies Support	(£800.00)	Reduced in line with spend
Bucho Discretionary	(£2,000.00)	Assume back to normal
University Support	(£500.00)	Some reflected in University Taikai
<b>Initiatives Total</b>	<b>(£5,400.00)</b>	
<b>International</b>		
Japanese Sensei/Summer Seminar	(£4,000.00)	Assume as 2020 projections EKF has flight cost
Brussels Seminar	(£2,500.00)	Increase in line with 2020 spend although early year event may risk lower expenditure
<b>International Total</b>	<b>(£6,500.00)</b>	
<b>GB Squad</b>		
EKC Taikai	(£8,000.00)	Reduced as European Venue

Squad Training	(£2,000.00)	Assume back to normal
6 Nations	-	
Squad WKC	-	
<b>GB Squad Total</b>	<b>(£10,000.00)</b>	
<b>Net Total Costs</b>	<b>(£22,700.00)</b>	
<b>Membership</b>		
Full	£17,000.00	Based on live figures from the web
Student	£987.50	
Concessionary	£350.00	
Junior	£440.00	
Membership Income	<b>£18,337.50</b>	
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>(£4,362.50)</b>	Approximately 25% net loss

- The budget is set to run at approx 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 10% of budget)
- Gradings will continue to provide an income
- Continued support of an international kendo seminar with a visiting delegation from Japan. BKA grading to Godan and EKF grading to Nanadan in 2022
- Continued support of grass roots Kendo development & dojos through initiatives on Coaching, Refereeing, Ladies development, Children's/juniors development
- Coaching processes provided at minimal cost to attendees
- 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 and WKF Taikai on appropriate years
- Contribution towards costs for an International friendly Taikai & regular Squad Training
- Maintenance of a realistic contingency surplus.

## Bu Programme for 2021/22

Association Event	Date/Venue	Comments
Northern seminar and grading	October 21– Glasgow	Grading to Yondan
Squad Training	October 21 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Squad Training	November 21 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Southern grading	November 21 – London-Mumeishi	Grading to Godan Follows the Mumeishi 3s Taikai
Coaching and Shogo Boards	Nov-21	By Application
Squad Training	December 21 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Squad Training	January 22 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Squad Training	Feb 22 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
University Taikai	Feb/March 22 ?	University of?
Squad Training	March 22 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
BKA International Taikai - Incorporating “The “Master’s Cup”? and “The Open”.	March/April 22 – Birmingham/Guildford?	International event incorporating team and individuals and open to all IKF affiliated Shiai-sha
Squad Training	May 22 - Birmingham	By Invitation/recommendation
Western seminar and grading	May 22- Bristol?	Grading to Yondan
The BKA Nationals – Incorporating “The Bowden”, “The Premier’s cup” and The National Kata Taikai/Demonstrations	June 22 – Birmingham?	National event for BKA members (Bowden and Kata Taikai) and British nationals (Premier’s)
Midlands seminar and grading	July 22 – Stoke?	Grading to Yondan
3rd BKA International kendo seminar	August 22 - Guildford	BKA Grading to Godan/EKF Grading to Nanadan

### 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.

**Potential Seminars/Sensei visits:** Kan geiko, Tashiro sensei visit?, Ozawa sensei? (Ninomiya sensei?) visit, Fine ladies’ seminar?.