

**BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY**

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 14th July 2010

OASIS ACADEMY LORDSHILL, FAIRISLE ROAD, LORDSHILL, SOUTHAMPTON, SO16 9RG

7.30pm START

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of 31st March 2010, corrections and matters arising**
- 3. Officers reports**
- 4. Any other business**

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 31st March 2010 at 7.30pm, Oasis Academy Lordshill, Fairisle Road, Lordshill, Southampton

Present: - K.Adams, V.Kelly, C.Dibden, P Powell, D.Piears, D.Murphy, S.Lansley, N.Sexton, P.Sexton, R Giles R.Matthews, J.Hatcher, L Wicks, B Cox, B Giles, G Kemish and M Stevens

1. Apologies: - P Beard, G Evans, M Thompson,

2. Minutes of meeting held 27th January 2010 were presented and it was agreed they represented a true record of that meeting.

Matters Arising: -

- a) **Regional Development Officer**, - Peter Beard has been appointed to this post. Unfortunately he was unable to attend this meeting, but it is hoped that he will attend a future meeting to introduce himself to the committee.
- b) **Club Development Day** - no feedback was available from this event.
- c) **Brockenhurst College event** – was cancelled

3. Officers reports

Treasurer: - *Valerie Kelly*

The Treasurer provided the meeting with an up to date account of finances. These are available to all Hampshire Clubs.

Refereeing Representative: - *Val Kelly*

A referees', table officials and time keepers course is arranged for 3rd July at AWE club. The practical exam for the referees course is to be held the following day at the competition being held at the Mountbatten Centre. If anyone wishes to attend this course, please contact Val for more information.

Val advised that the Southern Area currently has 30 officials, but with many approaching retirement and each individual county not being self sufficient, always relying on other areas to support events by pooling resources. The Chairman agreed a request would go out to all clubs asking that clubs support the 3rd July event.

Val expressed her thanks to Danny Murphy, Andy Tremlett and to the Jersey player who stayed to assist with clearing up of mats following last event.

Examiners Representative: - *Marc Thompson*

No report.

County Co-Ordinator: *Steve Lansley*

The numbers attending the last dan grading held at Fleet and Frogmore were down on usual numbers but this followed the week of the Nationals. However the day went well with valuable points gained by some players.

Coaching Officer: - *Derek Piears*

A provisional timetable (year planner) has been drawn up following a very successful meeting with Peter Beard. These dates will be published on the website once confirmed and finalized.

Derek reminded all coaches that they are responsible for their own personal development and they need to be proactive to book and attend events to further their development.

Competitions Organiser & Table Officials Representative: - *Nicky Sexton*

Nicky expressed her thanks to Val Kelly for organizing the referees event, She stated that she already has two trainee time keepers keen to attend the July course.

Nicky and Paul have been invited to attend the Guernsey Closed Competition on 23rd May 2010. The County agreed to fund the cost of their air fares to attend this event as Guernsey are not financially in a position to offer assistance and without this they will be out of pocket.

Child Protection Representative:- *Paul Sexton*

No issues to report.

Senior Squads Managers: - *Ricky Giles*

Ricky asked for an explanation of the comment previously made about squad sessions. He acknowledged that it is not possible to please all of the people all of the time and there will always be some who are unhappy. It is also noted that the same people continue to support the squad training sessions and it would be really nice to see some new faces attending. All are welcome.

Ricky advised the meeting that he had asked Brian Giles to assist him with future training sessions.

Junior Squads Manager: - *Danny Murphy*

Hampshire hosted the return team event against Hertfordshire on 28th March. Danny reported that Hampshire had pulled out all stops to make this event a success, but Hertfordshire had been less than forthcoming and made this task really difficult, despite being the ones to initiate this event. The day went well and Danny expressed his appreciation to everyone who had helped him on the day, this included six referees who had turned up. Costing of the event totalled £798.49, including licence fee for the day. The Chairman thanked Danny for the effort he had gone to in making the day a success.

Chairman: - *Keith Adams*

The Chairman was extremely pleased to report that the different approach from Marc Thompson in completion of the HCC grant application has resulted in the county achieving grant funding to the sum of £2.5K towards the purchase of mats, clocks, flip charts and clock covers. With a further £3K funding which is to be ring fenced. Our thanks go to Marc for assisting in completion of this form.

The recent National Senior Examiners Seminar was attended by Keith, Peter Powell, John Pont and Tina and Dennis Penfold. Included in the discussion was an explanation of the new rules for leg grabs. Kata is back in a big way, and a proposal / idea is being considered to change dan grade standards.

Judo has been promised funding towards the 2012 Olympics, but this funding will come to an end if at least two medals are not delivered.

Vice Chairman: - *Peter Powell*

Peter supported the Chairman's report.

4. Update on Mats

A bid has been submitted to the Mountbatten Centre for the cost of replacement to the damaged mats. The cost was in excess of £5K and has been refused by the Centre. Rather than offer any compensation, the Centre have offered not to increase the fees paid for events held at the Centre up to 2011. The fees have remained unchanged since 2008 and this will mean a £250 reduction for each competition resulting in a saving to the County of £2K. The Centre Manager is happy to take this matter to court rather than pay out any compensation as the mats are not covered by the Centre's insurance as they are not owned by the Centre.

After much discussion it was agreed that Keith Adams will contact BJA HQ and HCC to seek legal advice as this could prove costly to the county if we decide to proceed via the legal system, and could involve the county facing costs if not found in our favour. It was agreed that once advice has been given to the Chairman he will make the final decision based on their guidance.

Paul had visited the Centre at the weekend and had witnessed the mats being used for a martial arts event. The Centre have previously refuted that they had been loaned out to other users at the Centre as it was initially agreed that the Centre would recompense the County each time the mats were loaned out. This is another issue which needs to be resolved as the Centre has never paid the county back any monies in respect of this. The general consensus of opinion from the committee was that for the future our mats should not be used for other activities as

the mats are not treated with care.

It was recognised that there may be a need for the County to move away from the Mountbatten Centre at some point in the future and all Hampshire members are asked if they will advise any committee member if they know of a suitable alternative venue (this must be large enough to provide sufficient floor space / mat storage and spectator seating. Peter Powell agreed to investigate Aldershot and Barbara Cox will approach Fleet & Frogmore venue. Hopefully some feedback on this will be available for the next meeting.

Any Other Business

An exchange of views took place regarding the registration of a new club received via the Southern Area. The Chairman explained to the meeting that although the Southern Area send a request for approval of a new club via Hampshire, the registration is out of the control of the committee and Hampshire is not able to prevent the registration of any new club if BJA HQ criteria is met. Again it is appreciated that this will not be to everyone's satisfaction, but hopefully the clubs concerned will find a way of working together that will be to the benefit of both clubs. (This particular situation is a result of the BJA drive to get Judo into Schools and was set up by Karen French in her former role as Southern Area School Development Officer).

Meeting closed 10pm