

Present

3'Ks Sandwell Judo Club
Abbey College Judo Club
Aberdeen Judo Club
Aireborough & Wharfedale JC
Barnadiston Judo Club
Bolton Judokwai
Budokwai
Coventry Judo Club
Croydon Judo Club
Dowty Judo Club
Exmouth Vikings JC
Ford JC
Guernsey JC
Higashi Judo Kwai
Ippon Judo Club
Ipswich Judo Club
Joff Judo Club
Junction Judo Club
Lancaster Univ JC
Longnake Judokwai
Manchester Univ JC
Meopham JC
Mold JC
Moreton Hall JC
New Star (Patchway) JC
New Star Britsol
Norwich Premier JC
Osaka JC
Oxford City JC
Oxford Uni JC
Pinewood JC
Plymouth JC
Rainham JC
Rainhill Rockets JC
Renzoku JC
Ringwood & Fordingbridge JC
Riverside Lancaster JC
Rochdale JC
Rossendale JC
Ryecroft JC
St Marys School JC
Stafford JC
Stowmarket JC
Stowmarket School JC
Thomas Deacon JC
Tonge Tigers JC
University of Bath JC
Urmston JC
Warrington Samurai JC
Warrington Warjukwai
Wellingborough Shudan
Winchester College JC
Wolverhampton JC
Yate Star – Bristol
Yate Star 2
Yate Star Judo Club

Members

George Kerr
Arthur Tomkinson
Densign White
Brian Davies
Reuben Davison
Barry James
Dave Clarke
Roy Inman
Eddie Awford
Ray Harrington

Graham	Bayley
Mark	Beecher
David	Benson
Daniel	Benson
Rowena	Birch
Dawn	Byrne
Matt	Divall
Dean	Douglas
Dave	Duffy
Karen	French
Steve	Gawthorpe
Sheila	Hearsey
Margaret	Hicks
Robbie	Irwin
David	Julian
Danny	Kissenisky
Jim	MacKenzie
Phil	Mayberry
Maggie	Mayberry
Andrew	Moshanov
John	Ormsby
Dominic	Quinn
Karen	Roberts
Trevor	Sitlinton
John	Slattery
Liz	Sparham
Donald	Steel
Hilda	Webb

Minutes: Julie Moores

Apologies

Roger Houston
Derek Coult Melbourn JC
Colin Draycott
Malcolm Collins
Ken Webber
Malcolm Limrick
Sarah Newbury
Bob Wolfenden
Malcolm Limrick
Dennis & Tina Penfold
Skegby RBL Judo Club
Kin Ryu JC

1. President's Introduction/Address

- 1.1 George Kerr welcomed those present and confirmed that 55 clubs were present so the meeting was quorate.
- 1.2 As normal was the sad duty of the President to report the deaths of judoka during the past year

Tony Orton – From Japan always looked after British Judoka going to Japan. He received his 6th and 7th Dan from all Japan Judo Federation as a mark of the work he did and the respect he was held in.

Simon Hicks – A great loss to the Association; his funeral in March was very well attended and Simon was honoured at the IJF Congress this year.

Bob Fereday – A Referee from the Midland Area.

Walter & Vera Littlejohn

Bob Wilson

Mr Kerr asked the AGM to be upstanding for a moment's silence in memory of those who are no longer with us.

On a happier note we would like to send Alan Petherbridge best wishes on his 80th Birthday. Alan fought at the Olympics in 1964 at the age of 38. He was European Champion in 1962

- 1.3 The BJA has a council, which is comprised of representatives from each area. The Council has the job of reviewing the BJA Annual Reports and Accounts and it's the Presidents duty to report the Council's comments to the AGM.
- 1.4 The Council meeting was very quiet and on the whole the council are very happy with the way things are progressing in the Association.
- The finances are looking good again this year and the council were pleased with the Board of Directors annual report.
- 1.5 One other task the Council undertakes is the appointment of Vice Presidents. Last night the council appointed Mr Mick Leigh as a new Vice President of the British Judo Association. Mick has had a very long service to judo and the British Judo Association. Mick has been at the forefront of Kata in Great Britain for many years.
- Mick Leigh is appointed as Vice President of the Association due to his large work as a past chairman and work on Kata Commission.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Mr Kerr asked if any present had any alterations to the previous minutes of the 2006 AGM.
- 2.2 Alan Rickard Croydon JC: Minute item 2.2 should read that the Referees and Coaches sessions should NOT be combined.
- 2.3 There being no further amendments to the minutes they were proposed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Warrington Samurai
Seconded: Higashi Judo Club

3 Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising

4. Reports

Chairman's Report

- 4.1 Densign White: Welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for coming. He felt that combining the Technical Congress and the AGM was a good idea and was a benefit to members.

