



Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Saturday 1ST July 2023

4pm – 5:30pm

Village Hotel, Dog Kennel Lane Shirley Solihull West Midlands United Kingdom B90 4JG

ATTENDEES

Leanne Sowersby (Chair); Peter Edwards (President); Neville Wray (Vice President); Lucy Edwards (Secretary); Phil Wetten (Treasurer); Brian Beck (Board Member); Dev Barrett (Board Member); Billy Bryce and 26 club members/proxies

1. Introduction

Mr Edwards (President) welcomed the members and guests to this year's AGM and recommended Mrs Leanne Sowersby to act as Chair for the meeting.

All in attendance agreed unanimously.

Leanne Sowersby introduced herself giving a brief report of her background in Governance and setting ground rules for the meeting to begin.

2. Presidents Report

President – Peter Edwards gave his report on WAKO GB's activities

3. Secretary's Report

Secretary – Lucy Edwards gave her report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer – Phil Wetten gave his report detailing the income and expenditure for the year.

5. Special Resolutions

The special resolutions were explained.

- The name of the company be changed to Kickboxing GB
- Clause 9.3 in the Articles of Association to be amended to allow Directors to serve for a term of up to four years (instead of the current two years) before they may be re-appointed. This is in line with Sport England Code of Governance guidelines.
- Clause 6.2 in the Articles of Association to be amended so that the classes of membership will be defined within the Membership Policy Statement to make it clearer as to which members are able to vote.

All members present voted.

All in attendance agreed unanimously.

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6. Appointment of Accountants

JWPCreers LLP, Genesis 5, Church Lane, Heslington, York YO10 5DQ

All in attendance agreed unanimously

7. Appointment of Solicitors

It was explained that, at present, we do not require the use of a Solicitor at all times, so we would not officially appoint one yet. We will seek legal assistance as and when needed.

All in attendance agreed unanimously

8. Election of Directors

The election of directors took place via a ballot. The candidates that received the highest number of votes were:

- I. Billy Bryce
- II. Lucy Edwards
- III. Leanne Sowersby
- IV. Peter Edwards
- V. Mark Watkins
- VI. Neville Wray
- VII. Dev Barrett
- VIII. Gordon Mitchell
- IX. Kevin Baldwin
- X. Phil Wetten
- XI. Sean Veira
- XII. Chris Collymore

9. AOB

- Discussions were had on communicating more with the members on where the RSportz fees and insurance fees go to, so that club instructors know what to tell their members/students.
- Referees: Discussions were had on improving officials training and support. Perhaps run Interclub events throughout WAKO GB/Kickboxing GB so that referees have more practice.
Enforcing the rules more at competitions so that Coaches don't abuse referees, and maybe ban coaches who do abuse the rules.
Suggestions were given of running 3 courses a year where Referees get together for refreshers.
- Discussions were had on seeing more inclusivity within Kickboxing i.e. Additional Needs sections within tournaments.

10. Closure

The Chair extended thanks to all attendees for their participation and contributions during the meeting.

Meeting End.