

BRITISH AIKIDO BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 15 May 2010 at Solihull Football Club

PRESENT		
	V. Sumpter	Chairman
	K. Holland	Vice Chairman
	Mrs S Timms	Secretary
	P. Cooke	Finance Officer (also acting for ADFL)
	S. Billett	A D S / Webmaster
	A. Holden	Aikido Fellowship
	Mrs J Holden	Aikido Fellowship
	P. Holding	B A A
	Miss L Hepden	B A A
	B. Eustace	B A A
	D. Yates	British Aikido Federation
	D. Bath	British Birankai
	P. Burgess	British Ki Society
	H. Smith	Keitenshin Kai
	P. McDermott	Keitenshin Kai
	Miss G Mann	KSMBDA
	Mrs S Baird	Lancashire Aikikai
	A. Baird	Lancashire Aikikai
	T. Bayliss	Seijitsu Aikido Ryu/ Mem'ship /Clubmark
	K. Christie	Seijitsu Aikido Ryu
	R. Watts	Shodokan Institute of Aikido
	K. De-Loyde	T I A UK
	G. Jones	U K A
	G. Needler	U K A
	Mrs M Poole	U K Shinwakai
	P. Benge	U T A
	M Bent	Welsh Aikido Society
	M. Saunders	Welsh Aikido Society
	G. Cooke	Yama Arashi UK / Coaching Admin
	F. Burlingham	Inst of Aikido /Coaching Development
	Miss S Churcher	Harmony with Aikido
	T. Attorton	Harmony with Aikido
	W. Harris	Kai Shin Kai
	B. Hossier	Kai Shin Kai
	Miss L Cunningham	Volunteer Officer
	S. Morris	Aikido Research Association
	B. Burrows	Shun Poo Kan
	A. Roberts	Shun Poo Kan

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Aikido Circle, Aikido Circle Black Belt Academy, Kobayashi Aikido, NAF, U K Aikido Union, British Aikido Yoshinkan, British Ki Society, Eiryukan Aikido, Shodokan Aikido UK, Ken Shin Kai, Tenchi Ryu, Seend Aiki, U K Aikido Federation, Takagashirakai, Aikido Live London, and Lesley Cuthbert (Legal Officer)

No apologies received from Devon Aikido Association, Aikido GB, MovingEast, Shobu Aikido UK, Shin Gi Tai, and Komyokan Aikido Association.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman announced to the meeting the very sad news that Graham Batchelor, of Tenchi Ryu Aikido had passed away. He extended the BAB's sincere condolences to Graham's family and Tenchi Ryu

1. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF AGM OF 9 MAY 2009

The Chairman reviewed the Minutes of the 2009 AGM and, as there were no matters arising, he was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of that meeting

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (including reports from other Executive Officers)

The Chairman's Annual Report, which was circulated with the Agenda for the AGM, is attached as **Enclosure 1 to these Minutes** (*applies to website & e-copies only*)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Officer reviewed the Statement of Accounts which can be downloaded from the website. He stated that the BAB made a slight loss against budget and this has been financed from our brought forward reserves.

He also indicated that "honorariums" for BAB Officers are deemed to be remuneration and are therefore shown gross of PAYE and NI. They have been kept to the same level as authorised for 2009.

Most other expenses are comparable to previous years, and we continue to pay to Perkins Slade for Insurances in advance with regard to PI, member to member and Association insurances, which we then recover over the year from the Members of the Board. The large accrual on the balance sheet is for the balance of PI cover, etc, payable for the previous year once the actual figures are known.

The Finance Officer said that he had prepared budgets for 2010 and indicated that, assuming we invest a further £5000 in developing the website – which is probably the most effective and also the least controversial way to promote aikido in the UK – plus allowing for an additional £3000 on child protection issues, we will make another loss of around £5.5K which will again be funded from brought forward reserves. However, we continue to hold a good level of reserves, which will enable us to look for additional ways to promote aikido in the UK. That said, our annual running costs will increase and some time in the future it will be necessary to seek additional income from Members.

There being no additional comment from the Members regarding the statement of accounts and proposed budget allocations, the Finance Officer ended his report by proposing that we re-appoint Patrick Hourigan & Co as our auditors. This was seconded by T. Bayliss, and carried by the Full Members present.

