



## Dublin Kendo Kobukai

### Minutes for AGM : 30/1/2011

#### Agenda:

- Presidents Report
- Financial Statement
- Amendments to Constitution
- Election of Board of Management
- Any Other Business AOB

#### Proposed Amendments

#### Change:

##### **4.1 Executive officers**

There shall be 5 Executive positions within the board of management (BOM) which are:

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##### **4.1 Executive officers**

There shall be a minimum of 3 Executive positions within the board of management (BOM) with a further 2 positions being available. The BOM must consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

## **Attendance**

- Andrew Ward
- Danny Lennon
- Jim O’Leary
- Aodh O’Leary
- Brendan Killoch
- Connor Killoch
- Chris Rector
- Jorge Cordero
- Sigitas Sauer
- Agnieszka Pietrzak
- Maurycy Kaczor
- Bart Niezabitowski
- Lucas Niezabitowski
- Adam Niezabitowski
- Sergio Milani
- Connor Bulman
- Martin Kiosew
- Paul Dowd
- Ciara Sheridan
- Daniel Sheridan
- Adam
- John Doherty
- Kathryn Cassidy
- David Mc Glynn

### **Presidents Report:**

DKK President Karthryn Cassidy delivered a fantastic report on the individual success of members as well as the club achievements and news regarding 2010. Special mention was given to competition and grading results. Kathryn discussed many of the issues which have affected the club, and praised the members in their ability to overcome challenges and work together. Some of the club's future plans were also discussed including advertisement and PR, Children's classes, more focus on attending competitions abroad, and the continuation of the hard work that has always been associated with the club.

### **Treasures report:**

Club Treasurer Martin Kiosew gave a report on the club's finances. He gave a breakdown of the estimated monthly income, as well as the real monthly out goings. He mentioned that the club is paying out a considerable amount for the use of Marino, and that efforts were being made to reduce training costs and the possibility of moving to a smaller and cheaper hall for weekday training. As it stands the club will be moving to a new hall shortly for Friday evenings. Martin also encouraged members to pay their fees on time, but reminded members that the club is willing to be flexible for members who may not be able to make regular payments.

- Before the Amendments to the constitution, Danny and Szymon raised points about the club's training program. Danny suggested that each month there would be an open Keiko session for all Kendoka to attend. This session would be a set menu of kihon waza and jigeiko, with the highest grades in attendance acting as motodachi. This discussion was interrupted by the Chair, to be discussed in AOB.

### **Amendments to the Constitution:**

Only one amendment to the constitution was discussed. After suggestions and discussion from members, including the issue of insuring there is an odd number of board members to avoid hung vote's and stale mates, and the idea of the club making decisions as a whole.

3 ideas were discussed and voted on, the vote was passed for option C : which sees the proposed change to section 4.1 put in place, with a further amendment to section 4.5 b

*"Each board member only has one vote, should deliberative be needed the issue shall be tabled until the full BOM is present."*

To; *"Each board member only has one vote, in the event of a hung vote or a stalemate; the motion shall be put to the members to vote."*

### **Nominations to the Board of Management:**

As nominations were not received for every position, the BOM allowed members to nominate on the day; this was approved by the members as quorum.

#### Nominations for President

- Karthryn Cassidy

#### Nominations for Treasurer

- Martin Kiosew

#### Nominations for Secretary

- Jorge Cordero

#### Nominations for Vice President

- Sergio Milani
- Brendan Killoch
- David McGlynn
- Szymon Gardzielewski

#### Nominations for Generalist

- Tomasz Pawlak
- Daniel Sheridan
- Brendan Killoch
- David McGlynn

The Board of Management for 2011, as voted for by the members of Dublin Kendo Kobukai is as follows:

- President – Kathryn Cassidy
- Treasurer – Martin Kiosew
- Secretary – Jorge Cordero
- Vice President – Sergio Milani
- Generalist - Brendan Killoch

The outgoing Secretary John Doherty urged the new board of management to ensure that one person does not do the majority of work, and that each board member takes equal responsibility. He also encouraged the BOM to look to the club members as a means of delegating responsibilities.

Club treasurer Martin Kiosew thanked the outgoing secretary for his dedication and commitment to the club through some of the challenges faced in 2010.

John Doherty also paid tribute to the previous board of management, Danny Lennon, Andrew Ward, Noel Whelan, Henric Malm and Gillian Reade for their hard work and dedication in 2010, and the years previous. Without their contributions to the club in the dojo and behind the scenes (as well as during their own spare time) the club would not be in the position it is in today.

The outgoing secretary urged members to look at the past leaders of the club for inspiration and to do what they can to help out the club. He wished the new board of management every success for 2011.

#### **Any Other Business:**

The club's newest member Szymon Gardzielewski raised some interesting points regarding the club's training methods. From his experiences teaching in his own club and attending national team trainings in Poland, Szymon has offered to assist the club with creating new training programs.

Jorge Cordero and Danny Lennon mentioned that the club's training methods are based on a solid base coming from Toru Takenaga and Yanai Sensei, and that these methods have helped the club to progress and to remain stable for a number of years, both agreed with Szymon that the training program can be revamped and improved for 2011, they will work with the Vice president and other members to implement changes.

The AGM was concluded at 1:20 PM. Members were asked to take their hand outs home, and recycle them.