

**Annual General Meeting Sunday 1st July 2012**  
**The Novotel Coventry, Wilsons Lane**  
**Longford, Coventry, CV6 6HL**

Present : R Otani, G R Mealing plus 27 members including the outgoing Headquarters committee

Meeting commenced 2.07pm

- 1. Apologies.**  
D Dowding, C Newman, E Kenny, J Kenny, P Laskey, C Laskey, B Caffary, R Caffary, J Richmond, T Grigg, P Grigg, N Harrison, M Newton, A Scott, W Youlton, A Carlisle, L M Gaitely, R Cleevely, A Gaitely, Y Fox, J Massmann, Mrs J Massmann, R Dawe, N Foster,
- 2. Nominations of tellers.**  
N Vitanza , N London. K Dawson, Midlands.
- 3. Minutes of AGM 2011.**  
B Cooke proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, 2<sup>nd</sup> L Witts and Agreed with 14 abstentions.
- 4. Matters Arising.**  
None
- 5. President's Report.**  
See attached.
- 6. Chairman's Report.**  
See attached.

*D Sherwood, R Brewster & I Black joined meeting 2.26pm*

- 7. Area Reports.**  
Reports were received from Newcastle, Notts, S.Wales, Cornwall, Lancs, S London, Cleveland & Sth Durham, Herts, Northumberland, N.London, Leics & NHants & Midlands.
- 8. Sub-Committee Reports.**  
All covered in chairman's report.
- 9. Finance Report.**  
See attached.  
  
N Harrison proposed the accounts be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> P Tipping and agreed by all members present.

N Harrison proposed that the BJC continue using Bradford House Accountancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> B Cleevely Agreed unanimously.

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

B Richmond reported that due to the new insurance package provided by Endsleigh insurance brokers the HQC were recommending no change to the membership fees for the coming year.

**10. Resolutions.**

None received.

**11. Recommendations to the Technical Committee.**

None received

**12. Nominations for HQC**

There were 12 nominations for the Headquarters Committee.

The following were elected to serve as HQC Members.

G R Mealing	Lancs/S London	A Newton	Lancs
I Bailey	N London	M Kempson	N London
T Grigg	Avon	R Smith	Herts
R Harris	Leics& N Hants	Bob Cleevely	Herts
L Witts	Notts	B Richmond	E London & City
T Gray	Cornwall/E London & City		

**13. Election of Treasurer.**

GR Mealing proposed N Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Gray and agreed unanimously

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

## **The President's Address AGM 1st July 2012**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to 2012 BJC AGM.

It has been a very interesting year most of all by the fact that Y/E April 2012 the BJC had an unexpected Trading surplus with an indication of a possible increase in membership. This will be covered in more detail in our financial report.

This is one of the many positive happenings this year that in my opinion, far outweigh any negative setbacks that have occurred.

Dare I say "some 'Green Shoots' are starting to show?"

At Club, Area and sometimes Regional level, many dedicated BJC members are putting hard effort to run successful clubs and organise successful local events which gives us all a great satisfaction of being involved in BJC judo.

The BJC 'positives' at National level that I have seen during the year are:

- The successful BJC Kata Tournament which continues to improve each year.
- The progressive improvements in the standard of judo we are seeing on the contest mat at BJC Championships, all helped by the BJC Contest rules tailored to produce Ippon Judo.
- Internationally, 'Team BJC' continues to give excellent performances and admirable representation of the BJC abroad.
- The publishing of the new BJC Leaflet, which summarises our aims and shows our special approach to judo. I believe this will give real interest to new potential members, parents and authorities, who are looking for fulfilling physical activities.
- The new style BJC Open Championships has now established a format that I feel is successful and will attract many BJC, BJA and AJA entries.
- In November we shall have a 'first' for many years, a 'BJC Closed Championships, that cover entries from BJC Primary, Junior and Senior members.
- The Charity, BJC British Judo Foundation, has awarded grants for numerous deserving judo needs and will continue to grow its funds and help many good judo causes.

