

# JudoScotland

## Board Minutes: 16 August 2011

### Ref. 2011/7



**Notes of the Meeting of the JudoScotland Board held at the offices of JudoScotland, Level 4, EICA: Ratho, Newbridge, Edinburgh, on 16 August 2011.**

Present: Ronnie Saez (Chair); Tam Brown (TB); Graham Campbell (GC); Sarah Clark (SC – arrived late due to a training session); James McBeath (JMB); Marc Preston (MP); Robert Sneddon (RS).

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Douglas Bryce (CEO); Barry Fleeting (BF - sportscotland); David Somerville (DS - for performance-related papers)

Due to presentations prior to the Board meeting, the meeting commenced at 2023 hours.

### Welcome & Apologies

1 The Chair opened the meeting and noted that there were no apologies.

### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (29 June 2011)

#### Point 70

3 MP requested a change of wording to: “More effort could have been made by the performance programme to attend the Sportif Training Camp.”

#### Point 5 – Robert Inglis Promotion

4 TB will contact Mr Inglis to confirm that he would not be promoted to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan, but to 4<sup>th</sup> on completion of the required technical assessment. **Action:** TB

### Support Service Provision (Paper: 2011/7/4)

5 DS talked to the previously circulated paper (2011/7/4) and emphasised the moving towards a system of individually-based athlete support, with the capability of delivering multiple (repeat) Championship medallists.

6 DS further introduced a performance matrix to underpin the Support Service Provision paper with a view to seeking more openness and transparency in terms of future athlete selections and improved coach-to-athlete ratios.

7 The Board agreed to the proposals

### Winning Student Selection Criteria (Paper: 2011/7/6)

8 DS referred to the previously circulated paper (2011/7/6) and gave a brief historical overview of the *Winning Students* project.

### Sportif Judo Event: Financial Support

- 9 The Chair referred to the presentation prior to the Board meeting commencing, with regard to Peter Gardner seeking financial support for a training camp / tournament.
- 10 The Chair hoped that he had not overstepped the mark with regards to being generally receptive to the proposed idea, but did wish to isolate JudoScotland and the Board and place some criteria that the Board could refer to and utilise for this and any other application for support.
- 11 GC agreed to take a lead with regards to this specific request and would link with Peter Gardner and provide a background paper for the next Board meeting.
- 12 The Chair was of the broad view that we could support the event under the Grand Prix banner.
- 13 Further to a question posed by the CEO, MP believed that the Board required clarification on whether the proposal from PG was that JudoScotland would cover the cost of providing Officials for the proposed tournament.

**Action:** GC to take a lead on behalf of the Board and submit a paper prior to the next Board meeting.

### National Grading System

- 14 The Chair reflected on the previous presentation from Colin McIver (BJA) and believed that CMcl had quietly proposed that the current BJA system could be utilised by JudoScotland effectively.
- 15 MP felt strongly that JudoScotland should adopt the BJA system for financial reasons
- 16 TB outlined the requirement for quality assurance throughout any grading process. MP felt that the quality assurance should only apply to Kyu grades.
- 17 RS felt that JudoScotland resources could be better utilised in other directions.
- 18 MP reflected on CMcl viewpoint regarding private clubs in England and the loyalty of Scottish Clubs to date.
- 19 GC did not feel comfortable with taking the situation out to the wider Club membership to seek to find a solution, but possibly a detailed paper presented to the Board at its next meeting. RS recognised the different views around the table and believed that these would simply be multiplied up through the membership if we took the proposals out with the Board. Indeed we may never get a resolution.
- 20 The Chair asked for input from SC with regards to taking the issue out to the wider membership. SC concurred that going out to all members Clubs may not be the best option of finding a resolution.
- 21 The Chair summarised the views around the table whereby there was a belief that the decision lay with the Board. The Chair then questioned whether the Board:
- 21.1 reaches a decision that evening;
  - 21.2 whether the Board required time to further consider, or;
  - 21.3 whether the Board required a detailed paper prior to coming to a conclusion.
- 22 MP believed that the Board should make a decision that evening and that the Board had enough information to reach such a decision.
- 23 BF referred to recent good JudoScotland retention rates as contained within the second half corporate overview document. The Chair also recognised these positive developments.
- 24 GC believed that from a resource perspective, generally speaking common resources would be better. He believed that there would be operational and financial benefits also, but that JudoScotland needed to be integral to future BJA reviews and developments on an *equal partner* basis. The Chair concurred.
- 25 JMB queried what specifically was wrong with the currently piloted JudoScotland grading system? MP responded that it was a combination of resources and time. MP also believed that even after addressing the issues of resources and time, JudoScotland would not have a better system.

- 26 TB highlighted that if the BJA system were to be adopted, he proposed that many of the current administrative practices adopted by JudoScotland / the Clubs should continue (i.e. application for grading licenses) as this is working extremely well at present. TB also wished to congratulate the office administrative staff for their role in making the administrative process such a success.
- 27 TB also highlighted to the Board that the current BJA system incorporates some (currently) illegal throws at the higher grade level.
- 28 SC enquired as to the positioning of Kata within the BJA system and TB advised that should the BJA system be adopted, Kata would revert to becoming a matter of personal choice, rather than integral to a judoka's development.
- 29 TB did feel that the Board required to look into the future costing implications on resources, licenses etc.
- 30 The Chair felt that the Board could make a decision in principle, prior to looking further into operational implications – but wished to hear views from around the table. SC liked the look of the resources left by CMcl. As she had arrived after the previous presentation, she would like to speak with Colin McIver directly prior to committing further. SC was of the belief however, that JudoScotland required having robust quality assurance standards / controls in place.
- 31 JMB stated that he would like to know what is wrong with the currently piloted system. Both the Chair and RS responded that there was nothing wrong with the currently piloted system, but there could be some comparative advantages with adopting the BJA system.
- 32 MP moved that the Board vote on this issue.
- 33 The Chair proposed that the Board “*agree in principle to adopt the Mon grading system of the BJA and to request that a paper be brought forward to the next Board meeting outlining the operational and financial implications*”.
- 34 The Board agreed to this proposal by three votes to two (GC had left the meeting prior to this vote):
- 34.1 In favour: SC; MP; RS;
- 34.2 Against: TB; JMB.
- 35 JMB reflected on the work to produce the Board papers previously circulated and asked when these would be considered.
- 36 Due to time constraints, the CEO proposed that Board members respond electronically to the outstanding Board papers for the meeting following the close of the meeting.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 37 11 October 2011

*The meeting closed at 2200 Hours.*

### **Post Board Meeting**

- 38 On Wednesday 17 August the CEO forwarded a template response sheet to all Directors with regards to the outstanding Board papers that had not been discussed at the Board meeting the previous evening.

39 The responses received reflected the following outcomes:

<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Received Comments</b>
Jordan Archibald / Judo's Kool	2011/7/1	4	0	<i>Content removed due to it being of a confidential nature.</i>
<b>Correspondence</b>				
BJA Club Application: Tayside Blairgowrie	N/a	5	0	Club Chair to sign application
BJA Club Application: Tayside Carnoustie	N/a	5	0	Club Chair to sign application
Life Membership Janice Graham	N/a	5	0	Another 3 judoka: Neil Malone; Ramsay Thomson; and Marjory Ruddick are all over 60 and very active and should be considered by the Board.
<b>Any Other Competent Business</b>				
JudoScotland Complaints Procedure	2011/7/5	4	0	-