

Annual General Meeting Sunday 5th July 2015
The Novotel Coventry, Wilsons Lane
Longford, Coventry, CV6 6HL

Present : R Otani, G R Mealing plus 44 members including the outgoing Headquarters committee

Meeting commenced 2.07pm

1. Apologies.

S Mazzullo, D Dowding, T. Gray, J Gray, P Laskey, C Laskey, G Merredew, S Merredew, J Richmond, T Grigg, P Grigg, J Kenny, M Newton, A Scott, R Smith, K Dawson, P Tipping, C Newman, J Massmann, Mrs J Massmann.

2. Nominations of tellers.

J Macintyre, Somerset. W. Kent S. Wales.

3. Minutes of AGM 2014.

B Cooke proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, 2nd L Witts and Agreed with 27 abstentions.

4. Matters Arising.

None

5. President's Report.

See attached.

6. Chairman's Report.

See attached.

7. Area Reports.

Reports were received from Newcastle, Notts, S. Wales, Cornwall, Lancs, S London, Cleveland & Sth Durham, Herts, Northumberland, N. London, Leics & NHants & Kent.

8. Sub-Committee Reports.

All covered in chairman's report.

9. Finance Report.

See attached.

The HQC had proposed no change in the membership fees, this was voted on and agreed With 1 abstention.

G R Mealing proposed the accounts be accepted, 2nd B Carnaby and agreed by all members present.

N Harrison proposed that the BJC continue using Bradford House Accountancy, 2nd G R Mealing Agreed unanimously.

G R Mealing proposed a vote of thanks for the Treasurer, 2nd W Root, Agreed.

10. Resolutions.

None received.

11. Recommendations to the Technical Committee.

None received

12. Nominations for HQC

Following the withdrawal of T Grigg. There were 12 nominations for the Headquarters Committee The following were elected to serve as HQC Members.

I Bailey	N London	J Chrisp	Newcastle
J Boswell	Notts	R Smith	Herts
R Harris	Leics& N Hants	Bob Cleevely	Herts
L Witts	Notts	B Richmond	E London & City
N Harrison	Midlands	D Sherwood/Alfert	Bucks/ Lancs
I Evans	S. Wales		

13. Election of Treasurer.

W Root proposed N Harrison, 2nd B Cleevely and agreed with 1 abstention.

There being no other business the President Mr R Otani closed the meeting at 3.10pm thanking all for attending.

The Presidents Address AGM 5th July 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to 2015 BJC AGM.

The BJC has done remarkable well this year. We have continued to be financially stable and fully functional, at a time when National interest in judo has been declining.

The public perception of judo is very different to the comprehensive educational values and healthy advantages that BJC uniquely promote in the UK. For our size of organisation the benefits of judo with the BJC is a very difficult message to get across at National level.

We are not a commercial business striving to make profit from a commercial product. We are an organisation of dedicated volunteers proudly promoting the finest principles of judo, with an income totally dependent on membership numbers.

There is enormous potential to grow our membership in schools and public activities but our ability to do this is almost entirely dependent on the voluntary effort of our members.

Therefore I am delighted to announce a real boost to BJC with the imminent prospect of, the very worthy, Professional help of Jane Bridge-Charlot as Technical Consultant to the BJC. This engagement is about to be finalised and will be for an initial twelve month period, with a view of possible ongoing continuation.

The proposal from the President and NTC was financially approved by HQC in June.

Jane's overall objective will be;

'How improve every aspect of BJC judo and influence better British Judo as a whole'.

For those who don't know; Jane is an Honorary member of the BJC and started judo with the BJC under the late Ernest Singleton in Bolton, Lancashire, before becoming three times, European Gold medallist as an under 48kg and the first Women's World Judo Champion.

Jane's profile and ability is portrayed in more depth on the internet.

I personally have a very high regard for Jane as an astute, dexterous, intelligent lady who exceptionally applies her mind to matters of judo. As an experienced judoka of slight physique, Jane's views of skill needs are, very much akin to those of my father Masutaro Otani and my own thinking.

