

**Blackburn Academy of Martial Arts CIC**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**December 6, 2020 12.00am**

Present: Stephen Nightingale (chair), Philip Turner, Peter Cheshire, Karen Procter, John Forshaw, Karenne Aspin, Pam Lightbown, Shaper Wright-Khan, Imran Bhaiji, Neil Traynor, Leo Turner, Rizwan Patel

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Prof Martin Dixon

This meeting was conducted on Zoom due to COVID 19 restrictions.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

SN informed the meeting that we had a membership of 279. He had received 36 proxy votes and this with the additional attendance of 12 members named above, the quorum of 10% of members had been met.

**Financial statement**

SN presented a financial summary of the latest accounts to members for the 12 month period to Sept 2019. The more recent accounts were still with our accountant (DPM Accounting Services) Once again there were no taxes to pay due to CASC status. The accounts have been finalised for the period and the club is in a reasonable financial state. Support from the Local Authority through their COVID business rates grant has been gratefully received as income from venue hire has been severely reduced to the enforced lockdowns or 2019.

Current bank balances are:

Natwest	£376.22
Barclays community	£8,713.18
Defibrillators	£1,792.73
Savings	£290.54

Directors loans made to the Academy on start up by Phil Turner and Stephen Nightingale are still outstanding to the value of £23,704.

## **Election to the Board of Directors – Martin Dixon**

Leo Turner proposed that Martin Dixon be re-elected to the board of directors.

AGREED : That Martin Dixon was re-elected to the Board

## **Subscription fees for 2021/2022**

PT explained that as the AGM was unable to convene in March 2020 due to the COVID lockdown. As it was unlikely that it would be able to convene in the near future, the directors decided to hold this meeting on Zoom. A consequence of this delay was that the annual membership fees were unable to be agreed or collected for the period 2020/2021. It was also felt inappropriate to implement when very little had been offered throughout 2020 due to enforced closure.

SN highlighted that this led to a no income from membership fees, compared to the period 2019/2020.

PT suggested that the membership fees should be set and implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

The meeting discussed a variety of level of fees, suggested by members, but it was felt that for the use of the venue, that membership fees should be compulsory for all students.

The meeting proposed that a rate of £15 per individual student or a family membership of £24 should be implemented for all students. AGREED. It was also proposed that this should be collected via the student Direct Debit system at a rate of £1.25 per month for individual students, and at a rate of £2 per monthly for family memberships. AGREED

PL requested that the benefits of membership of the Academy be marketed to all students, to ensure they understood what the money had previously been used for and would be used for in the future. AGREED

SW-R suggested that an opportunity for students to pay via an annual lump sum in advance, as some payers might prefer this option. AGREED.

## **Revision of BAMA CIC Constitution**

PL proposed a slightly revised constitution which more clearly set out the Academy's vision and mission statement and the meeting agreed that this would be adopted. There was no change to the operation of the Academy or change to its' core values.

## **Any other business**

SN updated the meeting that the directors were exploring the opportunity of securing extra training space with the two premises adjacent to our Academy being vacated as the businesses have moved out/gone bust.

No other matters were raised and the meeting was closed at 1pm.