4. ELECTION/RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations received, the current Vice Chairman having stated his willingness to stand for re-election was unanimously re-elected for a further 3-year term.

Election of 2 'Head of Association' Executive Committee Members. Only two volunteer nominations were received prior to the meeting from Heads of Associations to fill these one-year posts on the Executive Committee. The following members were duly elected

Garry Masters (Ken Shin Kai)
Mrs Marill Poole (UK Shinwakai Aikido)

One other nomination was received at the start of the meeting but not accepted by the Chairman (being too late for this year's election). The Association was asked to re-nominate for AGM 2011.

5. OFFICERS DUE FOR ELECTION/RE-ELECTION AT AGM 2011

Election/Re-election:	Secretary	(3-year post)
	Finance Officer	(3-year post)
	General Member	(3-year post)
	General Member	(3-year post)
Election:	2 x Heads of Association	(1-year posts)

6. RATIFICATION OF REVISED CONSTITUTION

The Chairman reviewed the notified changes to the draft revise of the Constitution and, subject to the minor amendments proposed at the meeting, the revise was approved for immediate acceptance by S. Baird, seconded by W. Harris and carried by the Full Members present. The new Constitution is now available for downloading from the BAB website.

ACTION: All Memebers

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any Other Business will be dealt with in the General Meeting that follows this AGM

8. DATE OF NEXT AGM FOR 2011

It was agreed that the date of next year's AGM will be **14 MAY 2011**

Enclosure: [\(applies to website and e-mail copies only\)](#)

1. Chairman's Annual Report (including those of other Executive Committee Officers)

BAB AGM – 15 May 2010 - Chairman's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In this my 8th annual report as your Chairman I would like to pay tribute to the officers of the Executive Committee for their dedication and achievements over the past year. They all deserve praise and my sincere thanks, not just for what they do but also for putting up with my often brusque manner either on the telephone or at meetings. I shouldn't single out anyone in particular but – just this once – I will: do vote for Keith Holland to be re-elected as Vice-Chairman; his support to me is invaluable and he does – so well – all the jobs I couldn't begin to tackle.

I also think it is worth highlighting some of the very positive measures that have been achieved by the Executive Committee over the past year. Two that stand out for me are the improvements to the Website, and the implementation of our revised Child Safeguarding & Protection Policy which has the approval of the NSPCC CPSU. And looking ahead, we have just last month filled a number of vacant specialist posts which will, I know, enable us to fulfil or start a number of projects detailed in our 5-year Aikido Development Plan. I hope you agree, too, that it is some time since we have had such a good GM as that in February this year when 2 presentations – one by Steve Billett (on the website) and one by Phil Benge (about teaching aikido in schools) – received unprecedented and much appreciated rounds of applause.

So much for the good news as, in other respects, I am quite concerned that I may – at the end of my current term – leave this post having chaired it to a point where it could be a National Governing Body in decline. There are two linked reasons why I believe this is a possibility.

First, following the wish of the majority of the Board Members, the financial funding arrangements for the Board were changed as of 1 March this year from that of a tiered block payment system based on an Association's overall student membership, to one of a single rate per individual student. The former system favoured the larger Associations who paid proportionately less for membership than the smaller Associations; whereas the latter system now very much favours the smaller Associations, and has greatly increased the cost for the larger Associations. It is not my intention here to reiterate and regurgitate the arguments for and against either system; suffice it to say that it was democratically voted upon and we have the system that we have.

Linked to this, and perhaps because it costs no more for the Board to administer a large Association than it does to look after the smaller Associations, the two largest groups submitted a proposal to reform the voting rights of Associations to reflect the size of their student membership and the greater financial contribution they therefore make to the running costs of the Board. At the last GM this did not find favour with you, the Members.

In both cases I believe the voting of the Members has alienated Associations which, together, now represent one-third of the annual financial contribution to the Board. I mention this in an effort to put things into perspective. If the Board is to operate as an effective NGB, there needs to be a spirit of teamwork and compromise from all who have a vested interest in its future. At the moment, I do not see any Board willingness to accept compromise; and without it I also fear that there may be no good reason for some Associations to remain in Membership. I urge you all, most strongly, to reflect on this. **The BAB does have a lot to offer** but none of you should become so entrenched in your views and current constitutional rights that you lose sight of the bigger picture and (to coin a phrase) "win battles at the expense of eventually losing the war". To greatly misquote Kennedy ****** can I ask you, therefore, to make a resolution to consider in the future whether you are voting for the good of the Board or for well-intentioned parochial reasons.