- The new BJC Awards Evening in March was an astounding success, thanks to Bernard Richmond, the organiser and Master of Ceremonies.
- The three new Honorary Members who joined the BJC in March; Neil Adams MBE, Jane Bridge-Charlot and Ray Steven, will, I feel give us future support of our aims to achieve the best quality of judo.
- BJC Cromer National Course has established a fantastic new winning format.
- BJC Clubs and members now have full access and assistance, to obtain the BJA Clubmark. A small number of BJC clubs are now piloting their applications.
- The launch of the BJC Kata Master Class (KMC) headed by our Vice President Mr. G. R. Mealing, looks destined to be another successful BJC milestone. As part of the Kata Master Class (KMC) we hope to accredit those who attend, with BJC National and Regional Kata qualifications.
- The latest Mismatch Policy – Interim 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is now a workable document for all BJC grading and makes very little change to our previously established working practices.
- We now see a new possible avenue of funding to bring Japanese Coaches to the BJC in 2013 and Bernard Richmond will expand on this.
- The new 'Lakes' Summer School in Cumbria 2013 is now being diligently organised by John Barton with the total support of the HQC, NTC and myself. We all hope this will be a big success.

There are probably some others events and I apologise if I have missed them out.

Also, to follow soon are:

- A system to allow Area Technical Officers and the Area Senior grade, to identify and subsequently award Club and Area qualifications for Kata and Grading, this is now being finalised with the NTC and will be announced soon.
- There will be a review of the BJC 2010 syllabus, to make it more practical and user-friendly.
- I myself have been working on a document defining my views of 'Skilful Judo' which will be published this summer. I feel this will help us to focus on our aims and weaknesses and I will include my suggestions of initiatives that I feel can help realise improvements for producing higher quality judoka who will raise the standard of BJC and British Judo.

- Finally, I am also in the process of reviewing and establishing a BJC Special Needs Policy.

Our Vice President Mr. G.R. Mealing continues, at times, to bring us all in-to-line and down-to-earth. His 'Grand Master' image is long respected by us all, albeit that it often irks our feelings and makes us squeal. Sound experience and advice is a priceless asset, so, thank you Mr. Mealing.

Our Deputy Vice Presidents John Cole, Paul Laskey and Bernard Richmond have all been ready and available to represent the President on occasions and Paul in particular did a splendid job at Cromer this year.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all BJC members, clubs, officials and parents, for their continued voluntary support of the BJC.

Also Members of the HQC, NTC, BTC and Neil Harrison our Treasurer, for their continued devotion to running a successful BJC.

Finally, my sincere thanks to our most competent, friendly and helpful Office Manager Mrs Annette Shaw, ably assisted by Mrs. Karen Hockings.

Let's all continue to work together as a - very successful happy family. Thank you.

Robin Otani – President of the British Judo Council

## HQC CHAIRS REPORT 2012

The British Judo Council is, and will remain, the second largest judo body in the UK. We have a proud history of dedication to sound technical judo coupled with an insistence that there is more to judo than winning medals; the real victory is in being the best you can both as a judoka and a person.

Some of our views are not fashionable, others (which we have held for a long time) have come into vogue (for example, the common view in both the BJC and the BJA that kyu grading should be about reinforcing technical skill rather than encouraging quick competitive results).

But, of course, whilst we must hold fast to our core values, we must not be scared to challenge those values and make sure that they're still valid; sometimes some change or recalibration is needed. Sometimes, also, there needs to be change of direction or emphasis. An obvious example has been the move towards FPJ as a basis for much of what we do.

There is no doubt, in my mind, that BJC still remains committed to our core values of dedication to excellence, encouraging judoka to be decent human beings (as well as talented judoka) and encouraging high quality technical judo.

However, we cannot operate in a vacuum, pretending that the wider world does not exist; nor can the BJC be a home for those who wish to do entirely as they please, with no regard to our stated aims, policies and structures. We are all entitled to insist that our officials, coaches and instructors have certain minimum qualifications, abide by our core principles and rules and behave with integrity in their dealings with the organisation and its members.

We are a voluntary organisation. We do not force anyone to be a member. However, if we are worth belonging to (and we ALL believe that we are, I hope) then we cannot say to those who leave us, who reject our values and what we stand for, that we are happy to continue to support them and to include them in our activities.

It is for that reason that the HQC acted as it did with Judo For All.

We cannot continue to pretend that rejecting the realities of life in a structured, organised, modern judo body is due to some higher calling to pure judo. Splits are usually borne out of a desire to get one's own way about something or about some form of political disagreement. Spin it how you like, but that's the reality.

Splits are a fact of life and we must move on. We wish those who have left us well and, of course, generally, the door is always open, should those who have left discover that the BJC is their real home after all.

We have good news this year. Firstly, we have made major strides in our relationship with the BJA over Clubmark and a pilot is underway with three clubs in and around London and three in the Midlands. Apologies to the many others who would like to have been involved in the pilot; it was, I promise, to do with Geography and resource allocation of trainers.