We have made a lot of progress this year and this presentation will touch on the main areas.

4.2 International Results

- 2005 World Champion – Craig Fallon
- 2005 Karina Bryant 2 world medals
- Britain placed 6th place in the medal table

- 2006 European Championships
- Craig Fallon - Gold
- Sarah Clark - Gold
- Peter Cousins – Bronze
- Winston Gordon – Bronze

Peter fought this Championships at –100kg, one weight above his normal weight. He has used this result as a springboard for further excellent performances at this weight.

- 4.3 Great Britain was placed 3rd place over all from 49 participating countries. It was our most successful Europeans for over ten years.
- 4.4 We can be optimistic about medal chances in Beijing. Five or six of our players are capable of winning a medal.

Domestically

- 4.5 We held our first Technical Congress which was a success and we looked at some initial ideas which have been researched more in-depth this year, and we look forward to reviewing results of pilots at this year's congress this weekend.
- 4.6 The Bath University Degree course is going well. The first group of which I am part is graduating in December of this year. There are two other groups currently running through the course
- New people will be added to the delivery of the course to enhance the programme further.
- 4.6 Individual membership has increased but Scott McCarthy will go into more detail on this area. A lot of this increase is down to the excellent work being done by the Development and Schools Development Teams.
- 4.7 We formed a Technical Officials Commission. This group are charged with taking forward the recruitment, training and development of our Technical Officials.
- 4.7 A major competition review is fully under way. Their task to look at a better structure and better competitions that suit everyone. This group is also looking at getting the calendar to make a lot more sense.

Our BJC relationship has had some consolidation in areas and is working well. Bernard Richmond is now the chair of the BJC and we look forward to a continued positive relationship.

- 4.8 The British Schools Judo Association is now a Commission of the BJA and our staff is working with the commission to move schools programmes along.
- 4.9 UKCC: We are now accredited for level 1 and 2. It's a lot of work for the staff and Association and this has been a huge pressure for a lot of the staff. First courses for level 1 and 2 should start in Jan 08.
- 4.10 The British Olympic Association is working hard to help governing bodies' professionalism and have linked NGB's up with some FTSE 100 companies.
- 4.11 The BJA has been linked with G4S and we are working on new ways of maximising the relationship, which will include corporate training and exchange of services and skills.

This help has been varied, translators abroad and transport etc.

Judo has something very unique that we can use in the Market place around personal safety and the managing of aggressive behaviour. It will be easier to penetrate the market with a partnership with G4S.

- 4.12 Densign White reported that he had recently been elected to the BOA Executive. Six people sit on the Executive to represent the 26 Olympic sports.
- 4.13 Judo is the only sport that has engaged in a high-level performance programme with Sir Clive Woodward aimed at enhancing the services and skills of a core group of players. At present Clive is working with Euan Burton. Judo is the only sport on this project.
- 4.13 Our domestic events are doing well and are improving. The GB World Cup 2006 was a great success and was built upon again in 2007 where we had 2000 spectators a day. I attend World Cups all over Europe where the stadium is empty. It's a credit to the British Judo community that so many of you supported the event and our players.

We were pleased with the TV coverage that the event received and look to add to this as the event develops.

- 4.15 The British Open has moved to the K2 venue, which is a lovely venue and proved to be a success. We did need to look at the date due to calendar congestion. The move to January has not been successful and next year we are moving the event closer to its historical date. We are looking at May 2008.
- 4.16 For sometime members asked that the BJA spend more resources on the Junior National Age Bands. We have moved the event to Ice Sheffield and I feel now we have overcome some initial problems and the event is developing.
- 4.17 I have had great pleasure to have opened some more great clubs this year, Redbride, SKK and Kendal. We now have some World Class Facilities.
- 4.18 Clubmark continues to go from strength to strength and we now have over nearly 60 clubs in the Clubmark process.
- 4.19 Our finances have done well this year and we have made a surplus, which now brings our reserves to 180k. Whilst that's the best reserves I have known however the Association needs to aim to reserves of half a million so we still have some way to go.