*(** Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country)*

Remember, as an NGB one of our primary aims and objectives in the Constitution is to "promote aikido in the UK by bringing together aikido associations sharing a common aim in the further development of all aikido". Let's not destroy that objective.

Vincent Sumpter (Chairman)

BAB AGM – 15 May 2010 – Vice-Chairman's Report

After 3 years as Vice-Chairman I continue to enjoy the many and varied challenges offered by this post. My main role continues to be to support the Chairman in the management and corporate operation of the Board and I have sought to do this both through practical advice and assistance and also by undertaking specific tasks. These have included:-

- Key role in the completion of the Audit Governance process and the implementation of its core objectives.
- Overseeing the development and implementation of the recommendations in the Audit Development Plan, including the recruitment process for new Officers.
- Commenting on a variety of policy documents including Child Protection/ISA, Equality, Website operation and integrity, etc.
- Updating, with the Chairman, the current Constitution.
- Presentation of a range of advisory documents to the Executive Committee and Board.
- Provision of articles and information sheets in support of the Website development.
- Responding to particular member concerns about the services/activities of the Board.
- Facilitating the National Course, jointly with the BAB Secretary
- Membership – continuing role as a member of the Membership Sub-Committee, advising on new applications for membership.

If re-appointed, I look forward to the challenges offered in 2010/11 as we continue to implement the Aikido Development Plan and introduce new services through the work of our newly appointed officers.

Keith Holland (Vice-Chairman)

BAB AGM – 15 May 2010 – Coaching Development & Administration Officers' Report

The following courses were held in the last year:

Coach Level 1: 5 open courses and 9 Association courses = 14 courses with a total of 167 students

Coach Level 2: 1 course with a total of 7 students

Communication (CL2): 3 courses with a total of 20 students

Managing Risk (CL2): 1 course with a total 5 students

Young People (CL2): 3 courses with a total 12 students

CL2 courses taken with scUK = 69 students

CL3 courses taken with scUK = 26 students

Two additional 'Young People' courses were arranged but then cancelled due to the lack of interest.

There are currently 22 applications for this course on the BAB Course application page so there is apparent interest but the organisers never received enough applications to attend these courses. The BAB has always attempted to provide courses where there is the demand but apparent demand doesn't always ensure a course will run. Every BAB course should be financially viable to ensure its Members don't subsidise a poorly attended course.

The final CL3 course 'Event Planning and Delivery' will take place in June this year and will enable the students that have taken all the CL3 courses to apply for the CL3 assessment. This is the final stage in enabling them to receive a BAB CL3 certificate

The BAB Coaching and Club Handbook is nearing completion and will replace the 2004 BAB Handbook. When this has been completed the BAB Website Coaching page will also be updated.

The last year has seen the new CL1 course being run not only by BAB Tutors but also by Association Tutors; they have been well received. At the Tutor day, suggestions were put forward

to fine-tune the CL1 slides and these amendments are now almost complete and about to be sent out to all Tutors. The CL1, CL2 and CL3 course outlines have also been updated.

Tutor mentoring is underway with some Tutors having been mentored and dates are being set to mentor the other Tutors.

Frank Burlingham (Coaching Development Officer)
Grev Cooke (Coaching Administration Officer)

BAB AGM – 15 May 2010 – Clubmark Officer’s Report

We have made great progress in the last year. Following on from the Assessors’ course we now have five Aikido clubs that have been Clubmark accredited. They are: Dentokan Ipswich Aikido Club; Barnstaple Aikido Club; Trafford Aikido Club; Rising Star Aikido Club; and Shudokan Aikido Club Preston. Well done to the those clubs and to the Assessors who gave them help through the task.

I did attend the National Clubmark seminar held in Coventry in September of last year and was pleased to be told that I could now do final assessing for Clubmark for the BAB and issue certificates for same.

