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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

AT 10.30 A.M

BJA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – GEORGE KERR SUITE

**University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus, Gorway Road,
Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3EZ**

Present:	George Kerr, President (Chair)	(GK)
	Colin Draycott, Senior Vice President	(CD)
	Richard Barraclough, Vice President	(RB)
	Brian Davies, JP, Vice President	(BD)
	Tony Sweeney, Vice President and Universities Judo	(TS)
	Rowena Birch, Vice President	(RB)
	Mick Leigh, Vice President	(ML)
Council Members:	David Allen, Western Area	(DA)
	Bill Berry MBE, Judo Scotland	(BB)
	Matthew Clempner, Police Sport UK	(MC)
	Darren Dean, Welsh Judo Association	(DD)
	Garth Illingworth, Northern Area	(GI)
	Denise Oates, Eastern Area	(DO)
	Marina Dain for Roger Houston, Midland Area	(MD)
	Harry Holt, North West Area	(HH)
	Jim Crompton for Steve Parlor, UK Armed Forces	(JC)
	Nadia Minardi, London area	(NM)
	Robin Newett, Northern Ireland Judo Federation	(RN)
	Alan Stanbra, Yorkshire/Humberside Area	(AS)
	Graham Turner, Southern Area	(GT)
British Judo:	Ronnie Saez, Chairman – BJA	(RS)
	Andrew Scoular, Chief Executive – British Judo Association	(AS)
	Keith Eldridge, BJA Safeguarding Manager	
Note Taker:	Andrew Scoular	
Apologies / Not In Attendance:	David Rance, Northern Home Counties	
	Jim Mackenzie, Army Judo	
	Steve Parlor, Royal Air Force Judo	
	John Thacker, Royal Navy Judo	
	Roger Houston, Midland Area	

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I. **Welcome**

The President welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and looked forward to an informative meeting.

2. **Apologies**

The meeting was informed that apologies had been received from:

- David Rance – Northern Home Counties
- Jim Mackenzie – Army Judo
- John Thacker – RN Judo
- Steve Parlor – RAF Judo
- Roger Houston – Midland Area

3. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2018**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 12 May 2018 were accepted as an accurate and true record of events.

Proposed: DA

Seconded: BD

4. **Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 12 May 2018**

A Stanbra – asked for clarification around the Minister of Sport's comments on safeguarding. It was noted that a new martial arts safeguarding code had been produced which should help address the issue. AS to circulate the template.

AS

GT of the Southern Area – raised the issue surrounding referee qualification and that it appeared that some referees seemingly had a badge without qualification.

It was agreed to contact the NRC to outline the processes and procedures for referee **protection** and the current status of A & B referees.

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5. **Safeguarding Update and Awareness Training**

Keith Eldridge gave a presentation on the BJA safeguarding position and policies, together with guidance for all council members (presentation attached).

Members asked for a breakdown between historical and current cases. KE suggested it was around 20% historical which has seen an increase due to the profile of historical cases in football.

It was also highlighted by GT from the South that there was an overall rise in people's awareness of the issue.

In addition, it was noted that KE had worked hard at increasing Club Welfare Officers which was seen as a positive step forward. Due to the increased sensitivity in this area, it was felt the Coaches should have more frequent awareness training rather than every 3 years.

The issue of private operators who are not members and therefore, not party to this support and guidance, was discussed and it was felt that there was a reputational risk to the whole sport not just BJA.

6. Chairman's Report

RS gave an overview of the associations success and progress so far especially around our UKS and SE targets which we are on or just about meeting in terms of participation.

The other areas such as governance and the plans to roll out the governance code to the areas, which we will use Jonathan Hall for. We are also looking at the commissions and how we can develop these further.

Membership is an area of concern with all sports and judo is no exception and areas and clubs need to work hard at recruiting new members and retaining the existing members.

6.1 Events

The European Masters was a great success not only from a delivery point of view but also for the membership. However, the costs were in excess of budget mainly due to hotel and EJU costs.

6.2 CEO Report

AS gave a presentation of the 1st quarter of the business plan 2018-19 (presentation attached). The presentation covered the key areas of the Business Plan of:

- Governance
- Operations and Finance
- Membership
- Technical / talent
- World Class Performance

There was a good discussion around membership and how we could engage with the clubs more and, in particular the private operators.

TS suggested that the local areas could assist with local knowledge on private operators in their area and assist with the introduction.

AS informed the meeting that the Senior Leadership Team were committed to providing a full organisational approach to increase and retain membership and that plans were currently being scoped.

6.2.1 One Minutes Silence

The Senior Vice President raised the point that in the recent months the sport had lost some great members and that the Council should recognize and show our respect with a one minutes silence for:

- Malcolm Collins
- Jim Somerville
- Barry James
- Phil Maybury

7. **Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting closes at 12:50 hours.