

BRITISH AIKIDO BOARD

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON 6 MARCH 2021

PRESENT	Piers Cooke	Chairman
	Mrs Ann Billett	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Shirley Timms	Secretary
	Vincent Sumpter	Insurance Liaison Officer
	Steve Billett	General Member/Webmaster
	Frank Burlingham	Coaching Development Officer
	Miss Kerry Cope	Coaching Admin Officer
	Geoff Aisbitt	Lead Child Safeguarding Officer
	Chris Cook	Equity/Equality/Resources Officer
	David Dimmick	Association Head Representative
	Phil Benge	Association Head Representative
	Daniel Easton	Acting Finance Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Terry Bayliss	General Member/Membership Officer
Otger Perich	Social Media Officer

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2021

These were confirmed and authenticated

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising to discuss

3. CONSITUTION UPDATE

Ann gave a power point presentation with regard to the constitution and there is still work to be done, which will be carried out within the next few weeks.

4. COVID-19 UPDATE

Steve Billett reported that he has been in constant touch with sport England and the DCMS concerning the BAB's document "Return to the Dojo" submittal recently.

The advice has been that currently Combat Sport Framework of which Aikido is included, has the following minimum time scales.

- a) From the **8 March** – connected to the DfE guidance and Sport England soon to be released FAQs, schools can deliver curricular/extra-curricular activities (using clubs and external coaches that align to the DfE guidance) However for combat sports, that will be socially distance activities.

- b) From **29 March** – outdoor organised sport and outdoor facilities can open and we are awaiting cabinet office clarity on what this means for the Combat Sport Framework and what can be done outdoors and what phase this will align to. We are asking if this means we can train in a park and is it limited to a group of 6 socially distance.
- c) Step 2 (no earlier than **12 April**) indoor facilities can open for individual use / household only. All children activities can restart indoors (but we are awaiting what this means for the combat sport framework, and what phase this will align to.
- d) Step 3 (no earlier than **17 May**) Organised indoor adult sport can restart (awaiting what this means for the combat sport framework, and what phase this will align to.

Please note this information will be posted on the BAB Covid-19 hub

5. COACHING

Piers advised that the BAB have signed up to the Covid training funded by Sports UK and provided by the Reactive Sport initiative. It is recommended that all coaches and assistant coaches take the absolutely free online training provided. It is however open to all aikidokas who are a member of the BAB. This training takes between 4-6 hours depending on the number of modules taken. The details will also be on the BAB's website.

The details are as follows:

Sport England and CIMSPA have funded the commission of an industry recognised ReActivate COVID-19 Awareness Award that we now have access to:

Made up of several different modules, the award is designed to ensure that we are suitably trained to deliver our roles in the safest possible way for us and our participants when we can return.

To access the training

- 1) Go to <https://prozone.futurefit.co.uk?britishaikidoboard/login>
- 2) Click "Not Registered? Select a plan"
- 3) Select the Club Coaches plan

Once you log in and complete the sign up you will have access to the specific content. You will be taken straight to the dashboard, which gives you an overview of your training, however to view all content please navigate to the library at the top. Here you will see various modules that need to be completed, each module has multiple resources in which will need to be viewed before the knowledge check unlocks. Once you have completed the knowledge checks in all modules you will be emailed a downloadable certificate.

You may find that some of the categories or content within the categories do not necessarily relate to your individual role, however we believe that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure we are all ready to welcome members back when we are allowed and therefore we are providing you with all the knowledge to do this.

If you have any technical or content-based questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Reactivate Support team on reactivesupport@futurefit.co.uk

6. MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership to the BAB has been received from Traditional Aikido UK, which is part of Traditional Aikido Europe. They have submitted all the information requested and fulfilled all the requirements for membership. The Executive Committee were very pleased to recommend their acceptance, which will be on a provisional membership status for 1 year. Secretary to write and confirm.

A second application for membership of the BAB has been received from Tenchi Ryu who have been informally in discussion with Piers, Ann and Steve with regard to rejoining the BAB. The Executive voted on the matter and there were no objections to Tenchi Ryu rejoining the BAB and their application was duly accepted and their return was welcomed. Appropriate forms have yet to be submitted in due course.

7. INSURANCE

At this moment in time Vincent has nothing to report

8. FINANCE

The BAB's accounts for 2020 are still in preparation and will be finalised shortly. However Daniel Easton, the acting finance officer proposed:

- a) A new bank account should be opened to provide debit cards for general use – Barclays and Nat West were mentioned. At least two debit cards would be needed, one for the Secretary and the other for the Webmaster, as they incurred expenses from suppliers who were reluctant to receive a cheque payment. The new account will run concurrently with the HSBC current account with a notional float to limit any fraudulent activities should the Debit Cards fall into the wrong hands. Whilst a suitable balance was not discussed a minimum of £5000 should suffice.
- b) The NATWest account currently holds £50,000 earning 0% interest. It is proposed that these funds are transferred to an instant access account with Aldermore who are currently providing a gross return of 0.5% pa variable. Interest is paid monthly and can be applied to the account, our HSBC account or new currently account as required. The account can be opened by post, over the internet or telephone and is fully covered by the Financial Services compensation Scheme.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve has been contacted by Sporting Inspired, which is a charity. They help the BAB to run Courses for Schools for various sports and after school clubs. They will supply coaches for 20 weeks linked to a school who does not have facilities. Phil Bengel will look into this proposal

Steve Billett has been investigating a Membership system that maybe useful to BAB clubs and Associations and hopefully will link nicely to the BAB Returns system. More details will be given in the near future but Associations can also look at the system themselves at <https://membermojo.co.uk>

It was suggested that maybe the BAB should have a presence at the Martial Arts EXPO exhibition and fair, this will be explored when we have the date when the next EXPO will be run.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting thanking everyone for their input.

Shirley Timms 9/3/2021