

**BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY**

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 17th November 2010

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

7.30pm START

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of 20th October 2010, corrections and matters arising**
- 3. Officers reports**
- 4. Mat update**
- 5. Any other business**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 20th October 2010 at 7.30pm, Oasis Academy Lordshill, Fairisle Road, Lordshill, Southampton

1. Present: - K.Adams, C.Dibden, D.Piears, S.Lansley, D.Murphy, V.Kelly, R.Giles, M.Thompson, R.Matthews, J.Hatcher, L.Wicks, T.Brown, T.Penfold, D.Penfold, P.Bear

Apologies: - P.Powell, P.Sexton, G.Evans, J.Ryan, B.Cox, I.Cox, D.Stephens

2. Minutes of meeting held 14th July 2010 were presented and it was agreed they represented a true record of that meeting.

Matters Arising: -

Senior Squad Training – Marc Thompson stated that he would like senior sessions offered to clubs around the county. Ricky Giles confirmed that this had been offered to all clubs around the county on numerous occasions and many e mail messages had been sent out by the secretary offering this to all clubs, other committee members also confirmed this. The only clubs that had come forward had been Calmore and Ringwood which is why the sessions have been predominantly held at Calmore. If other clubs would like to come forward then Ricky is more than willing to travel to whichever club would like to host a senior squad session. Marc confirmed that he would be willing to host a session at Winchester College. The secretary agreed to circulate another message. Please contact Ricky if your club is willing to host a squad session.

3. Officers reports

Refereeing Representative: - *Val Kelly*

The newly qualified Hampshire referees are as follows:

Wayne Melville, Steve Lee-sang, Ricky Giles, Pete Anderson, Adrian Jackson. One junior passed, George Butler who achieved his level 1 qualification. This is good news for Hampshire and hopefully next year we will have more to call upon for events.

Congratulations go to Val who recently was successful in achieving her National B at The Heart of England event and Paul Black who achieved his National C.

Examiners Representative: - *Marc Thompson*

No report.

County Co-Ordinator: *Steve Lansley*

During the past year 4 dan gradings have been held with numbers gradually increasing. Last weekend the day saw 23 players grade. Next year Steve is keen to hold a further four gradings with the first being 20th February 2011 at Frogmore Leisure Centre. The other 3 dates are yet to be confirmed. The gradings are now attracting players from all parts of the country and they have a good reputation . Congratulations Steve. The possibility of using another mat area for the day was discussed and it was agreed that the situation would be re-evaluated to consider using all of the hall once the grading is regularly attracting 30 players or more. Costs will then be reconsidered.

The county shop is a new innovation and really good to be reintroduced after an absence of so many years. Well done Sam Lansley.

Coaching Officer: - *Derek Piears*

Coaching within the Southern Area has been very chaotic and Derek reported that he considers his role as Area Technical Director is now almost a redundant position. He is keen for the role to be clarified and hopefully Peter Beard will have something to say about this rather unsatisfactory position within the Southern Area.

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

Fiona Prudence and Steve Lansley have passed their time keepers course and Lynn Stringer is to take her Competition Recorders exam.

The split grade competition regrettably had to be cancelled this year. This unfortunately was the cause of a rather negative e mail message being circulated by a Channel Island Club (who are part of Hampshire for BJA

purposes) who were disappointed by this and stated how much out of pocket expenses had been incurred as a result. Cancelling the event was very regrettable, but Nicky did her best to make alternative arrangements for this club by offering an alternative venue which had been made available by a Hampshire club. Despite all her efforts the club did not take up her offer and nothing further has been heard. Running a competition is costly in the first instance, with outlay costs this can be around £3,500 taking into account hall hire, first aid, meals for officials etc. so on this occasion the county had no other alternative. Marc Thompson suggested trying to negotiate so that when future events are booked, the venue does not have to be paid in full until just before the event or better still after the event, thus retaining funds in our account for as long as possible. Nicky agreed to look at this when booking another event.

The box stored at the Mountbatten Centre has been damaged and the county is seeking a carpenter or someone with woodworking skills who would be willing to give up a bit of time to repair the damaged storage box. If anyone can help, please let Nicky know (Nicky's phone number is **023 8087 1895**).

Child Protection Representative:- *Paul Sexton*

No report available

Senior Squads Managers: - *Ricky Giles*

It's the same sorry each time, the sessions are not well supported and the same faces turn up for each session. It would be really good if others would support the squad sessions. Again Ricky reiterated he is more than willing to go to other clubs, and clubs need to contact him if they are willing to host a squad training session (Ricky's contact e-mail address is RCKYG8839@hotmail.com)

Junior Squads Manager: - *Danny Murphy*

The September session with Simone Callender only generated 16 juniors and ended up running at a loss of £80. There has been a continual downward trend in attendance at junior squad sessions and in an attempt to rejuvenate the sessions Danny has decided to change the sessions from monthly to quarterly. This will free up time for players to attend other events and asks for less commitment from the players. Danny was thanked by the chairman for trying everything he could to improve attendance and the general consensus of opinion is that this is the current trend within judo. Danny is hoping that the quarterly sessions will enable coaches to attend and will encourage juniors to come along. Danny would like commitment from coaches and players to enable the success of future sessions. A circular will be sent out to all Hampshire clubs and the website will be updated to advertise dates and venues.

