

NI Judo Federation Board Meeting – 20th April 2021
6.30pm via Zoom

Attendees (Board Members)- Mark Harris, Peter Cuckoo, Rebecca Cuckoo, Russell Brown, Richard Briggs, Robin Newett and Lauren Smythe

Attendees (Staff)- None

Apologies: None

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1	<p><u>Commercial Manager Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None requested and to be requested by line manager for next meeting.
2	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH welcomed Board members to the meeting.
3	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted.
4	<p><u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following minutes were tabled; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 26th January 2021- Proposed RBriggs and seconded PC ○ 9th March 2021- Proposed RBrown and seconded MH ○ 23rd March 2021- Proposed RBrown and seconded PC
5	<p><u>Financial Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The March 2021 Financial report was tabled discussed by the Board. It was proposed by RBrown and seconded by RBriggs. <p><u>Performance Programme Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion took place on the Performance Programme finances as a follow on from the Board Proposal session on Saturday 17th April 2021.
6	<p><u>Sporting Winners Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIJF received £112k funding in Year 4 2020/21 for Sporting Winners.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A covering letter was sent to Sport NI accepting the indicative Year 5 award. • The first allocation of 25% of the Sporting Clubs award, circa. £28k, was expected to be available in the next few weeks along with 25% of the Sporting Winners award.
7	<p><u>Covid-19 – Clubs Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on restrictions easing but not clear on its impact for Judo in NI. • Sport NI had been emailed and they had responded to advise that more information would be available this week. Deirdre Hargey, Communities Minister, office was also emailed but no reply to date. • Emphasised that NIJF restrictions in Northern Ireland were different from BJA’s restrictions. • Sport NI had today released an update on the pathway out of restrictions and Judo would be classed at stage 5 as it is a contact sport. • An info graphic to be produced and sent by bulk e-zine/email to coaches, as well as post on social media, to highlight that Judo has been classified in Sport NI’s pathway out of restrictions at stage 5 and so as to limit misinterpretation.
8	<p><u>NI Open 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be kept on the agenda to arrange a date when restrictions are lifted as it will likely be in 2022 instead of 2021 due to on-going Covid-19.
9	<p><u>Safeguarding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three points on safeguarding were discussed.
10	<p><u>Conduct & Complaints</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was provided on conduct and complaints.
11	<p><u>Inclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An NIJF Inclusion and Diversity strategy 2021-25 was developed. <p><u>VI Judo Radio Interview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval given to undertake a radio interview on the VI Judo sessions at the Coleraine Club.
12	<p><u>Anti-doping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A University of Birmingham questionnaire for athletes was sent for NIJF squad members to complete.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent General Medical Council v British Cycling court case was worth reviewing.
13	<p><u>Volunteering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
14	<p><u>Secretary Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report tabled. Actions and proposal for an online policy database proposal had been approved by the Board on 17th April 2021.
15	<p><u>Commonwealth Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following update was provided; • 1) Due to Covid-19 the CJA championships planned to be held in Malta this September is postponed until 2024. The next Championships will take place in Port Elizabeth, South Africa in 2023 There is flexibility around dates of the championships in both 2023 and 2024. • 2) It is planned to have a CJA Exec Committee meeting via Zoom in early June to allow members to catch up on all CJA (and Covid) matters • 3) It is hoped to hold a non-voting, virtual CJA Congress in September this year and a physical and voting Congress in Birmingham in 2022 around the time of the Commonwealth Games Judo schedule (1, 2 ,3 August) as many Commonwealth member countries will be present for the Games. • 4) Under the direction of Prof. Mike Callan, it is planned to run a second (virtual) CJA Judo Conference on Sunday 12 September 2021, in order to build on the successful conference held in Birmingham during the 2019 Championships. The conference will also assist in keeping up the CJA's profile across the various judo and general social media platforms. The flier for the 2021 Conference was attached for information. • A flyer was sent to all Board members with details of the 2nd Commonwealth Judo Conference on Sunday 12th September 2021. Everyone was to attend.

16	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>European Judo Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Malley was invited as a VIP guest to the European Judo Championships in Portugal and she was presented with the European Judo Union prestigious Education Award on behalf of Northern Ireland Judo. • The information was communicated to members. • Congratulations from the NIJF Board to were passed to Joyce through an official letter. <p><u>Follow Up to Board Proposal Session- Saturday 8th May 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A follow up Board meeting to the recent Board Proposal session was proposed on Saturday 8th May 2021 at 10am. All agreed. Zoom link and circulate a draft agenda to be circulated. <p><u>Covid-19- Elite Player Status Query</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group of players based in the North West had been in contact asking if they could be assigned elite athlete status which would allow them to train and compete before Covid-19 restrictions were further relaxed. The Board discussed that Sport NI had released 2 new updates on 20th April 2021 setting out the definition of an elite athlete which the group of players would not meet even though they represented Northern Ireland at the World Masters event. Agreed that the Board would contact the group of players to explain the Sport NI elite athlete definitions and that the World Masters event is not classed as an elite athlete event. • Current BJA regulations regarding Masters players training and competing also to be checked. <p><u>Request for Further NIJF License Extension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member had been in touch in April 2021 asking the NIJF Board to discuss suspending license renewal until at least April 2022 to allow Clubs time to recover form Covid-19. • Board members discussed and agreed that license renewal income is vital to NIJF and as two earlier extension have already been awarded by NIJF that there would be no further extension offered.
17	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p><u>Next Board Meeting:</u> Saturday 8th May 2021 at 10am</p>