



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - JULY 2009

1.1 The report had been emailed to members prior to this meeting.

The Chairman thanked all directors for their input into the Conference held last week-end. Feedback from members was positive and many were surprised and disappointed that the Sports Council senior officers did not attend. Members were given the opportunity to put questions forward, both to the governing body and to the BKF Chairman, Mr Terry Connell, in person but none took advantage of this opportunity. Mr Connell gave a clear and concise explanation of WKF Statute 21.9 together with possible consequences of breaching this rule, which would impact on the BKF as a whole.

The WKGB Ltd continues working towards complying with the aims of the Modernisation Programme and the further development of the NGB. To this end the WKGB Ltd has completed its Annual Self Assurance Process for 2009 members at the WKGB Ltd meeting of 21st March 2009 were informed that they could view the contents of the Self Assurance documentation should they so wish.

This year the SCW invited the WKGB Ltd to submit a 4 year grant aid document. The new grant aid document has proven to be a far more extensive document than anticipated and many more officer man hours were required in compiling its contents. I am happy to report that after submitting the application we have now had our grant aid application agreed. I would however forward the caution that over the 4 year period of the grant aid period, government finances may lead to a revision of our allocated grant aid.

Every 4 years the SCW requires all NGB's to undertake an audit with an external auditor and this year the WKGB Ltd have undertaken this audit with Price Waterhouse Cooper. The WKGB Ltd has now circulated this report to all member associations.

UKCC

I have attended a UKCC National Source Group meeting with Scotland and now believe that we have made some progress in implementing the UKCC into Karate in the UK. We now have a provisional agreement that Karate will establish the UKCC by June 2011. When I have further details I will forward them on to all members.

Karate Development

As part of the WKGB Ltd's further commitment to the development of karate in Wales we have secured more funding for the Karate mark Club Accreditation Scheme. After piloting the scheme we are finalising plans to offer this award to all karate clubs in WKGB Ltd membership and more details will be forwarded shortly.

Talent Cymru

The WKGB Ltd has now secured additional funding for the Talent Cymru Scheme which is another category of funding for junior elite athletes. This application success is another example of how the WKGB Ltd is actively seeking to develop and support elite athletes.

WKF Rules

There has been continued debate in regards to WKF statute 21.9. In my report last year I forwarded an explanation of statute 21.9, but following further enquiries to the WKGB Ltd, a more detailed explanation/clarification has been forwarded to all members. There is much debate within World karate in regards to statute 21.9 and I would repeat that regardless of whether we agree or disagree with statute 21.9

the consequences of breaching it are potential expulsion from the WKF. This being the case I would forward that members should err on the side of caution when entering championships or attending courses.

WKGB Ltd Referee's

The standard of Welsh Referees & Judges continues to improve with all of our officials meeting any comparison with our BKF counterparts. The WKGB Ltd training and development programme is successfully producing officials who have the potential to participate at the highest level in international events. In this regard congratulations are forwarded to Jason Ashcroft who gained his WKF Judge A qualification in Japan.

WKGB Ltd Squad

As part of its ongoing Elite Athlete Development Pathway the WKGB Ltd has entered athletes in EKF Junior & Senior events, the WKF Championships held in Japan and the Commonwealth Games Championships held in Edinburgh in 2009. The requirements of the SCW grant application requires collecting a collating extensive athlete data statistics. To assist in this data collection elite athletes now have Athlete Logbook which they complete and forward to the Coaching Panel in order to maintain our data records. The Board has also adopted a new National Coaches Report format which contains a more detailed overview and athlete profile.

Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games for Karate 2009 are scheduled to be held in Mumbai, India. These championships have now been cancelled. Communications from the Commonwealth Games Federation is currently limited but when any further information is received it will be cascaded to everyone.

BKF

Due to a potential problem with holding the BKF Championships in Sheffield the BKF Championships will now be held at the Meadowbank Stadium Edinburgh on 5/6th September 2009.

Chief Instructor Status

The WKGB Ltd forwards the following clarification of Chief Instructor/Head of Association status.

The WKGB Ltd recognises those persons who have forwarded a successful membership application to the WKGB Ltd (and previously the WKF) as the Chief instructor.

The WKGB Ltd also recognises those persons who have notified the WKGB Ltd in writing that a change of Chief Instructor personnel has taken place and that this change has complied with or has been recognised by the WKGB Ltd Technical Committee.

The WKGB Ltd recognises the Chief Instructor of all member associations of the WKGB Ltd as the Head of that Association. It was emphasised that the WKGB Ltd will not accept associations within associations.

The Administrator, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer are to meet with Mr Dave Vickery SCFW regarding the PWC recommendations for financial planning within the company. Directors coming on board must also be made aware of the level of obligations and of the amount of training and time involved.

Work is ongoing regarding **Karate Mark** and it is hoped that the launch will be on 1st November 2009.