

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2015

AT 12.00 MIDDAY

GALLERY 2 EAST MIDLANDS CONFERENCE CENTRE

University of Nottingham, University Park, Beeston Lane, Nottingham, NG7 2RJ

PRESENT: George Kerr, President
Ronnie Saez, Chair and Chair, JudoScotland
Malgorzata Grzyb
Dave Clark
Peter Blewett
Loretta Cusack-Doyle
Andrew Haffner
Eddie Awford, Chair, England Area Clubs
Fred Prosser, Chair, Welsh Judo Association

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Scoular, Chief Executive
Colin McIver, Technical Director
Maria Turnbull-Kemp, Finance and Operations Director
Sally Hurman, Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES: Sara Hayes
Mark Palios
Bill Taggart, Chair, Northern Ireland Judo Federation
Nigel Donohue, Performance Director

It was acknowledged that this meeting was a one agenda item to consider business raised at Council which had taken place prior to the Board meeting.

15/116 BJA RE-STRUCTURE

The President confirmed that Council was content with the Chief Executive's presentation regarding the new structure which covered the need for redundancies and programme cuts and prepared the way forward in terms of working closely with Areas.

16/117 BJA REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Queries that had been raised on the Annual Report and Accounts were clarified by the Chief Executive. The Report and Accounts was ratified by Council.

16/118 KATA

The President outlined Council's concern regarding the lack of Kata knowledge within the grading structure. It was felt that Kata was currently being ignored and it was suggested that Kata should be taught either from Green belt or from Brown belt. The President confirmed that the IJF requests a working knowledge or some experience in the Kata and there is currently a push from EJU and IJF for greater interest in the Kata.

Eddie Awford, as Chair of the Kata Commission, had met with Mick Leigh after the Council meeting to discuss and clarify current issues.

16/119 COUNCIL COMPOSITION

The President had made clear to Council at the start of the meeting that three Board members were present at the Council meeting:

Eddie Awford, in his capacity as Chair of England Areas
Peter Belwett, who was representing the London Area in the absence of Nadia Minardi
Alan Rickard, newly elected Board Member

It was **AGREED** that there should be a clear divide between Board and Council, particularly in view of the policy and procedures relating to Conduct and Complaints and the Chief Executive undertook to ensure that this was incorporated into the Association's Memorandum and Articles when they are re-drafted for discussion by Board and then by Council at some point in the not too distant future. **ACTION: AS**

16/120 RESPECTS FOR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Council had added the name of Jeff Archer, Royal Army Physical Training Corps.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.15 pm