Managing the finances to achieve a surplus whilst at the same time supporting demands placed on the BJA is always a struggle and congratulations to Scott McCarthy and Donald Steel for managing this.

- 4.20 Areas had record payouts this year of area rebates totalling 70k which is 19%-20% of our membership income.

- 4.21 Our Merchandise activities are ticking along, however we are still looking to recruit a full time merchandise person to take this wing on.
- 4.22 My international activities continue as I act in my capacity as EJU Sports Director.
- 4.23 Congratulations to Dave Martin on achieving his IJF Refereeing A Licence and was selected to referee at this years senior World Championships.
- 4.24 Bath University has been designated as a European Training Centre. These are centres named around Europe to encourage players to train together especially for small countries where there may be no quality partners for them to train with.
- 4.25 Borderline rule is working well. Referees are giving fewer penalties. Contests won by athletes not referees. This new rule will now be used at the Olympics.
- 4.26 Changes have happened at IJF level following the suspension from the IOC of the IJF previous President Mr Park. The new IJF President is now Marias Vizer (previous EJU president) and Sergey Soloveyichik from Russia is now the EJU President.
- One change that has already been made at IJF level is that from 2009 we will have a World Championships once per year.
- 4.27 We have recently made some appointments in High Performance – Margaret Hicks and Karen Roberts are already making an impact and I have high confidence in us delivering results in Beijing.
- 4.28 DW: Went on to list those that had currently qualified a British quota place for the Games and Para Games.
- Other players are doing well on the EJU ranking list. Women need to finish in the top 5 and Men top 7. I feel we will qualify 10 places for Beijing, which is an upturn from the previous two Olympics.
- 4.29 London 2012 preparations are going well, we are working with the LOCOG to secure our legacy from the games.
- 4.30 The BOA target for 2012 is 4th in the medal table. Judo is being looked at as a crucial sport in that target.
- 4.31 On 9 Nov 2007 a decision will be reached on the host city for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow and Nigeria. The good news for Judo is that Judo is in both bids. The IJF have stated that they will add pressure to make sure that judo is included in all future Commonwealth Games.
- 4.32 Finally I want to thank everyone in our sport both staff and volunteers that have contributed towards a great year.

George Kerr asked were there any questions for Densign White.

- 4.33 Croydon JC: Will the G4S partnership be bringing back the Personal Safety Advisors into the Association?
- 4.34 Scott McCarthy: Yes it does but we need to get some additional Kite marks. We pulled it back due to a lot of admin and insurance reasons. We found that we needed to add resources to make it better.
- 4.35 Winchester College: Masters Judo is a growing area of our sport; you have not mentioned it in your presentation. We are having success at international level but these players have to self-fund. Are there any plans for the BJA to support the Masters more?
- 4.36 DW: The BJA did help and paid for travel to Russia. Problem is that the funding is ring fenced. We can't use that funding. If we were to support it further from central, hopefully if we raise more money in sponsorship this will be an area we can support more.

Masters events are not selected they are open. It's not always easy to justify spending money on these individuals. Where would we draw the line.

We can support in kind; we organise training sessions.

- 4.37 Matthew Clempner Bolton JK: Wanted to clarify all PSA's were BJA members or they could not access the course.
- 4.38 Dowty JC: Would it be true to say that the role of ATD will soon be a redundant one. If the answer is no what is the ATD as the RTO job description covers the role of the ATD.
- 4.39 SMc: UKCC will be rolled out to a small group. In the delivery of UKCC the input will be needed from ATD. However in terms of LTPD they will have to work with the ATD.

We see RTO's and ATD's working together. We need more resources and this is part of that.

At this point George Kerr halted the discussion, as this would be covered at the Technical Congress.

