



Bun Bu Ryo Do - USQ Martial Arts Club



MINUTES

2011 BBRD Annual General Meeting

6.30pm | 14 April 2011 | The Spotted Cow

Apologies: Peter McIlveen, Russell Wilson, Tim Hamlyn, Michael Riedel, Rob Martens, Adrian Stagg, Gavin Beccaria, Andrew Seyderhelm

Attendance: Michael Baczynski, Sian Carlyon, Saron Whitney, Robert Kimber, Sharnie Stephens, Jason O'Hanlon, Jason Winchester, Thomas Banhazi, Nick (Judo), Adam Brannigan, Kenneth Blatchford, Neil McKinnon

Non-members: Sara Hammer, Annamarie Banhazi, Stacey Blatchford

Meeting opened at 6.35pm.

Agenda for 2011 AGM approved as distributed.

Minutes from the Previous AGM | Sian Carlyon

- **MOTION:** that the Minutes of the 2010 AGM be formally accepted as written and circulated before the meeting and adopted.
 - **Moved:** Jason O'Hanlon; **Seconded:** Thomas Banhazi
 - Carried unanimously with no amendments

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil specifically (see reports).

Presidents Report | Michael Baczynski

- Thanks extended to all 2010 Executive and Technical Committees members for work during 2010 and beyond
- Thanks to Adrian Stagg for his 2 years as (inaugural) Treasurer
- Welcome to Thomas Banhazi - Aikido instructor
- Focus more on Japanese Martial Arts during the last year
- Participated in USQ Harmony day celebrations, Guild-run Health days and other activities during the year
- Formal affiliations with Australian Jujutsu Federation (AJF), Queensland Kendo Renmei (QKR), Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR) - arrangements formalised during this year
- Rest contained in general business.
- **MOTION:** that the President's Report be formally accepted.
 - **Moved:** Sian Carlyon; **Seconded:** Thomas Banhazi
 - Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report / Financial Statement | Kenneth Blatchford

- Came in late 2010 and start of 2011, taking over from Adrian Stagg

- Shortfall at start of the year - as debt to USQ (hall hire) took up earnings during first half of year
- The successful Martial Arts Taste-tester Recreation Program and an increase in student retention has put the Club in a good financial position and to pay off any debts
- May enable us to buy more equipment
 - Prospects for new mats, changing fixed costs (eg hall hire)
- Initiatives to be implemented:
 - attendance book
 - improved communications with Executive members
- **MOTION:** that the Treasurer's Report as tabled be accepted.
 - **Moved:** Nick; **Seconded:** Robert Kimber
 - Carried unanimously

Election of 2011 Club Executive

Nomination for President: Michael Baczynski - accepted

- **Nominated:** Sian Carlyon; **Seconded:** Robert Kimber
- Carried unanimously [although non-voter, Sara objected! ;0)]
 - Thomas expressed appreciation of Michael's leadership during the year.

Nomination for Secretary: Saron Whitney - accepted

- **Nominated:** Sian Carlyon; **Seconded:** Adam Brannigan
- Carried unanimously

Nomination for Treasurer: Kenneth Blatchford - accepted

- **Nominated:** Nick; **Seconded:** Robert Kimber
- Carried unanimously

Nomination for Communications Officer: Sian Carlyon - accepted

Maintain her role as New Member contact; with Saron taking over Member Database responsibility

- **Nominated:** Ken Blatchford; **Seconded:** Saron Whitney
- Carried unanimously

Additional non-Executive roles continuing:

- Sian Carlyon: Harassments Officer
- Rob Martens: Webmaster
- Russell Wilson: OH&S Officer; and Systema co-ordinator

General Business:

Current Fee Structure:

- \$10 - Students; \$15 - Families with Juniors, USQ Staff and Community
- \$10 per session; \$70 per month or \$35 per fortnight - enables training in all sessions. Payable at the start of the month.
- Aikido \$6 per session

- **MOTION:** that the existing Fees structure as mentioned remain and continue.
 - **Moved:** Ken Blatchford; **Seconded:** Michael Baczynski
 - Carried unanimously
- Insurance in place: \$10 million coverage (Horsell); and \$5 million coverage (affiliate organisations)
 - QKR members insurance for Iai and Kendo

