

# MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2016

APPROX 12.25 PM

**EAST MIDLANDS CONFERENCE CENTRE**

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

Present :	Colin Draycott, Senior Vice President (Chair)	(CD)
	Ronnie Saez, Chair and Chair, Judo Scotland	(RS)
	Eddie Awford	(EA)
	Peter Blewett	(PB)
	Loretta Cusack-Doyle	(LCD)
	Malgorzata Grzyb	(MG)
	Andrew Haffner	(AH)
	Sara Hayes	(SH)
	Fred Prosser	(FP)
	Alan Rickard	(AR)
	Bill Taggart, Chair Northern Ireland Judo Federation	(BT)
	Ryan Wilkinson	(RW)
In Attendance:	Andrew Scoular Chief Executive	(AS)
	Colin McIver, Sport Director	(CMcl)
	Maria Turnbull-Kemp, Finance & Operations Director	(MTK)
	Sharon Hellend (Taking Minutes)	

## 1. **Welcome**

Colin Draycott welcomed and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and apologised for the delayed start of this due to the Council meeting having overran. He explained that unfortunately due to an injury, George Kerr had had to give his apologies for the meetings today and that he would be acting as Chair on this occasion.

## 2. **Respects for Friends and Colleagues who have Passed Away**

A one minutes' silence was held for the following persons who had passed away during the last 12 months:

Mike Broadshore	Jenny Hussey
Keith Brown	John Keith
Sandie Brown	John Kreckeler – Tokui Judo Club, Guernsey
John Butler	Reg Lomax
Hugh Clark	Hugh MacKennie
Owen Clark	John Reynold

## 3. **Feedback from the Council Meeting**

The Members were advised of the following items which had been discussed at the Council meeting which had been held prior to this Board meeting.

- 3.1 **New Vice President** - Rowena Birch has been appointed new Vice President.
- 3.2 **Data Access** – Council members had requested that the CRM system be looked into with regards to their access to the system.
- 3.3 **Membership Concerns** – Council Members had raised concern with regard to a fall in membership numbers. CD informed the Board Members that this may be due to British Judo no longer having anyone in the spotlight for young Judoka to aspire to.
- 3.4 **Annual Report** – the meeting was informed that a couple of issues had been raised with regard to the accounting figures content within the Annual Report. AS advised that he would be checking this out with the relevant people at lunchtime and would advise further on this at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 4 **Membership Form**

MTK advised the meeting that she had recently taken a telephone call from a very concerned parent of a 6-year old child after having been asked to complete a membership form for her child and being asked if her child was transsexual.

A brief discussion took place and the Board Members were all in agreement that this was not an appropriate question to be on a Membership Form for the under 16's and it was agreed that any reference to this should be removed from both the on-line form and any hardcopy application forms. AS to ensure that this is actioned with immediate effect.

**Action : AS**

#### 5. **BOA Chairman**

AS advised the meeting that 2 nominations had been put forward for this role, namely:

*Hugh Robertson* – former Sports Minister

*Richard Leman* – former Olympic gold medallist in hockey and is also President of GB Hockey. He has also been on the Board of BOA for some time.

AS advised that he would be circulating their applications around the Board and stated that any comments and feedback would be appreciated before pursuing this matter further.

**Action : AS**

#### 6. **Any Other Business**

RS informed the meeting that Dave Stanley, who is retiring from refereeing, has been approached by CMC IBSEER to join the commission and that Alan Rickard has all the papers

Concern was raised amongst the members with regards to how this had come about and queries were raised as to what process had been followed in order to nominate him as Members were concerned that it could be perceived as an 'old boys club'.

AS informed the meeting that it is customary for CMC IBSEERs to invite a member to join and this is what has happened in this case. British Judo Association is merely an endorsing body rather than slotting someone into the role.

After a brief discussion, the Board Members were happy that BJA are initiating IBSE's invitation and the Board are endorsing it and with this in mind, it was agreed that Dave Stanley should be put forward for the role.

RS advised the meeting that he had been forewarned that one particular member was going to try to enforce the removal of 2-3 Board Members at today's Annual General Meeting and drew Members attention to page 19 of the Memorandum and Articles contained within the Governance document which had been circulated at today's meeting and in particular, section 3G.

A brief discussion followed and all members felt that for the removal of anyone from the Board should be in the form of a valid resolution and therefore, to raise it at today's Annual General Meeting would not be appropriate.

With there being no further business, RS thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and the meeting closed at 12.50 p.m.