Generally, relations with the BJA are good and I am grateful to the liaison team of Roy Smith, Tony Grigg, Bob Cleevely and Simon Mazullo who together with myself and the President have been actively involved in ensuring that we get a good deal from our affiliation and that as many doors as possible are open to us as easily as possible.

I am doubly grateful to Tony Grigg, the Vice-chair of the HQC at the moment. As well as being a constant support to me, he has been instrumental in brokering a superb new Insurance deal for us with Endsleigh Insurance. The new arrangements are significantly better for us at a very competitive price. As a consequence, despite the better package, we are able to freeze the licence fee for the next 12 months at the current rates.

This freeze is also possible due to a good year financially. Much of our success is due to the excellent financial advice and efforts of Neil Harrison, our new Treasurer. He is, without doubt, a class act, excellent in his field and he has reformed the way that we look at the accounts, our finances and our strategic planning of budgets. Our poor accountants, however, do not know what hit them!

Events have undergone a major overhaul this year. I wish to pay particular tribute to those involved. Our successful National

Championships at Northampton was very promising, Not without teething troubles - nothing ambitious ever is- we are confident that next year's event will be evensmarter and better. Many many congratulations to Roger Harris and Len Witts, in particular, for their efforts in this and our other competitions. I have seen something of their plans for next year and it's very exciting.

Bob Cleevely, delivered an excellent Kata tournament. His dedication to the cause has given kata practitioners a well-deserved boost and we look forward to next year's event. The HQC have also recently approved funding support for a series of Kata master classes to be held, led by Mr Mealing, Vice President. These are designed as sessions for those with knowledge of kata with the aim of analysing what BJC kata is (and isn't). He will be assisted, I gather, by Moira Newton 6th Dan who, together with Ann Scott, have been working hard for us on the Kata Group of the BJC Technical Centre.

Our national courses continue to improve. I was extremely impressed at the revamped Bognor Course last August. Congratulations and thanks to Tony Newton, Moira and Ann Scott for their efforts to make this a success. We are trying a different format this year and are lucky to have Jane Bridge coming to run a two day course on the Wednesday and Thursday, with Monday and Tuesday having a sharper focus on BJC judo, run by BJC instructors. Our courses are very important as a means of sharing good practice and fostering BJC judo. May I make a special plea to all areas to support them.

Cromer was a big success this year, many thanks to the Notts Area who help us in organising the event. Our Guest Instructor, Nick Holmes was an outstanding success and, Deputy Vice President, Paul Laskey oversaw the week with his usual style. We look forward to an excellent Cromer Course next year - rumours of the demise of the Course were premature; as long as it is supported by the membership, the Whitsun course remains a firm fixture in the BJC calendar.

Southport continues to thrive as does St Ives; though not National Courses (in that they are run by areas, rather than by the HQC) each is close to our collective hearts.

Congratulations to Southport in reaching a milestone anniversary this year.

St Ives was its usual magical self. Neil Adams was pretty cool, wasn't he?! Many thanks to all those who organise these events.

For those who worry about missing the Borders Summer School, fear not. We hear that a Course in the North East is planned and the HQC is actively supporting the venture.

What else can I tell you? The BJC judo Foundation has begun giving out awards and the Chair, Martyn Kempson, is worth his weight and mine in gold. Moreover, he has been instrumental in finding sponsors for some of our events - for example, we had a substantial sponsor for the national event at Northampton this year. Martyn's experience as a former Chief Executive of a London Borough coupled with his encyclopaedic knowledge of funding and sponsorship issues has made him an invaluable asset to the HQC and the BJC; many thanks, indeed, for all your efforts.

The BJC Awards event was a huge success. Again, thanks to Martyn for getting us a great deal on the hotel. It was a very positive evening and the winners were pleased and often surprised to win. Rosemary Caffary's lifetime achievement award brought the house down. I am sorry that Mr Mealing did not wish to be involved because many many people rightly nominated him for a lifetime achievement award. I think, sometimes, people just want find a way to say "thanks for everything" and I hope and believe that the awards allow for that. They will be back, next year, with a slightly different nomination and voting structure to widen the pool. I am currently working on finding cheaper accommodation and parking so that people can come more easily. Please get involved and support the event.

Team BJC is doing very well. Many congratulations for excellent performances in recent events and to the coaches and organisers for creating an excellent team with impressive team spirit.

Our plan for the next year is to increase membership and continue to sharpen up our act to make us an organisation to which people want to belong and support. We must do everything we can to encourage more members and more clubs. Roy Smith has agreed to take the lead role in developing BJC judo in schools. His

enthusiasm and knowledge of School's judo make him an obvious candidate for this job and please support him in his work.