This year we have three Aikido clubs registered with clubmark to go forward for accreditation and a number that wish to be placed on the list to go forward later in the year. I am hopeful that many more junior clubs will join the BAB Clubmark accreditation process. If you are interested please get in touch with me at terence.bayliss@bopenworld.com or telephone 01543683526

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has assisted me over the past year; I am most grateful.

Terence Bayliss (Clubmark Officer)

BAB AGM – 15 May 2010 – Membership Officer’s Report

The recent changes to the Membership criteria has resulted in a busy year dealing with applications from new groups and others within current Associations, seeking independent membership. The following Associations are currently in their one-year “Probationary” period with a view to their becoming either Full or Associate Members at the end of that period:

Aikido Alive London	Brighton Ki Society	Seend Aiki Shurenkan	
Shodokan Aikido UK	Takagashiakai	Aikido GB	Moving East

Some Associations have, unfortunately, moved from Full Member status to Associate. Membership status is determined by the end of year PA return figures. Full Member status is not (re)instated until an Associate Member records a total of 100 members at the end of the next year; this is important now that we have introduced voting cards for those Associations that have that level of membership.

I am still receiving many emails and phone calls for details to join the BAB and I give as much information as required, bearing in mind the need for confidentiality up to the point where the application is presented to the Board. Where the applicant is part of an existing BAB association we do encourage a letter from that Association Principal giving their blessing. Once the application has been presented to the Executive Committee and they are satisfied that Constitutional requirements are being, or have been met, all Associations are informed of the application and their agreement to the application sought before Probationary membership is accorded.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Membership Sub-Committee who have assisted me throughout the past year.

Terence Bayliss (Membership Officer)

BAB AGM – 15 May 2010 – Lead CPO's Report

Since returning to post I am pleased to say we have consolidated and enhanced our safeguarding provision. Most notably (after much hard work from Barbara Barrett) we have published the revised Safeguarding Policy and have produced a resource pack (comprising DVD and booklet) to support Club Welfare Officers. These resource packs are available to all Association Clubs (order via the Association CPO or view on line via the BAB web site). The new policy has been mailed (hard copy) to Association CPOs and is also on the web site.

My thanks to Steve Billett who has done a fabulous job populating the CP pages of the web site with lots of information, resources and links.

Of course challenges remain: most notably getting the full safeguarding message out there. I know this can sometimes be a frustrating job – but I still get people who don't realise that instructors need a BAB CRB check! So although Associations have been making good headway, I think getting CWOs in post in every club will help with getting that clarity of message out there. I am also aware that some Associations are not complying with the policy in even the most fundamental ways, so it would be fantastic if in 2010 we could get everyone on board 100%. I am always happy to help wherever I can.

I would strongly recommend that all Association 'post-holders' take the time to look through the new policy document as this explains exactly what needs to be done in order to remain compliant. Remember that, under the BAB's structure, all Associations are autonomous and 'self-policing' – so it's up to you guys to ensure your house is in order!

I have been able to utilise the final portion of the CCPR grant to support a meeting of both the Case Management and Steering Groups and these are due to take place on April 24th. Full reports will be issued in due course.

So, what next? The introduction of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) is the next key thing on the agenda. This (with some minor exceptions) will impact on every club offering sessions to under-18s. I am working with our partners TMG to provide support packs for all CPOs to assist in the introduction and administration of this new scheme. Again, there is background information on the BAB web site.

Unfortunately the Child Protection in Sport Unit (which has been a great source of help and support) is no longer able to assist smaller NGBs such as the BAB as part of their day-to-day work. They are focusing their resources on the big, funded sports like football, rugby, cricket and swimming. Fortunately we are now in a good position as we have all the foundations for our safeguarding provision in place. But I think this does mean that, for now, we will not officially move ahead with the intermediate standards for safeguarding in sport. The lack of CPSU support also throws into uncertainty our plans for training CPOs and CWOs – so I will be looking what other options are available to us.

We still need more one or two more officers for the CP Case Management Group. I would love to hear from anyone with an appropriate professional background /experience.

Finally, a huge 'thank you' and a hug to our Chairman who is always there to laugh at my jokes and support me when things aren't going smoothly! This role would be much harder without his help.

Note: Questions on child safeguarding and protection will be taken in the GM to follow this AGM.

