

# JudoScotland

## Board Minutes: 12 June 2012

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**Notes of the Meeting of the JudoScotland Board held at the offices of JudoScotland, South Platt Hill, Ratho, Newbridge, Edinburgh, on 12 June 2012.**

Present: Ronnie Saez (Chair); Graham Campbell (GC); Sarah Clark (SC); James McBeath (JMB); Marc Preston (MP); Robert Sneddon (RS).

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Douglas Bryce (CEO); Barry Fleeting (sportsotland).

*The meeting commenced with a closed session of the Board at 1835 hours.*

*The CEO joined the meeting at 1909 hours.*

### Welcome & Apologies

1. The Chair welcomes everyone to the meeting and noted no apologies had been received.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

2. Were agreed for accuracy

### Matters Arising

3. Chair referred to the Board Rolling Actions Sheet

### Correspondence

#### Highland Budokan / Ultimate Judo

4. BF highlighted that sportsotland had received a complaint from Highland Budokan Judo Club and that this had been responded to according to sportsotland's standard procedures.
5. The CEO circulated a financial breakdown of the Highland Budokan event that had been received that morning.
6. The Chair reflected that the Board may have been somewhat hasty in recognising the Sportif event as a Grand Prix event. The Board had decided to support the Sportif event due to it being a different event to anything currently run within Scotland, in terms of level of competition. It was noted that the Board had not supported the adjoining camp or the 'Friends of Judo' concept.
7. The Chair also noted that the Highland Budokan events did not run a 'AA' Band category at their event, which may well have had a negative effect on the numbers of judoka attending their event and therefore turnover. The Chair felt that the support offered to the Sportif event had been relative to event turnover.
8. JMB informed the Board that he had investigated the hire costs associated with the venue for this event and had each element been hired separately, then the cost of venue hire would actually have been more cost effective. JMB also noted that he had been to every event in 2011/2012 and with the inclusion of the Sportif event, there had been a number of events staged in a relatively short period of time.
9. JMB noted that the event financial breakdown circulated by the CEO did not show a spectator fee which was charged at the event and that the discount offered to Talent Development Programme athletes attending the adjoining camp largely offset the financial support provided.
10. Following previously submitted reports on the Sportif event from both Peter Gardiner and JudoScotland (alongside reports on the other Grand Prix events), the Chair recognised that not all Grand Prix conditions were met by Sportif.

11. The Board also expressed concern at the cost of the hall hire at Inverness.
12. GC did not believe that Sportif had received preferential treatment.

**Action:** JMB asked to coordinate a meeting between JudoScotland (Chair and JMB) and Highland Budokan (Beverley Read) to coincide with the next Talent Development Squad training on Saturday 23 June.

13. The CEO proposed that it was probably an opportune time to review JudoScotland supported events – including Grand Prix's - from an organisational, operational and financial perspective. The Chair agreed that this would be a prudent move.

**Action:** Chair to write to Ultimate Judo, informing them of the impending review (operational and financial) of the Grand Prix circuit and that the issues raised in their letter would be addressed via this process.

#### **Grand Prix Circuit**

14. The Chair believed that as part of the proposed Grand Prix review, there should be clear an unequivocal criteria supporting the appointment by JudoScotland of Competition Controller and Senior Officials for all Grand Prix events. The Chair believed that such proposals would be looked upon favourably when contained within the Events Review proposals.

### **CEO Update**

15. The CEO referred to the previously circulated update.

#### **Disciplinary Panels**

16. The CEO broadly updated the Board with regard to the progress of the two current Disciplinary Panels.

#### **Annual General Meeting 2012**

17. The CEO ran through the proposed countdown to the AGM on 16 June 2012.
18. MP asked regarding the Honoraria proposal. The CEO referred to the new Articles of Association / Companies Act 2008 and that this was now a requirement at AGM's. MP asked regarding a review of the current Honoraria paid to the Chair.