Funding remains a worry for people. Please remember that, as a BJA affiliate, we are as entitled as any BJA club to apply for funding from any public body. Any problems, please let us know. Annette and I are on the case for one club already and are ready to take up the issue whenever necessary.

A few thank-yous to finish, please. To Yvette for her work with Judoka. To Penny Grigg for all the work on FPJs and Simon Mazzullo for managing the Clubmark pilot. To Annette for being, simply, fantastic and Karen for her hard work in the office. Also thanks to David Sherwood, who is bringing his technical and marketing expertise to bear. Some of the messages ain't comfortable but they are important and have already played a significant part in our thinking.

Finally, to my colleagues on the HQC. You are well served by your reps, in my view. Ian Bailey brings his knowledge of Business and the wider judo world, which has made our work better informed, Martyn, Tony Grigg, Roger, Roy and Bob I have already spoken of. Len Witts brings experience and enthusiasm, as does Tony Newton. Tom Grey brings realism and experience together with being the organiser of the most successful course on the planet! Last but not least, we have Mr Mealing and The President who are, of course, two of the cornerstones of the BJC.

The other cornerstones are our members and our instructors. It is to them that the greatest credit and thanks are due. Without them, this organisation is nothing and does nothing. Our work on the HQC is not and cannot be about ego, personal status, control or maintaining a status quo. Our work is dedicated to making this the best organisation it can be for all of our members. I, like my colleagues are committed to that cause and thank you for the opportunity to be involved in it.

Bernard Richmond chair HQC.

**BRITISH JUDO COUNCIL  
TREASURERS REPORT  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
1 JULY 2012**

My report today deals with the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2012.

The books and record during this period were maintained by Annette Shaw at head office and the financial statements were prepared by Bradford House Accountancy.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

I am pleased to report that the financial statements report a post tax profit of £23,764. This represents a significant improvement on the results of the prior year which saw a loss of circa £7k.

How has this turnaround been achieved? The primary contributory factors are as follows:

1. We cashed a long term investment making a profit of £8,444
2. We negotiated a £7,500 cash rebate from our insurer
3. Expenditure on events such as Cromer, Bognor, Junior Nationals etc was cut by a total of £5,129.

I consider the insurance rebate and the profit on the disposal of investment to be one off items. As such our ongoing core activities generated a profit of £7,820 (£23,764 - £8,444 - £7,500). Given the challenges faced by the BJC during the year I consider this to be a sound financial performance.

**BALANCE SHEET**

I shall now talk you through the balance sheet on a line by line basis:

**Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets with a net book value of £3,128 include mats, electronic scoreboards, furniture etc.

During the year it was discovered that a number of old assets no longer held by the BJC were still on the balance sheet. These old assets had cost £11,665. However, they had been depreciated by £12,378 (i.e. over depreciated). Therefore, the net effect of removing these assets from the balance sheet was just £713.

**Stocks**

Stocks comprise £5,335 of BJC merchandise (e.g. ties, badges, booklets).

**Debtors**

Debtors of £28,254 comprise:

1. Prepaid insurance (i.e. paid in advance) - £14,036
2. Prepaid rent - £833
3. Prepaid competition expenses - £5,610
4. Amounts due from the BJC British Judo Foundation Charity £7,775

### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand of £90,726 comprises the monies held in our various bank accounts plus a small petty cash float .

### **Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

Creditors of £11,955 comprise:

1. Event entry fees received in advance - £9,973
2. Accruals - £1,800
3. Taxation payable - £182

### **PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT**

Each year the BJC pay certain insurance policies in advance. These amounts paid in advance are recorded as an asset within the balance sheet.

During the year we discovered an error in the way in which our insurance prepayments were previously calculated. The effect of this error was as follows:

	2011	2010
	£	£
Increase / (decrease) profit for the financial year:	<u>329</u>	<u>(9,659)</u>
Reduction in net assets as reported in the balance sheet:	<u>(9,330)</u>	<u>(9,659)</u>

We have corrected this error during the year by way of a "*prior year adjustment*". This is why the comparative figures within the financial statements are labelled "*as restated*". It is also why the opening reserves are £9,330 smaller than the closing reserves reported in the prior year financial statements.

### **CLOSING STATEMENT**

I would like to thank Annette Shaw for her diligent maintenance of the company's books and records and I would like to propose that the services of Bradford House Accountancy are retained for the following year.

Neil Harrison FCCA  
Treasurer of the British Judo Council