Sue Ward (Lead CPO)

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PRESENT List as for AGM

**ATTENDING
BY INVITATION** David Fieldhouse Perkins Slade (BAB Insurance Brokers)

**APOLOGIES
FOR ABSENCE** List as for AGM

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman gave notice to the Meeting that the following question would be put to the meeting under AOB which required a simple YES or NO vote from the Full Members present:

Do Full Members consider that larger Associations should receive more than one vote?

1. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FOR THE GM OF 13 FEB 2010

There were no matters arising, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of that meeting

2. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS to the Executive Committee

The Vice-Chairman reviewed the following list of volunteer appointments made vide the terms of Clause 4.3 to Appendix 2 of the Board's Constitution, to fill BAB Specialist Officer vacancies:

Mick Mercer (Shudokan)	appointed Media Officer
Richard Watts (Shudokan)	appointed Assistant Media Officer
Leslie Cuthbert (British Birankai)	appointed Legal Officer
Derek Kay (formerly Inst of Aikido)	appointed Equality Officer
Laura Cunningham (Kai Shin Kai)	appointed Volunteer Officer

3. AIKIDO DEVELOPMENT PLAN - First annual review

The Vice-Chairman reviewed the Aikido Development Plan and produced a schedule and summary of progress showing achievements to date. These included the appointment of 5 new officers, progress made in coaching, review of the Constitution, development of the Equity policy, child Protection policy and Clubmark growth. The schedule and summary of progress to date on the specified targets is at: <http://www.bab.org.uk/draft/draftpolicies.asp>

4. MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Officer advised that a new application has been received for membership of the Board, namely, White Rose Aikikai. They have 170 members and the Full Members present agreed to accept this Association on one year's probation.

He then reported that the following Association had successfully completed their one-year probation period: Aikido Circle Black Belt Academy, Brighton Ki Society, Aikido GB and Shodokan Aikido GB. They are now all accorded Associate Membership status.

5. CLUB MARK

The Clubmark Officer reported that over the year Clubmark has developed month on month and new applications are being received. He confirmed that the following clubs have now been "clubmark" accredited:

Dentokan Ipswich Aikido Club
Barnstaple Aikido Club
Trafford Aikido club
Rising Star Aikido Club
Shudokan aikido Club

6. CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND PROECTION

The Chairman asked if anyone had any question re CRB and ISA registrations. He advised that, after July this year, ISA comes in to force when those persons **not** currently holding a CRB will be required to be ISA registered **before** being able to teach, work or assist with children. For those BAB members currently holding a BAB CRB check, they will need to **undergo a BAB CRB re-check and be ISA registered** in the 3-year period from November 2010 to November 2013. The Home Office Vetting and Barring Scheme Roadshow briefing document can be viewed on: <http://www.bab.org.uk/draft/draftpolicies.asp>

There will be no additional costs to the CRB check to cover ISA registration (applies to non-professionals).

In respect of the work of the Board's CP Case Management Group (CMG) over the last 4 years the Chairman reported the following statistics to Members:

Total CRB checks undertaken to date: 950
Disclosures put through the CMG scrutiny: 53
Disclosures resulting in a negative Coaching recruitment decision: 2
2 case referrals of alleged poor practice: both cases closed
1 concern raised re a club operating outside the BAB CP policy: case closed

Additionally, during the time that Barbara Barrett was Lead CPO there were 2 cases regarding individuals – now no longer in membership of a BAB Association – where it was considered they were unsuitable to be working or assisting with children **and**

also to be ordinary members (students) in Association membership. At present the BAB does not have a system or process to police the fact that such individuals could apply for membership through another Association and perhaps regain access to working/assisting with children in aikido. This matter will be looked at by the Executive Committee.

ACTION: Executive Committee

7. WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS

The Webmaster advised of a new club search facility using the Google Maps. Also, Club and Association update guides in PDF form are now available on the relevant section of the site. He recorded his thanks to Phil Stollery and Bob Salloway for their help in creating the new systems, then went on to say that many Clubs are still not being updated directly but are fully controlled by the Associations; this means individual e-mails sent to the clubs are not reaching them.

