

ENGLISH KARATE FEDERATION BOARD MEETING

Venue: Theobalds Park Hotel

Address: Lieutenant Ellis Way Cheshunt

Herts EN7 5HW

Sunday 15th June 2014 @ 11.00

Present	Michael Billman (MB) President (chair) Michael Dinsdale (MD) WKF representative Steve Coupland (SC) Mark Symonds (MS) Sarah Knight (SK) (minutes) Ivor Thomas (IT) John De Bono (JDB) Simon Coope (SiC) In attendance: Ian Stebbings
Apologies	Ticky Donovan (TD) Vice President Chris Thompson (CT)
1: Minutes of the last meeting:	The minutes of the last meeting were read. There were two items raised by SC under accuracy, which were corrected accordingly. The minutes were then proposed by MD as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by MS and adopted.
2: Matters arising	There were no matters for discussion as any matters arising were included in today's agenda. so the meeting moved on to the agenda for the current meeting.
3: Articles	(a) There were a number of conflicting paragraphs in the Articles which were in need of correction. MB stated that they needed looking at in depth and that IS would do that. It was then proposed by MB that, when corrected, they should be sent off for adoption. All agreed (b) The matter of the Treasury was discussed and MB informed the members that, again, a new Treasurer could not be appointed until the AoA were updated as the current ruling was restrictive and not in the best interests of the EKF.
4: Decision making	MB suggested that some decisions could be made by the President and Vice President, as in normal companies, and justified at the earliest opportunity.
5: Status of the EKF	The status of the EKF as a company was discussed and it was agreed that TD & MD should visit the bank to confirm our position a.s.a.p. This was unanimously agreed and, if not to our benefit, we may look elsewhere, and also consider other options.
6: Complaint	The issue of David v Perry was discussed and IS stated it was not an EKF matter but a personal one. It was agreed to write to them to explain this. IS to draft letter.
7: Coaching	The matter of Coaching awards had not moved forward and it was agreed that MS should work with Coachwise to resolve this matter.
8: Association heads	It was agreed that the grade of an association head should be reduced from 4th Dan to 3rd Dan.
9:Engagement	The matter of a quarterly newsletter was suggested by MB following Sc's suggestion of trying to engage more with the members. It was agreed to run this as well as Facebook.
10: EKF representative at events	MB proposed that TD should act as a rep for the EKF during his travels as he is probably the most well-known and respected karateka worldwide.
11: Funding	MB requested agreement to pay his costs to go to Bremen, as he had already paid for his

	flight and deposit. Agreed by all.
12: Martial arts council	SC gave a detailed report on a project headed MADC (Martial Arts Development Council) the main problem was issues with their website and it was eventually agreed that SC could take part in discussions re the pilot project subject to certain alterations being made to their website.
13: Insurance	The matter of insurance was discussed and it was agreed to ask VP to make a presentation to the board at the next meeting.
14: Contractors	The matter of contractors was discussed and it was agreed to have a Contract for Contractors drawn up. MB to deal with the matter.
15: DBS	It was agreed the EKF should look further into the matter of DBS's. MS to deal with it
16: Regional squads	Regional squads were discussed and SiC was asked to put his thoughts down and report back at the next meeting.
17: Complaints	Some complaints had been received and it was agreed that IS would draft out replies and MB would sign and send them on.
18: Athletes compliance	It was brought to the board's attention that 3 athletes had failed to comply with the Code of Conduct at the recent European Championships. MB to send warning letter to each.
19: CPO course	The matter of CPO courses was discussed and agreed that SC would arrange a course as soon as possible and that it would be recommended that one person from each association should eventually attend a course.
20: Costs for Finland	The costs for referees attending Finland was brought up and MB said he would discuss it further with DG before the next meeting.
21. License defaulters	The matter of License defaulters was brought up and it was agreed that the matter should be addressed and that it would be discussed at length at the next meeting, with ideas from board members on how to best deal with this problem.
22: Sponsorship	SK stated that she was struggling with her work schedule and it was agreed that SiC would take over the Sponsorship side of her agenda and report back at the next meeting.
23: Applications	An application had been received from Shoshinkai and was discussed, and finally denied, due to various inconsistencies in the application.
24: European Games	The European Games in Baku were discussed and it was agreed to promote this more on the EKF website.
25. Bremen HOD	It was agreed that Greg Francis would attend Bremen as HoD, and be asked to send up to date reports to the Admin for inclusion on the website.
26: Advertising	It was brought to the Board's notice that HS was advertising himself as the contact for supplying DBS's for the EKF. SC was tasked to speak to him regarding this.
27. Selections	The matter of the selections for athletes with disabilities for Bremen was discussed and agreed that it should be arranged as soon as possible. MS to deal with the matter.