



DIRECTOR'S MEETING 13 July 2020, 15:00

## MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS

Present: Richard Martin (chair), Dave Coles, Simon Hayes, James McIntyre, Rodrigo Souza, Mike Williams, Neil Williams

Apologies: Pete Lavery, Lawrence Selby

Agenda:

- 1) Govt guidelines on reopening of gyms
- 2) Council restructure update
- 3) A.O.B.

There being more than 3 directors present, in accordance with article 24 of the Constitution, the meeting was declared quorate

Proceedings:

- 1) Richard Martin voiced the opinion that the guidance was quite simple: gyms could reopen, but social distance would need to be maintained and that the only people allowed to spar would be people from the same household or athletes on the elite programme. Mike Williams pointed out that Sport England's FAQs specifically mentioned that contact sports, e.g. karate, judo and gymnastics, should not yet return to contact-based training. RM drew attention to p7 of the Sport England guidance, which stated "in extreme cases it is possible that an offence of corporate manslaughter could be committed by the failure to provide sufficient protective measures to employees or volunteers". Simon Hayes raised a question about the legal basis of SE guidance. RM has been in touch with SE asking for further guidance, but consensus opinion that we should follow the SE guidelines. RM asked that the minutes show that the policies and procedures adopted by the Association have been robust and have proved to work. MW raised the issue of insurance and confirmed that the advice from our insurers was that, provided government guidelines were followed, and provided a suitable risk assessment was in place, insurance would be valid – but there is a risk that if member clubs followed the letter of the law but not the guidance, they would be left without insurance cover. RM pointed out that the processes of the Elite programme were highly likely become our guidelines for a full return to contact based training. There followed discussion of the contents of the forthcoming statement to members on the return to sport. SH suggested publishing (to our members) RM's letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, offering a wider study than the elite programme currently provides.  
ACTION: MW to draft press release and FAQ section on the website, with a member newsletter to follow outlining more detail. Risk Assessment template also to be made available to members.
- 2) Mike Williams informed the board that we have had 10 expressions of interest for the advertised council positions and 7 CVs. No external applications, except for one person representing a diversity consultancy.  
ACTION: MW to chase CVs from all contacts and check that applicants to the Finance Committee roles are suitable qualified (i.e. accountancy qualifications). SH to invite applications from two





other members of the BJJ community who had previously shown an interest in being involved. Short interview process to be arranged.

3) A.O.B.

RM asked if there were any objections to him taking a position on the British Wrestling southern area panel. No objections were raised.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:02 am