

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
20th JUNE 2010
FORREST GATE POLICE STATION.

PRESENT

C.Lindley, M.Dinsdale, M.Billman, A.Genery, J.Moreton, S.Copeland, M.Symmonds,
T.Donovan, C.Thompson

- 1. APOLOGIES**, T.Pottage
- 2. ACCURACY OF MINUTES -25/04/2010.** Previously agreed via email.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING – 25/04/2010.**

MS – He had enquired about funding for Referees training. This had to be applied for by individuals and not groups.

CL - Raised concerns at the number of un-necessary emails. Requested emails be kept to relevant ones only.

CL – Proposed that a letter sent from Woodcocks Solicitors on behalf of P.Allen and the AMA be sent to the EKF Solicitors.

Proposed MD, 2ND AG – Unanimously agreed.

4. REFEREE PAYMENTS

MD – Suggested we look at a way to re-pay Referees for their International successes. He suggested a Reward payment for gaining a qualification, as a way of paying back the high cost involved in gaining a qualification.

AG – Stated that Dale Gamble had asked the Board to consider a Referees budget, to financially assist Referees travelling abroad.

JM – Asked the Board to act with caution regarding payments.

MD – Proposed a Working Party be set up to look at to look at this and report back to the next meeting.

The Working Party to consist of J Moreton, A. Genery and T Donovan.

Proposed MD, 2ND AG – Unanimously agreed.

5. EKF STRUCTURE.

A sub-committee of A. Genery, T.Pottage and W.Thomas (co-opted) had been had been looking at various aspects of re-structuring the EKF.

5.1 CLUB MEMBERSHIP. A framework was tabled to offer NON-EKF CLUBS the opportunity to join EKF. This was agreed in principle, CL to write a letter.

5.2 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. The committee are further investigate the Individual membership scheme operated by Scotland.

5.3 REGIONAL SQUAD STRUCTURE. Willie Thomas had previously written a Whole Sport Plan around Regionalisation. Willie had previously spoken to the National Coach on aspects of this.

It was unanimously agreed that Willie Thomas should liaise with Wayne Otto on implementing a Regional squad programme. Report to the next meeting.

5.4 A further suggestion was put forward defining the various roles and responsibilities of the Directors.

It was proposed and agreed that JM should contact Jel, (Jelinet) and ask him to take on the role of EKF Media and Marketing.

Proposer JM, 2ND AG – Unanimously agreed.

This work is ongoing with a further report at the next meeting.

6. DT PROCEDURES

MB stated that the recent DT brought had been looked at and conducted by the EKF Solicitors and was deemed to be Just, Legal and Fair.

MB read out a statement outlining the EKF DT Procedure. This was to be checked by Ian Stebbings and circulated to the Board.

CL stated that the recent DT was handled in a supremely professional manner, and there was nothing untrue on the EKF website.

SC asked why the DT result had been put on the website, and why the DT had taken place after the group had resigned.

CL stated that the DT result was published after a majority decision of the Directors. **CL** said the DT went ahead as a result of the preparation and money involved and on advice from the EKF Solicitors.

CL reminded the Board members of their duty of confidentiality, and stated that information had been leaked from the Board to other groups.

7. M and A's

SC stated that he had 12 email replies and 3 calls from his request to members for comments on the M and A's.

The following points had come back to **SC**

- Why were the current M and A's not acceptable?
- We must not waterdown our M and A's too and we must meet WKF statutes.

SC stated that he aimed to have a draft set of M and A's available in 14 days. This would be circulated to HoA for comment and aim to have an agreement prior to calling an EGM.

SC We should aim to have this matter complete by the end of September 2010.
It was proposed that these become standing Agenda items.

8. NATIONAL COACH

MD stated that he had been told there was some dissent within the National Squad

It was proposed that, as TD was now back on the Board he resumed his position as National Coach Line Manager.

Proposed AG, 2ND MS – Unanimously agreed.

A discussion took place concerning the National Coach and his Terms of Employment.

It was proposed that TD officially speak to Wayne Otto on these matters.

Proposer AG, 2ND SC – Unanimously agreed.

9. NATIONAL SQUAD – 3RD COACH PAYMENT.

AG stated that Wayne Otto had requested the facility to pay £50.00 expenses to a third coach when applicable.

A discussion took place as to whether or not we actually needed a third coach.

TD stated that in his opinion we did not need so many Coaches in attendance.

It was proposed that TD should contact Wayne Otto on this matter.

Proposed JM, 2ND SC – Unanimously agreed.

10. EQUIPMENT SPONSOR.

MB stated that he was having ongoing with BUDO-NORD, with a view to them sponsoring the National Squad.

MD stated we are still in an agreement with Chikara.

It was agreed that TD should contact Chikara on behalf of the Board to discuss some issues.

It was agreed that CL should write to Chikara too.

Proposed MD, 2ND JM – Unanimously agreed.

11. MEMBERSHIP FEES

MB proposed that membership fees be increased. It was suggested that membership fees should also include insurance.

A debate followed where it was discussed that not all groups used EKF Insurance.

It was agreed to look at ways to ensure members Associations licensed all members prior to increasing fees.

JM to produce some figures relating to membership numbers and fees.

12. JOINT SERVICES

MB and CT had looked into taking the Joint Services into membership.

MD reported we did not have any barriers to entry for Joint Services to join EKF

13. INFORMATION TO MEMBERS

JM stated that he felt EKF should react quicker to members questions.

This could just be answering the main issues in any question.

JM believed this would prevent any rumours beginning.

14. DAN GRADE REGISTER.

CT asked that EKF could begin a Dan Grade register.

All member groups would be required to register their Dan Grades.

Proposed CT, 2nd JM – Unanimously agreed

CT to look into operating the system, the costs, and report back.

15. A.O.B.

15.1 Ticky Donovan proposed that Board members should bring their current EKF license to meetings.

15.2 British Library Archive. It was agreed to proceed with archiving the EKF website with the British Library.

15.3. Survey. MS is to work on a survey of members association.

15.4. Debbie Sell. salary. CL is to contact Debbie and report back.