

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 7PM

Carnmoney Primary School / Zoom Meeting

Present:

Board of Directors: Richard Briggs, President - Zoom
 Russell Brown, Chairperson
 Robin Newett, Hon. Treasurer
 Lauren Smythe, Hon. Secretary – Zoom
 Peter Cuckoo, Conducts & Complaints Officer – Zoom
 Rebecca Cuckoo, Mental Health & Well-being Officer – Zoom
 Mark Harris

NIJF Staff:

Performance Lead; Ciaran Ward - Zoom
 Administrator; Gail Reid - Zoom

Apologies:

Mark Donald
 Kookateki Judo Club – Wendy & Johnathan Cooke
 W.S.K.- Bert Lavery
 Country Antrim Judo Club – Danny & Ellen Nolan
 Simply Judo – Mark Montgomery
 Shori – Gavin Abel
 Sensi – Ron McGowan
 Triangle - Gary Jackson

There were 9 'A' clubs present eligible to vote therefore a quorum allowing the meeting to proceed.

The 9 clubs were;

Club Name	Representative
Shinsei Judo Club	Averil & Bill Taggart
Omagh/Fintona Judo Club	Kathleen Keaveney & Neill Byrne - Zoom
The Judo Academy	Ann Marie McCluskey - Zoom
UUC	Michael McMillan - Zoom
Coleraine Judo Club	Pete & Rebecca Cuckoo - Zoom
Dromore	John Marshall
Long Tower	Jim Toland - Zoom
Abbey Judo	William Cully
Sonkei	Mark Harris

1. President's Welcome

Richard Briggs opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Richard highlighted a technical problem on Facebook with the 2021 AGM report and noted that the report link was now available.

Richard outlined changes since the last AGM in May 2019 with the Covid-19 pandemic occurring and Board changes. However, the NIJF had completed the necessary paperwork associated with becoming a limited company by guarantee.

An Events Commission had been created; there had been progress with Safeguarding. Gail Reid and Mark McDonald had been appointed as staff members and Lauren Smythe had been co-opted to the Board. A Pathway squad had also been created.

Richard reminded the meeting that Covid-19 is still with us and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

2. Approval of previous 2019 AGM minutes

The 2019 NIJF AGM minutes were tabled.

Proposed by Russell Brown.

Seconded by Bill Taggart

3. Chairman's Report & AGM Report Pack

Russell Brown read out the Chairman's report in the AGM 2021 pack and noted that the AGM 2021 report link was on [Northern Ireland Judo Latest News - NI Judo](#)

<https://www.nijudo.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/AGMreportdigital.pdf>

Ciaran Ward gave an overview of the NIJF Performance programme.

Rebecca Cuckoo outlined her Mental Health report.

Bill Taggart thanked Board members for their hard work and encouraged members to give their support to the Board to allow the Board to work on behalf of members.

4. Approval of Financial Accounts

December 2019 to 31 March 2021

Robin Newett advised that the accounts were presented in the AGM report. There had been a deficit of £34,649 from 2nd December 2019 to 31st March 2021 and highlighted that no sustainable income was coming into the NIJF.

Proposed by Rebecca Cuckoo

Seconded by Peter Cuckoo

5. Re-appointment of auditors

Cleaver Black, Suite 5, Ormeau House, 91-97 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 1SH

Richard Briggs outlined that Cleaver Black were the current auditors and proposed that they remain NIJF's auditors for the incoming year.

Proposed by Averil Taggart

Seconded by Mark Harris

6. Vote on Director Appointments

Richard Briggs proposed Lauren Smythe be approved as a Board Director in the Secretary role and Russell Brown as Chairperson. **Passed by all.** At this point Richard Briggs handed over the meeting to the incoming Chair, Russell Brown.

7. Adoption of proposed changes to Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-Laws

Russell tabled the updated Memorandum & Articles of Association

Proposed by Averil Taggart

Seconded by Bill Taggart

Peter Cuckoo invited members who have future changes to suggest, to contact him and the changes can be integrated. Peter will add the approved versions to the NIJF website

8. President's Closing Remarks

Richard Briggs thanked everyone for attending and the 21 clubs that for supported Russell Brown for NIJF Chair. Richard also thanked Peter Cuckoo and all Board members who contributed to the Memorandum and Articles of Association updates for their work.

Russell Brown thanked Richard Briggs for leading the meeting and thanked all members for attending. The meeting was closed at 7:45pm