Jane's scope will cover, observation, analysis and recommendations to the President and NTC, of all our current Judo aims in coaching and related policies.

This will include:

- All BJC coaching and training methods, from BJC Clubs, Area and National Courses.
- BJC National Squad training and objectives
- The BJC Contest rules for BJC competitions, Closed, Open and International.
- The BJC Contest rules for grading
- FPJ Coaching courses
- Any other areas affected by the objective.

To this end, Jane's twelve month plan will be:

1. To attend as Observer - one FPJ1 course
2. To attend as Observer - one FPJ2 course
3. To make a video of all FPJ techniques with direction from Penny Grigg.
4. To hold a one day seminar (at Coventry) with Team BJC, the President, an NTC member and HQC Chair. With a purpose to establish the long term coaching objectives for all coaches of the BJC National Squad & Team BJC
5. To hold a National Coaching weekend course & Coaching for Complete Judo open to all BJC coaches covering many of the aspects Jane has developed from her very successful Coaching Master Class at St. Ives 2015.

On a more modest scale I am already working with BJC members, next weekend, to rehearse a BJC Nage Waza DVD of standing judo, with a prime purpose of giving good technical images of many fundamental aspects of basic judo posture, core strength, and skill routines, all leading up to and complimenting FPJ. The final part of the DVD will be demonstrations of the required BJC Syllabus throws. This DVD will also be subject to Jane's analysis and advice.

A further Ne-Waza DVD is planned for a later date

To close may all those attending today and all our BJC members their dedicated loyal support and efforts to promote the BJC.

A special thanks to our Hon-Treasurer and the committee members of the HQC, NTC, BJC-Technical Center.

Finally, my sincere thanks to Mrs Annette Shaw, ably assisted by Mrs. Karen Hockings for the most competent, friendly and helpful management, of the BJC Office and BJC Club Development.

The continuation of us all working together with a strong family bond will give us the strongest foundation for future success.

Thank you.

Robin Otani
President of the British Judo Council

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

BJC Limited is the financial and administrative arm of the BJC. The HQC is the Management Committee of that company and I am currently the Chair of that Management Committee. It should be understood that we have no control over the technical aspects of the BJC, including the content of courses, refereeing and recording at events and rule changes.

In financial terms we are stable, as you will hear from the Treasurer's report. I am grateful to the Events Committee for their hard work in making our events financially viable and to all the individuals who gave up their free time in various roles to make them a success. Neil Harrison, despite having a very demanding full-time accountancy job AND studying for a further degree is doing a superb job in managing our finances and we should be very grateful to him.

Administratively, we are in the capable hands of Annette, assisted and supported by Karen. We are very fortunate to have them. I am particularly grateful to Annette for her continued work as our Child Protection Officer. The HQC's role in child protection and Health and Safety is a very important and sometimes demanding one and I am relieved that she has such a mastery of that subject (as does Len Witts with the more general Health and Safety issues)

Membership and renewals are, sadly, at an unacceptably low level. I cannot say whether we are less popular or whether there are a number of people practising in our clubs who have not taken out or renewed their licences. It is essential that our clubs and instructors ensure that all those practising are insured (with our licences). Unlike the BJA, our income is solely from membership fees (and a small amount from any surplus from events).

Our other work continues much as it has before. We meet with the BJA liaison team from time-to-time and discuss matters of common interest. Our main focus, at the moment, is in ensuring that we get value for money from our affiliation fee. We support the work of Team BJC financially and we do our best to make sure that the organisation runs smoothly from an administrative and financial perspective. Sadly, we are losing a number of our long-serving members. Tony Grigg has been a stalwart member, supporter and Vice Chair of the HQC. We must be particularly grateful to him for his work in gaining us the best deal from our new insurers which took a great deal of time and effort.

Martyn Kempson has been an amazing member of the HQC. His work with our charitable foundation and his general advice on fundraising has had a lasting positive effect on the BJC.

Finally, Tom Gray who has been a constant support and wise counsel will be sorely missed. My sincere thanks to them and to my other HQC colleagues for their hard work.

Bernard Richmond HQC Chair