Planned activities:

- AUG (Uni Games) - Gold Coast 2011
 - Good opportunity to field teams in both Kendo and Judo
 - Kendo: full Mixed Kyu team - maybe two, plus maybe Women's Kyu team
 - Judo: make a mark and have fun in first competition
 - Reina Otsubo (Gold medallist 2009 AUG) will be back in Australia in time for another Kendo team medal shot
 - Continue the 'Friendly Dojo' spirit embodied at 2009 AUG
 - Fundraising opportunities required to enable this team - around \$300 per person?
 - Strategy to pay the minimum for registration and hire a unit/house for the three days of competition
 - Ken mentioned need for BBRD uniform for Judo competition
- Fundraising
 - Michael approached Bunnings for a sausage sizzle and to include a vegetarian and halal version - may raise around \$1000 (similar to other groups doing this via Bunnings)
 - Other options with guild fundraising
 - Technical and Executive Committee to investigate and discuss these options
- Recruitments:
 - Guild Recreation Programs:
 - T1 Taste-tester brought 5 new members
 - T2 no program to run as students are in the wrong headspace.
 - T3 do the same taste-tester idea to try to get the Japanese visitors
 - Try new advertising ideas
 - Ken and Sian have new ideas in mind and will present to next Technical & Executive Committee meeting
- New Equipment:
 - Ken and Michael looking into new mats this year. Existing mats are not great for beginners though fine for experienced.
 - Looking for 81 sq m mats
 - Look to purchase Club Kendo Bogu of larger sizes for hire

Affiliations:

- Judo may need to play by ear re affiliation org.
- Karate...(no news on affiliate organization)
- NCAS training opportunities for Aikido and Jujutsu

Guild related matters:

- Common hour activities will be continued and supported
- Michael Brown, Guild Club's officer, came in and blinked out of existence, Cathy Jacobs and Kate Groves have been attempting to fill this gap.
- New AUG officer is Samuel King and Ken has been talking with him re AUG 2011

Training Venue:

- MS Hall charges exorbitant and basic health and safety issues during 2010 -
 - response to date to redress matters has been bad/pathetic
- Current charge is 1.5 times the going rate at \$25 per hr • Many other venues charge \$10-15 per hr
- St James' Anglican Parish is happy to provide a hall 5 nights a week at St Thomas hall in Jellicoe St for \$100-125 per week. (Courtesy of Sian's negotiations with Parish)
Compared with four nights at USQ with \$25 per hour being \$300-400 per week.
- Caveat: regarding St Thomas' hall being on the market at the moment and it may be sold at any time
- Proposed initiation of a media campaign if the Club moves out of USQ was put in abeyance
- General consensus was the move would be a significant saving and worthwhile and the proposed timeframe of the end of May as teaching semester finishes at end of May was workable.
- Savings become possible with the move or a negotiated price.
- **MOTION:** that the USQ hire charges be settled and, pending the result of further discussions with USQ, that the Club move training to the St Thomas' Hall as soon as practicable towards the end of May
 - **Moved:** Michael Baczynski; **Seconded:** Sian Carlyon
 - Unanimous vote of confidence in this strategy was reached, after further discussion
- **ACTION:** Michael and Ken to set up a meeting for around middle of May with Bernard Lillis and Nathan Jones not Dave Povey regarding the hire charges and give USQ an opportunity (a week) to negotiate their charges

Other business:

- 7 April 2011 demonstration for Toowoomba Japan Group dinner
 - Special commendations to esp. Saron and Adam for their demonstration; kudos received from Ambassador, and other bigwigs. Club President very proud.
- Sakura festival idea
 - Toowoomba Japan Group and Peter Taylor, Mayor of Toowoomba, excited by concept
 - Interesting nibbles for plan for purpose-built dojo and cultural centre
 - With Toowoomba Japan group and Council interested it opens up new avenues of funding - exciting! Michael will pursue this and keep Club members informed.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.