Additionally, it is still the case that many Associations have not completed the required details on the website which means that web-based communications to Association officers – for example, the Association CPOs – are not possible. The Association page of the website has been updated to allow messages to be left for the Principal and Child Protection officer, these messages are subsequently passed by e-mail to the Association officers.

*(Note: this facility requires the Principal's and CPO's e-mail address to be completed, although **this data is not public** on the site)*

ACTION: Associations

The Club information pages now require that clubs which instruct children include a Welfare Officer, if this information is not available then the following message is displayed in red “**No Club Welfare Officer Information Available**”; if this is seen on your club page please login and add the relevant name and details. For your information, the child requirement is controlled by the class description and this also controls the icon display.

ACTION: Associations & their Clubs

We now have a “Young Person” section on the BAB forum; this was requested by a group of young aikidoka who wish to communicate with all the other young people in the BAB. The forum is monitored by senior people of the BAB including the BAB Lead Child Protection Officer, to ensure they are safely and appropriately communicating. Please ask your own young members to register (after parental consent) as this medium could be the ears of the BAB for the young members.

ACTION: Association Clubs

The Webmaster also reported that the new Coach Level 2 and 3 requirements have been updated on the Coaching section of the website. Associations and their members should review this section as the CL3 requirements have changed significantly.

8. NATIONAL COURSE 2010

The Vice Chairman reported on progress for this year's event which will be held at Brunel University on 9th October. The Course instructors are:-

Sensei Ken Robson	7 th Dan	(Shudokan Institute of Aikido)
Sensei Bob Spence	6 th Dan	(Lancashire Aikikai)
Sensei George Forbes	6 th Dan	(Shobu Aikido U)
Sensei Gary Masters	6 th Dan	(Ken Shin Kai UK)

The Chairman reported that, at a recent CP Steering Group Meeting, a teenager attending the meeting had asked if the BAB could investigate the possibility of organising a course specifically for young persons; that is a course where 14-20-year olds could meet and practise with young persons from other clubs and Associations. The preference was for a course run on a regional basis to avoid extensive travelling. The Chairman asked Lesley Hepden of the BAA if expertise from their members could be used to organise this course; she agreed to look into the matter. Steve Billett (ADS) also agreed to help with organising a Young Persons Course.

ACTION: Leslie Hepden (BAA) & Steve Billett (ADS)

9. INSURANCE

David Fieldhouse of Perkins Slade gave a presentation outlining the scope of the BAB's insurance cover for civil liability, profession indemnity, personal accident claims, including what cover applied to members training abroad and the limit of cover which would apply to overseas visitors to courses held by Associations and Clubs. The powerpoint slide detail can be viewed on the BAB website. A whole raft of questions were asked by the Members present and answered in some detail by David Fieldhouse.

The Chairman extended thanks – echoed enthusiastically by the Members present – to David for an excellent presentation and for giving up part of his weekend to be here.

As a result of one of the questions asked, the Vice Chairman and Finance Officer will develop a Weapons Protocol so that the issue of insuring those wishing to use “live” weapons during aikido practice, could be considered by Perkins Slade.

ACTION: Keith Holland & Piers Cooke

10 COACHING

G. Cooke stated that the current BAB handbook is out of date with reference to the Coach Level 1, 2 and 3 requirements. The current requirements are on the following BAB website link: <http://www.bab.org.uk/coaching/coachinginfo.asp>

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Proportional/Alternative Voting Rights for Members. The Chairman asked for a “YES” or “NO” vote to the following question:

Do Full Members consider that larger Associations should receive more than one vote?

The majority of Full Members present voted “NO” to the question. Only 5 Associations voted “YES”.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Vice Chairman reported that, for consistency and to ensure maximum attendance, dates for future meetings of both the Board and Executive Committee should follow a standard pattern. The following forward dates for 2010/11 were agreed by the Members:

2010

Saturday 6th November – Board GM

Saturday 10th July – Executive Committee

Saturday 11th September – Executive Committee

2011

Saturday 14th May – Board AGM & GM

Saturday 6th November – Board GM

Saturday 8th January – Executive Committee

Saturday 12th March – Executive Committee

Saturday 9th July – Executive Committee

Saturday 10th September – Executive Committee

Meetings of the Executive Committee may be cancelled in the event of there being insufficient agenda items to discuss.