**Action:** BF asked to research honoraria paid to other SGB Chairs.

19. MP proposed a 10 minute slot for the visiting BJA Chair candidates within the AGM, followed by questioning.
20. MP also asked whether the Board would support a centralised training regime if proposed by one or both BJA Chair candidates. JMB was firmly of the opinion that JudoScotland had to protect what it currently had.

#### **Commonwealth Judo Association Accounts**

21. Some discussion ensued around the Board with regard to the presented Commonwealth Judo Association accounts. The Chair wished it noted that – in his professional opinion – the Annual Accounts presented were unsatisfactory and did not adhere to accepted accounting convention.

### **Working Groups**

22. This was deferred to the next Board meeting.

### **British Judo Association**

23. The Chair reported on a planning session that he attended at Gatwick on the day preceding the British Open Tournament. He further reported on an organisational review workshop being staged by the BJA in the near future. This was a development from a previous report made on the development of the Board and Council moving forward.
24. The Chair's view was that the current BJA Chair (Densign White) had done a very competent job as BJA Chair and had moved BJA on enormously. The incoming Chair would require to focus much more on the business / commercial aspects of BJA.

### **BJA Grading System**

25. The CEO reported that amended documentation had now been received and proofed from the printers and that the Chair and Treasurer would be counter-signing the purchase order at the Board meeting to place an order for the grading resources.

## BJA Self Defence

26. The Chair and MP reflected on a relatively substantial document circulated following the presentation made at the last Board meeting. JMB acknowledged that there appeared to be a clear direction to the project, with strong alignment with the security industry. MP believed that JS was now in a position to sit back and let BJA develop the proposals further.

**Action:** None. Adopt a watching brief.

## BJA Olympic Nominations

27. This item was included in the CEO update.

## AOCB

### Olympic / Paralympic Volunteers

28. JMB raised an issue discussed at Board previously regarding the support of Olympic / Paralympic volunteers. The Chair proposed a contribution of £100 to JudoScotland members fulfilling such a role as a contribution towards travel and accommodation expenses.

**Action:** Chair to write to volunteers.

### GROW Recruitment Review

29. MP asked for an update with regards to the recruitment investigation. The CEO reported that he had furnished a significant amount of information to GC in support of this investigation and was looking forward to being interviewed, along with other members of the interview panel, in connection with the allegation(s) of which he was still awaiting to be informed.

**Action:** GC to progress and report back to the Board.

### Olympic Tickets

30. The Board confirmed that Olympic tickets received should be offered on the following hierarchical basis: Directors; Honorary Vice-President's; Professional Staff and; Open Ballot.

**Action:** CEO to confirm with BJA when tickets would be received.

### Talent Development Programme: Athlete Clothing

31. JMB raised the issue of Talent Development Programme athletes not being provided with JudoScotland branded clothing. Appreciating the costs involved, JMB was keen to investigate purchasing options. MP disagreed with the concept of adding the costs of clothing onto training days / camps over the year.

32. The Chair felt that there were probably two categories of athlete:

- a. Where a formal selection is made, then JS should provide clothing;
- b. Where there is no National selection, individuals may purchase item(s) of clothing.

**Action:** Talent Development Coach to produce costed proposal (with options) for next Board meeting.

### Commonwealth Tournament

33. The Chair reported on an initial meeting of the Commonwealth Tournament Working Group the previous evening and outlined Rick Kenney's involvement in the Commonwealth Judo Association (CJA) as its Vice-President.

**Action:** Chair had asked the ECE and ECA to look at the budgetary implications.

34. The Chair outlined that Rick Kenney had wanted JS to agree to commit to running the CJA event in 2014. MP asked regarding any financial commitment. JMB also asked whether JS had any knowledge of how Wales had fared financially with running this event in earlier 2012.

35. The Chair outlined a potential £10k support to such an event, but outlined that JS could not agree to anything financially at this stage until a draft budget proposal was tabled and JS would have to consider any reputational risk to the organisation. MP reflected that he was not comfortable with the current proposal.

36. The Chair reinforced that he would not commit to anything without agreement at Board level to any costed proposal.

**Action:** CEO, ECE, ECA to develop proposal further.