

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
25th APRIL
PONDS FORGE, SHEFFIELD.

1. Attending, Carl Lindley, Michael Billman, Michael Dinsdale, Andy Genery, John Moreton, Steve Coupland, Mark Symmonds, Terry Pottage, **APOLOGIES,** Chris Thompson, Peter Allen

2. ACCURACY OF MINUTES -28/02/2010. Item differed as the minutes were unavailable. Brian Noble was in Australia and unable to send them.

3. MATTERS ARISING – 28/02/2010. Deferred as minutes were unavailable.

4. EKF JOBS

4.1 Secretary. The President asked A.Genery to take the position.

Prop - MB	SECOND - JM	Vote - ALL	Action –
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4.2 Admin and Registrations. The President informed the Board that he had not accepted the resignations of Debbie and Mark Sell. The President had spoken to Debbie and both were remaining in position.

A discussion took place as took an assistant for Debbie Sell.

CL to speak to Debbie.

4.3 Bank Signatory. John Moreton proposed that Andrew Genery as Company Secretary and Chris Thompson be appointed as Bank Signatories. This was accepted unanimously.

Prop - JM	SECOND - AG	Vote - ALL	Action –
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4.4 National Coach Line Manager. It was unanimously agreed that position should come under the Coaching Department, and A.Genery was to be the contact between the National Coach and the Board.

Prop - AG	SECOND - TP	Vote - ALL	Action –
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5. EKF STRUCTURE.

A Genery had previously emailed Board members a document outlining a possible re-structure of the EKF to appeal to a broader spectrum of Karate-ka, as well as the introduction of a Regional set-up.

M.Dinsdale stated he did have some reservations.

It was agreed to set up a sub-committee to look into this document.

A.Genery stated he would like to invite Willie Thomas to join this sub-committee as he had already produced a document outlining a possible Regional programme.

It was proposed and agreed to set up a Working party consisting of A.Genery, W.Thomas and T.Pottgae.

Prop - AG	SECOND - SC	Vote - ALL	Action – AG / TP
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6. BKF Squad / SENI

A discussion took place regarding a British Squad taking part in a training session at the forthcoming SENI 2010.

Concerns were raised.

It was unanimously agreed that A.Genery should contact Wayne Otto to seek clarification on the details of the BKF Squad and the SENI event, specifically, any costs to the EKF, the financial arrangements and which, if any future events the BKF Squad would intend entering.

7. EKF POLICIES.

Liz Legg has written a number of documents on behalf of the EKF, and the President paid tribute to her, and thanked her for her hard work on these documents.

The President informed the Board that these policies need to be implemented by Associations and a way of monitoring the implementation put in place.

The initial policies to be implemented and the uptake monitored are Equality, Health & Safety and Child Protection.

Future policies to be considered are Anti-Doping (WADA) and Recruitment.

Steve Coupland offered his services in this area, with assistance from Mark Symonds.

It was proposed that these become standing Agenda items.

Prop - MB	SECOND - AG	Vote - ALL	Action – SC / MS
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8. EKA

A discussion took place regarding EKA

Additional website content was discussed with SC outlining possible protocols.

Prop - JM	SECOND - SC	Vote - ALL	Action – JEL
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9. EKF SOLICITOR

MB had previously email Board members with a proposal to appoint an EKF Solicitor to act on our behalf as and when needed.

MB had sourced a suitable Solicitor and it agreed MB should now secure the services of the agreed company.

Prop - MB	SECOND - MS	Vote - ALL	Action – MB
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10. EQUIPMENT SPONSOR.

MB discussed with the board sponsorship proposal.

MD stated we are still in an agreement with a sponsor.

It was agreed that MB should inform his sponsor of this fact, and remain in contact with them should our present agreement fail, or when the times comes for our deal to be renewed.

11. ISSUES – JOHN MORETON

11 a - Concerns were raised regarding constant legal threats from a director to other board members

It was agreed that Board members would not threaten other Board members with legal actions.

11 b – Conflict of Interest. After a discussion it was agreed that Board members would declare any potential conflict of interest and withdraw from related discussions and voting.

11 c – Revenue earners. JM asked if Board members had any ideas to raise revenue for EKF. Members agreed to give this matter some thought.

11 d –Complaint against staff member. The Board agreed that any complaint should be made via the correct procedure, and the group or individual making the allegation would have to produce supporting evidence. CL to speak with SC to consider if this issue could be considered a complaint.

11 e – 21.9 and email. JM asked for clarification from the President whether or not an email communication would be classed as a breach of Statute 21.9.

JM stated that he had been accused by a director of a breach of 21.9 by sending an email to a non-EKF member.

CL stated this was not a breach and that the director should apologise to JM.

11 f – Eligibility to stand as a director - The director in question was requested to leave the meeting.

JM stated he had been alerted to the fact that a Director may not have been eligible to stand for election.

CL stated that there was no concrete evidence to suggest the director should not have stood for the Board, therefore his position was secure.

It was agreed that in the future measures are in place to ensure candidates for election had been in membership of their Association for at least 12 months.

12. M and A's

A discussion took place in relation to the rejection of the proposed M and A's at the last EGM.

CL stated that it was imperative that the M and A's were agreed and acceptable to WKF before the World congress in November 2010.

It was agreed that SC would look at the M and A's with the aim of collating opinion from members on the wording.

SC, to report back to the next meeting.

13. LEADERSHIP.

JM stated that he felt there been a lack of Leadership in the last 4 weeks, in so far as a lack on response regarding certain issues.

CL pointed out he had email problems and MB was excluded from some debates.

14. WAKO GB (KARATE)

It was agreed to accept the application form WAKO GB, As Provisional members for 12 months.

It was agreed that WAKO GB should add (KARATE) to there title.

Prop - MD	SECOND - MS	Vote - ALL	Action – AG to contact WAKO GB
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15. JOINT SERVICES.

MB circulated a letter from Mr A H Elliott, Chairman of Combined Services Martial Arts Association.

This group is an 'Umbrella' organization for Martial Arts practitioners who work within the UK Armed Forces. The group wishes to affiliate with EKF.

It was agreed that we would like this group within EKF, but there could be a conflict with WKF Statute 21.9.

ACTION. MD, to liaise with the WKF.

16. A.O.B.

16.1 Ticky Donovan. AG stated that the Board had previously awarded Ticky Donovan the position of Honary Head of Technical Committee. This role gave Ticky an advisory position on the Board. MB produced the Minute from the Board meeting relating to this decision.

16.2 Sport England. CL stated that our application had been rejected, and the reasons given were we needed to have certain documents in place. CL stated he was considering an appeal, although this could have implications for a future application should the appeal fail.

16.3. Coaches Payment. MB stated he had been asked by Wayne Otto to ask the Board if a payment of £50.00 could be made to a 3rd coach at National Squad sessions. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting. **AG to contact WO.**

16.4. Referees Budget. Dale Gamble had asked for a Referees budget to be made available to help individuals financially with the costs involved for attending International events. This would only involve a handful of people who have so far been self financing. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting. **AG to contact DG.**

MS stated that it may be possible to secure funding for Referees training. MS, to look into this possibility.

Meeting finished 6.30pm Date of next meeting 20th June 2010