



DIRECTOR'S MEETING 2 December 2020, 20:00

MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS

Present: Richard Martin (chair), James McIntyre, Lawrence Selby, Mike Williams

Apologies: Pete Lavery

Agenda:

- 1) Covid Winter Plan/Return to Sport Updates
- 2) Welsh Director Vacancy
- 3) New council and committee(s)
- 4) AGM 2020 planning and agenda
- 5) 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) RM updated Board on DCMS Combat Sports guidelines as published on 1 December. Confirmed that we submitted our Action Plan for Return to Sport (which has been ready since July) to Sport England. Sport England are now responsible for forwarding it to DCMS. RM expressed frustration at the lack of consultation from DCMS and that by only allowing England Tier 1 to move into Phase 1 of the framework (which focuses on pad work and is therefore not relevant to BJJ), that there is still effectively no training with contact permitted. All martial arts on combat sports panel have expressed concern that at the very least under 18s be allowed to resume training (as in Scotland).

RM also confirmed that our study into the mental health impact of covid-19 on the BJJ community would be ready for publication very soon, potentially by next week; and also that he has had several meetings with supportive MPs, alongside Simon Ling, head of Gracie Barra UK. Our message remains that we as a sport (and industry) are being unfairly treated and that we believe we have a workable, robust action plan for a safe return to sport that could be implemented right away.

Once study is complete, it will be published on website alongside Action Plan, LS asked whether Armed Forces Committee and Emergency Services Committee could assist in getting training up and running in their service branches, to provide more evidence of safety of BJJ training.

- 2) RM expressed on behalf of the Association our deep gratitude for all the hard work and dedication put in by Neil Williams as outgoing Director. All agreed that Neil's replacement should be elected at an EGM, in accordance with the Constitution and that we would not seek to fill the vacancy by appointment.





ACTION: MW to publish vacancy and election process asap and schedule EGM asap. Candidates will be invited to submit a biography and vision statement for hosting on the UKBJJA website ahead of election.

- 3) We have new club and member insurance in place, underwritten by Hiscox insurance. The new policy, as well as providing liability cover as before also allows us to offer instructor insurance to our club members and offers some significant enhancements to the previous policy.
ACTION: MW to circulate new membership packages and instructor insurance packages to Board for approval prior to publishing. As per the constitution, we would not increase the price of basic individual membership (£15) or basic club membership (£50).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:45