5. CEO Report

Scott McCarthy, as CEO, presented his report which highlighted the progress and activities of the Association during the year.

- 5.1 Croydon JC: We are going to have trouble accessing money from CSP but some are doing 2 for 1, we as clubs are going to struggle to get this money.
- 5.2 SMc: It's an issue that we identified from the start. But we feel that the rich will get richer and the poor will stay here where we are. It's certainly an issue. We had the same problem on the Club and Coach fund.

We don't have a quick answer. All sports are in the same position and Mark Beecher is lobbying this issue.
- 5.3 Croydon JC: There is £197k in Croydon; I need help to get this funding. We need more people to help us fill in the forms.
- 5.4 SMc: Agreed we don't have enough Development officers.
- 5.5 Samurai: PESSCL we need to push children to the clubs. Kate Howey came to a local club but the first thing we heard about it was in the local paper. We needed to know in advance.
- 5.6 Winchester: What is our retention level?
- 5.7 SMc: It's all linked to the Novice to 6th Mon. Kids sample sports.
- 5.8 Winchester: We need to know people are leaving. We need to research. To back up our assumptions.
- 5.9 SMc: We did some small sample research. And Focus groups but we need more.
- 5.91 DW: The assumptions are pretty strong which is why the technical grading scheme is being brought in. All Euro countries that are strong in judo all have non-comp grades.
- 5.92 3k's: Developing new coaches is becoming a problem. I am getting more children and running out of coaches. Both professional coaches and coaches in the clubs.
- 5.93 George Kerr: Stopped the debate at this point as it was drifting into subjects covered at the Technical Congress this afternoon.

- 5.94 Meopham JC: Mention was not made in the presentation of the one club that has achieved the Gold Clubmark standard.
- 5.95 Mark Beecher: Dartford Judo Club achieved that standard this fiscal year. But the achievement was of course noted.

Colin Mclver Performance Director

- 5.97 In his presentation Colin Mclver provided an overview of the World Class Performance Pathway. He provided details of programme funding and the support services provided to the performance players
- 5.98 The main achievements of each of the performance programmes were highlighted — special mention was made of Craig Fallon who had won both World and European titles.
- 5.99 He spoke briefly about the role of the Performance Advisory Group and how it provided links between high performance activity and the Board of Directors. An update of the UK Sport Elite Coach Programme was provided and the roles of the new members of the high performance team, Margaret Hicks and Karen Roberts were alluded to.

In closing he highlighted the main competitions that would be taking place over the next years.

- 5.96 Dowty Judo Club: The grant of 24k that is mentioned, as being paid to the highest performers is that over two years.
- 5.97 Colin Mclver: It's an annual payment, which is guaranteed for two years and is reviewed annually.

6. Annual Report

- 6.1 There were no questions or comments on the Annual Report.

Annual Report Prop: Meopham. Sec: Uni of Bath

7. Annual Accounts

- 7.1 There were no questions or queries on the Annual Accounts.

For: 43 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Postal Votes

For: 84 Against: 0 Abstain: 3

8. Appointment of Auditors

For: 43 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Postal Votes

For: 83 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. Election Results

9.1 SMC: There were three places on the Board up for election this year. Barry James and Roy Inman were up for re-election and a space became available as Karen Roberts stepped down from the Board. Mr James and Mr Inman offered themselves for re-election and the Midland Area nominated Mac Abbotts as a candidate.

As there were only three candidates for three places there has been no need to hold an election.

9.2 Mac Abbotts asked to join the board.

10. NO RESOLUTIONS

11. George Kerr would like to close the AGM by thanking members for attending.

Mr Kerr also wanted to stress that Densign had been very conservative in his address with regards to his position on the BOA Executive Committee. Mr Kerr felt he could not stress enough how much of an honour this was for British Judo.

There are only 6 spaces on the Exec and one of those places has to go to a winter sport. That leaves 5 spaces across 26 sports and for Densign to have received that mandate was a tremendous achievement.

During this year the BJA has gained a lot of international influence. Densign now sits on the IJF Development Commission, Sheldon Franko-Rooks is head of Protocol matters. Colin Draycott has been asked to head up an ethics commission for the IJF.

As there was no further business Mr Kerr Closed the meeting at 12.30