



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Forest Gate Police Station.

22nd February 2009

Present: C.Lindley (CL)-Chair, M.Dinsdale (MD), D.Donovan OBE (TD), M.Billman (MB). J.De Bono (JB), A.Genery (AG).

Apologies: L.Cutting (LC),), J.Gilliland (JG),.C.Thompson (CT).

Invited:

Minutes: J.De Bono (JB).

1. Minutes of last meetings.

Minutes from previous meeting were agreed following minor wording alteration.

Matters Arising – actions brought forward

◆ EKF Bank Account.

Issue still outstanding from June 08.

MB summarised his conversation with his accountants, as per e-mail sent out previously. It was advised that a new account be opened and all the monies transferred except approx £50 to cover any charges.

◆ English International Open Event.

As agreed in the last meeting, CL spoke to Joe Long and Paul Alderson regarding holding the event which will be provisionally held on 10-11 October 2009. They felt that it was too short notice to arrange the tournament.

◆ Commonwealth Championships – India 2009.

CL felt that the EKF need to support the event in principle. MB to advise regarding security situations abroad nearer the event. CL to invite Billy Brennan to give a presentation to the board at the next meeting.

◆ Child Protection Policy and Associated Policies

CL spoke to LC on the restructure of the policy. LC agreed to make it user friendly and add hyperlinks to each section. This will enable single click access to relevant sections. – Action LC.

◆ EKF Regional Squads.

AG has spoken Wayne Otto OBE; Wayne has e-mailed his views to the board via AG. To be discussed under item 4 of the agenda.

◆ AOB

John Smith of Chikara to attend next meeting and talk about a presentation event. Item 1 of the agenda.



CL to draft email to be sent to **Perry Crimmins**, of Sport England, inviting him to the EKF AGM in March 2009. Unfortunately PC is unavailable on that date.

It was also raised that Terry Pottage wishes to stand for election at the next AGM. Issues regarding the Chief Referee, whether he can stand whilst being a paid official. Possible conflict of interest. TD was a member of the board and National Coach but was not paid. It was confirmed that TD did not receive a salary when he was a board member.

2. Chikara – John & Tony Smith.

◆ Presentation event

Chikara are holding a promotional evening in June at the Academy in Loughton. This is with a view to have at least five different sports taking part (angling, shooting, motto cross, boxing and karate). Where a range of sponsors can view karate and hopefully agree to help the EKF. Chikara to work with sponsors and have given a guarantee that all funding for the squad will be spent on them and not mis-spent by the board in other areas.

Chikara arranging professional dental gum shields (24 at any one time).

Isotonic drinks (Pink Tonic), basic tonic supplement, have been trialed with Mr Universe and Olympic athletes. This tonic will increase muscle tone and improve energy levels. Chikara would like to trial it with 7-24 senior squad members. In liquid form it absorbs up to 98% directly into the blood stream.

JS asked if TD would do the commentary on the Karate (kumite and kata).

TS suggested additional revenue streams that the EKF could follow.

1. Chikara income

A statement was provided showing sales and commission to the EKF.

3. Coaching.

AG reported there was a slight mistake on the actual price that the EKF would charge for the qualification, which was amended. It was also suggested to have in the footer date and version, so everyone would know what version was being used. – Action AG to amend the original and add notes on footer, and to liaise with DS to arrange a letter for Heads of Associations

4. Regionals

Wayne Otto OBE (WO) proposal was read by all and it was agreed to have in place by 2010. The Board have agreed WO proposal in principle. – Action TC to liaise with WO.



5. EKF bank account update.

M. Billman read out a communication that he had received from a firm of accountants that he had contacted, as instructed by the board, regarding the EKF bank account. It suggested that the EKF now open a bank account in the name of the **English Karate Federation Ltd**, and that the funds currently held by JG in the account “**John Gilliland Trading as the English Karate Federation**” be transferred to the new account as soon as possible. In view of the difficulties encountered by JG, in attempting to open an account in the name of the English Karate Federation Ltd. MD advised the board that he had contacted a bank with a view to opening such an account in that name, the hard copy details of which were presented to the board. It was agreed that the signatories at this point would be Ticky Donovan OBE, Mike Billman & Mike Dinsdale.

The board formally agreed to instruct JG, that as soon as these account details were communicated to him, he was to transfer all but a temporality holding amount of £50 to that account. Proposed by TD. Seconded by AG unanimously agreed. – Action MD to pursue new account setup.

6. Update on Referee and Squad Licence Books.

Little progress made. MD has agreed to get another WKF licence book and liaise with JG, if not completed will arrange to draft and print new licence books. – Action MD.

7. Technical Committee.

TD was asked to leave the room. MB proposed to honour TD with the position as **Honorary Chief Technical Director**. MB spoke to CT already and he agreed to second the proposal. TD was asked to return; CL put forward the proposal to TD. TD was overwhelmed, accepted and thanked the Board.

8. EKF and BKF Competition Fees.

It was again confirmed that all regional organisers will receive £500 and that the Nationals would be over two days and that the organiser would receive £500 per day.

A fee of £950 was agreed to be paid to the BKF for hosting its competitions and that the organiser will receive the same as the EKF Nationals i.e. £500 per day.

9. EKF Web Site – Links & Sponsorship.

Report by MB. EKF web site has generated 646,043 hits to date. At present the EKF have only three sponsors on the site. Revenue could be generated with the right sponsors paying to be on the EKF web site. It needed to be established what Adidas, AVA Dino, was supplying to the squads. Action – AG to contact Dino (AVA) regarding future sponsorship.



10. EKF Technical Grading Panel.

CT's e-mail was discussed, with a couple of minor errors it was agreed to post on the web. Informing associations of the proposed Dan grading taking place. – Action JB to make amendments, send to CT for posting on EKF website.

11. EKF International Open Organisation.

It was noted that it was agreed two meetings ago for PA to arrange the tournament. The competition is ear marked for the weekend of 10-11 October. Posters to be designed once venue has been decided. – Action CL to contact PA will Excel and NEC details.

12. Organisation of AGM.

It states in the Articles of Memorandum (page 13 disqualifications (f)) that no Director can have a paid position on the Board. So if TP wished to stand he would need to stand down as Chief Referee. – Action CL to contact TP.

It was agreed that if new Board members require business cards, this to be actioned.

It was agreed that DS and CL will count the votes at the next elections. DS was put forward to collect the entrance fees from the associations. – Action DS to liaise with JG.

13. AOB.

◆ **Referees**

All referees who represent their country at National, European and World events, must at all times wear the EKF logo, as they are representing England. CL to draft letter for the Board to approve, before sending to TP.

◆ **Disabilities in karate**

MB is re-writing the disabilities in karate policy for the BKF. This will help for inclusion at future competitions under the parallel-karate category. – Action MB.

◆ **Licences**

It was highlighted that associations were buying blocks of licence slips but still not registering any students, having a nil return on the EKF register. These needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

◆ **EKF contact details**

DS has contacted BT to set up a new telephone number and also contacted the Post Office to set up a new PO Box number. – Action DS.

14. Next Meeting.

The next EKF meeting is to be 15/3/09 after the AGM.

Meeting closed.