

JudoScotland Limited

2021 Annual General Meeting

30 October 2021



Notes of the Annual General Meeting of JudoScotland Limited, held at the sportscotland National Centre: Inverclyde, Burnside Road, Largs, KA30 8RW, on Saturday 30 October 2021, commencing at 1700 hours.

Present: **Honorary Officers**

James Feenan; Richard Kenney; Colin McIver.

Board Members

Marc Preston (Acting Chair); Mark Brien; Graham Campbell (Treasurer) ; Sarah Clark; James McBeath; Ronnie Saez; Susan Wright.

Club Members

Aboyne Judo Club; Carnegie Judo Club; Cluarankwai Judo Club; Clyde Judo Club; Destination Judo @ Blackhall; Edinburgh Judo; Elgin Judo Club; Focus Judo Club; Glasgow University Judo Club; Hibari-Kan Judo Club; Jidel Judo 93; Just-Judo Yoshin; Osaka Kwai; Satorishido Judo Club; Shishi Kai Judo; Sporting Enso; Tams Brig Judo Club; Whitburn Judo Club.

18 Member Clubs in Attendance

Apologies: Sandy Hodge (sportscotland); Eilidh Raymond.

In Attendance: Gary Edwards; Joyce Heron (BJA); Jo Imrie; Sam Ingram; Freda McNulty; Tony Penfold; Andrew Scouler (BJA); Rosanna Wood.

Welcome and Apologies

1. RS welcomed members to the 2021 JudoScotland (JS) Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate, with 18 Member Clubs in attendance and 14 Member Clubs in attendance via proxy, representing 39.51% of 'A' Club members eligible to vote.
3. The meeting also noted a number of apologies that had been tendered in advance.
4. RS wished the meeting to acknowledge the significant impact that Covid-19 had on the organisation from March 2020.
5. RS wished to convey his gratitude to sportscotland for the continued funding and support during this period which allowed JS to provide clubs and members with updated guidance on how to return safely.
6. RS thanked the Board for their resilience during this period and their adaptability in changing to regular online meetings. RS added that he also wanted to thank the staff for their continued service during what has been a challenging period for all.
7. RS informed the meeting that the previous Chief Executive Officer had departed the organisation in March 2021 and the Board took the decision not to rush a decision on recruitment during this time. It was at this point he was approached by the Board to step into the role of Interim Manager.
8. Taking the above into account RS added that during this period MP would assume the role of Acting Chair.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

9. The Acting Chair asked whether there were any comments or feedback with regard to the draft Minutes from the 2020 AGM, prior to asking the meeting for a proposer and seconder for the draft Minutes.
10. The Minutes were proposed by Charles Strachan (Tams Brig Judo Club) and seconded by Neil Malone (Hibari Kan judo Club).
11. The Acting Chair noted that the Minutes of the 2020 AGM were therefore passed unanimously.

Annual Report: 2021

12. The Acting Chair introduced the annual report for 2020 and referred the meeting to the previously circulated annual report – both in hard copy and electronically.
13. The Acting Chair sought whether there were any questions arising out of the annual report for 2020 – no comments were received.

Annual Accounts to 31 December 2020

14. The Treasurer provided a financial overview to the 2020 trading year, highlighting the small surplus of £10,000. However he wished to raise caution to the challenging two years ahead.
15. The Acting Chair asked whether there were any comments or questions with regard to the 2020 annual statements, prior to asking the meeting for a proposer and seconder for the annual accounts.
16. The annual accounts were proposed by Mark Brien and seconded by Neil Malone (Hibari Kan Judo Club).
17. The Chair noted that the 2020 Annual Accounts were therefore passed unanimously.

Appointment of Auditors

18. The Treasurer advised that JS had a good relationship with the current accountant and asked the meeting for a proposer and seconder for the continuation of the current auditor. The motion was proposed by Mark Brien and seconded by Neil Malone (Hibarikan Judo Club).
19. The Chair was pleased to report the unanimous re-appointment of Gordon Mavor & Co Accountants for the forthcoming year.

Appointment of a Treasurer

20. The Chairman informed the meeting that by the stipulated closing date for receipt of nominations for the vacant position of Treasurer, only one nomination had been received, that being from the current Treasurer, Graham Campbell.
21. Therefore, in accordance with the Articles of Association (the Articles), where only "one nomination is received for a vacant position that nominee will be appointed unopposed at the Annual General Meeting (3.7)."
22. The Acting Chair intimated to the AGM that Graham Campbell would be appointed as Treasurer for a further term and offered his congratulations.

Appointment of a Non-Executive Director

23. The Acting Chair outlined that two nominations had been received this year for the one vacant Non-Executive Director position on the Board.
24. The Acting Chair asked the meeting to note the election of Gordon McCathie as a Non-Executive Director of JudoScotland:

Name	No. of Votes	Comments
Gordon McCathie	25	Elected
Mark Brien	12	-

25. The Acting Chair congratulated Gordon McCathie on his appointment and also wished to thank Mark Brien for his contribution to the work of the Board during his term of membership.

Honoraria Payment to the Chair

26. The Acting Chair introduced the annual honoraria paid to the Chair, as outlined and contained within the Articles of Association and asked the meeting to vote in relation to this item of business.
27. Attending delegates from Member Clubs were requested to vote in respect of this item of business with their AGM voting slips.

Voting	No. of Votes
For (Clubs Present)	12
For (Electronic Voting)	11

28. The Acting Chair asked the Board to note the approval of the honorarium payment for the forthcoming year to the Chair.

Closing Remarks by the Acting Chair

29. The Acting Chair informed the meeting that he had taken on the role in April and since then he has regularly been in communication with the JS staff, clubs and members. The key priority has been focussed on communication and supporting the clubs on their return:-
 - (a) Engagement of coaches and officials through the chatrooms helped them to engage with JS and support each other.
 - (b) The introduction of Fighting Fit which allowed members to participate in a virtual event which successfully concluded with over 130 entrants.
 - (c) For those clubs who had returned, JS also supported them with a Bounce Back Grading which allowed the club to charge their members if they chose to do so but at no cost to the club.
 - (d) Supported clubs with Dojo Ready and Covid Compliance – contacting members on their behalf/social media support.
30. The Acting Chair also wished to acknowledge the 'open house' policy at the JS office welcoming clubs and members e.g. World Championships and MacMillan Coffee Morning was a welcome change.
31. The Acting Chair wished to draw the attention of the meeting to the launch of the JS Hall of Fame along with the JS Lifetime Achievement Awards.
32. It was also recognised that communications and new IT will be key moving forward and significant investment in this area is necessary in order for the organisation to move forward.
33. Finally on behalf of Board, the Acting Chair wishes to convey thanks to RS for stepping into the Interim Manager role.

Close of the AGM

34. The Acting Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the 2021 Annual General Meeting at 1726 hours.