Press Officer: *Tony Brown*

Due to other commitments Tony has not been able to give the time to this role, but he is hopeful to catch up on this in the future.

Vice Chairman: - *Peter Powell*

No report.

Treasurer: - *Valerie Kelly*

This information is available to all Hampshire Clubs

Mats

The Chairman opened this item by reading out a lengthy e-mail that he had sent to Donald Steel (BJA Finances Director) and Barry James (BJA Southern Area Chairman). This then followed a very lengthy discussion regarding depletion of funds, which had resulted predominately due to charges incurred during the storage of the mats being held at Lok N Store. Previous minutes have detailed information regarding the damage caused Hampshire mats whilst they were stored at the Mountbatten Centre. The Southern Area was made aware of the predicament Hampshire was in and Nicky and Paul Sexton were present at a meeting with Alan Rickard along with representatives from other areas when the discussion took place about the removal of the K2 mats following the purchase of the new K2 mat areas. All four Southern Area reps were asked if they wanted the old K2 mats as they were about to take delivery of the new ones. Roy Luff stated that he wanted a few, but no one else wanted any, so Hampshire were told they could have the remainder. Due to K2 taking delivery of their new mats and at short notice Hampshire removed the mats from K2 and with the Mountbatten Centre issue still in dispute, it was agreed the mats from K2 would be stored short term at Lok N Store. The mats were accepted by Hampshire in good faith and at that time it was not indicated by the Southern Area that the mats were a loan and could be recalled at any time. The intention by Hampshire was that the mats would be used to replace the damaged mats

at the Mountbatten Centre (once the dispute with the Mountbatten Centre was resolved) and any surplus along with the ones least damaged at the Centre would be dispersed to clubs in Hampshire in need of them. Fortunately due to the mats remaining in storage these had never been distributed, as Nicky and Paul were contacted and advised that the mats from K2 were needed by the Southern Area and as Hampshire does not have any more funds, Nicky had no alternative but to give them back to the Southern Area. The mats at Lok N Store were immediately removed and are now at Tunbridge, though the 50 that were at Winchester College as part of the development plan and could not be removed. This has resulted in Hampshire having no funds and owing money to provide individuals who had paid for mat storage in good faith that they would be reimbursed.

The Chairman explained that with hindsight had the county realised the mats were only a loan the county would not have accepted the offer. Hampshire did the Southern Area a favour by removing them from K2 at very short notice (within a few days) and incurred the cost of hiring a large van to remove them from K2 (this was done by Nicky and Paul) and then to find storage at short notice. The intention was never for the mats to remain in storage for so long, but hindsight is wonderful thing! The committee considered Hampshire had been rather misled by the Southern Area.

The Chairman advised that the Southern Area minutes have always indicated the mats have been loaned to Hampshire. The committee decided at this stage of the meeting that the Southern Area should be invoiced for the full cost of the van hire and for the storage of mats.

In an attempt to resolve the issue Peter Beard (BJA South East Development Officer) then left the meeting to contact the Southern Area who were holding a regular meeting. As a result he was able to arrange an urgent meeting which was agreed between Southern Area representatives, Barry James, Alan Rickard and Richard Anderson with Keith Adams, Val Kelly and Nicky / Paul Sexton. The meeting is to be held on Friday 22nd October at Winchester University when it is hoped the matter will be resolved. The committee agreed that Keith would have authority to use his judgement should any decision need to be made on the day and he will report back to the committee at the next meeting which will be arranged for November.

Any Other Business

i) First aid at an event is extremely costly and as a way of saving money it is suggested we use in house first aid. This would be a team of people who have received more training than the basic first aid and who turn up for judo events on a regular basis. Steve Lansley along with two other people are more than willing to attend further training if this could be arranged by the county. This may be a way forward for Hampshire, though it was also pointed out this had been tried in the past and the county had in fact provided first aid training at no cost. Many people were quick to take up the offer of free training and used this to gain the qualifications they needed, but it had not been possible to get their support once they had attained the qualification. The offer from Steve was appreciated and this is an option which could be considered again. A suggestion was also made to try and use the link the university has with St John's Ambulance, making the cost much cheaper. Nicky advised that this option had already been explored and whilst it is available to Dorset, this is not available for Hampshire events.

ii) Nicky asked (as she has done on many occasions before) if anyone would be willing to take up the role of Competitions Organiser as this person could take over the organisation of the competitions which takes up a great deal of time. This would then free up both Paul and Nicky's time to be able to run the event on the day and any offer would be gratefully received. Please contact Nicky if interested.

iii) Future competitions – Nicky asked if a message could be circulated to all clubs asking if any club will be willing to host a Hampshire event. **Action:** Carol to circulate to all clubs

iv) Hampshire Games 2011 – Peter Beard asked if the county would be willing to support Judo being included in the 2011 Hampshire Games. The committee all agreed we would be willing to support this, though asked if Hampshire could dictate how the event is run ie ages/weights and Paul confirmed this could be negotiated, The Chairman asked Peter if he would contact Karen French for further information in format as she has previously organized this event. Peter agreed to do this and feedback.

Meeting closed 9.55pm

Next meeting to be held Wednesday 17th November 2010