



## **Minutes of the EKF meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

**Present:** MB, TD MD, IT, Si C, SC, (Arrived 11.10) M O'Brien

**Apologies for Absence:** JdB, CT, SK, M S

The meeting commenced with the President explaining that Mark Symonds was unable to attend due to an unforeseen personal issue. The President then welcomed Mike O'Brien to the meeting explaining that Mike would be involved as registrations secretary.

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed and were adopted by those present and declared to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings by those who had been present at that meeting. Proposed by TD, seconded by IT.

### **Matters arising: Articles:**

A comprehensive explanation of the court hearing was given by the President ending with the fact that the Judge was satisfied with all that he had seen and was happy to give the order that a meeting to adopt the Articles officially could take place after one month (not two as the current articles state) and that, on the order of the court, the meeting, on this occasion would be quorate with just one person present. He further stated that this was a court order, and the meeting was to be held purely to adopt the articles, and no other items could be on the agenda.

The meeting is simply to legally adopt the Articles and therefore no further vote other than the Presidents' is necessary, and cannot be challenged. This means that the new articles, which state that one sixth of the membership would now be the quoracy figure, would be officially adopted, and the meetings would be more likely to be quorate in the future, also meaning that the members that do attend would be less likely to waste their time travelling to the meetings to be told that it is inquorate. MB to deal with A's.

### **Welcome Pack:**

It was agreed that the updated Welcome Pack would be placed on the website with a matter re: Insurance being added in the near future once it has been confirmed. SK to deal with.





### **Licence Defaulters:**

It was discussed yet again and agreed that a list of federations that had been expelled from the EKF for failing to send in their returns, would be sent to all federations.

Other ways of registering members are currently being looked into to help alleviate this problem.

### **Licence Fees:**

The matter of licence fees being raised was discussed yet again, with the result being that this matter would be put on hold until the problem of defaulters had been resolved.

### **Bank:**

It was a general opinion amongst the board that we should seriously consider changing banks as Barclays had again set restrictions on our account which were continually causing problems. We are currently looking into changing over to Lloyds. M O'B and MB to oversee.

**Club Certificates:** CT has updated the board that he has sent a design for a certificate to M O'B, and they are working together to have an example ready for the next meeting.

### **Coaching awards:**

Mark Symonds had sent a message stating that we are now a registered centre for Coaching, and that he proposed running a course alongside SC's CPSU course, to be held in Lincoln in 2015. (Prices to be confirmed)

Mark also said that he would be sending out an email regarding ID licence cards, which will hopefully provide a solution to the problems encountered with membership and registrations.

M Sy to deal with.

### **SC left the meeting at 13.45**

All the items below were scheduled to be updated by Steve Coupland but could not be dealt with as SC had to leave the meeting early. The President stated that he would send an official email to SC asking him to update the board within 7 days.

PR for members

Child Protection/Safeguarding courses

Sports review

Budget and investment

International-Crystal Palace

**English Karate Federation the Way Forward**





Queries over accountants cheque list

### **Sponsorship:**

Simon Coope gave an update on sponsorship with Blitz, including tracksuits, etc., and also the reasons behind Russell Dowler being unable to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> World Championships for Disability, recently held in Bremen.

The President then spoke about this particular event and how he had received a great feedback from people (some of who's comments are on the BKF site) He had also received emails from the organisers of the event thanking him, and also Mark Symonds and Dominique Sigillo (Switzerland) for all the effort they had put into ensuring that the event ran smoothly. He also stated that he personally was extremely disappointed that Russell Dowler had not been able to attend.

S Coope to deal with sponsorship.

### **Mo Surdhar (Physio)**

The President then explained to the board that Mo Surdhar had been contacted while in Bremen regarding a family matter.

The board also asked that their best wishes should be sent to Mo and his family. MB to deal with.

### **Licence Addresses:**

A letter had been received from Frank Perry stating that he was concerned that he was being asked to put full names and addresses on the licences and that he did not feel that this was correct. The President stated that his association were in agreement with Frank and it was felt that we should only need to put a house number and post code, as was general practice in a lot of businesses nowadays. Mike O'Brien felt that it would be difficult for him to monitor the members details in certain cases. It was eventually suggested by the President that Mike should look into acquiring a disc that would search the address if needed. This was agreed by the board.

M O'B to look into acquiring the "disc."

### **Centre of Excellence:**

The Centre of Excellence was discussed and although it was agreed to be a good idea, it was felt that we should also look at other venues. The matter of mats was also discussed and it was agreed that two tatamis should be funded. Proposed by TD. Seconded by SC. Simon offered to investigate further





Dale Gamble had requested that, although we had a COE, courses in the north should still be considered as they tied in with courses being run by the squad, plus they would be self-funding.

Dale agreed with the Presidents' suggestion that a list of attendees, and where they had travelled from, would help to justify this course being held in the northern area. MB to contact DG.

Debbie Sell had written in to suggest that the 18-21 year category should be included in the Nationals. This was agreed by all. Proposed by MD, seconded by TD. MB to deal with DG, PC,

#### **WADA:**

It was brought to the boards' attention that a member of the squad had failed to attend three tests in a period of 18 months and, as the rules had been violated, had subsequently been reported to the authorities. No decision has yet been announced.

#### **AOB:**

Following the success of the friendly international in Paris, it was agreed that we should invite the French to a return in London in 2015. Proposed by TD, sec by MB. The President asked that the board should look at the way the regions are structured, as there is no way that Essex should be classed as being in the Midlands. The board agreed and MD offered to look into the matter.

MD stated that, due to his workload, he would have to step down as line manager to Dale Gamble. The President offered to look at this position and would notify all should he find someone to take over. MD was thanked for his efforts in the past. MB to deal with.

#### **WT:**

The National Coach was invited into the meeting at 12.15 and gave a lengthy update on matters referring to the National squad.

Afterwards he was asked a series of questions from various board members and subsequently, after some lengthy discussions, offered to address the matters that were causing concern.

**The meeting closed at 15.30.**

