

Blackburn Academy of Martial Arts CIC

Meeting Agenda

September 19, 2016
20:30

Type of Meeting: Inaugural Meeting

Chair: Phil Turner

Attendees: P. Turner, S Nightingale, P Cheshire, M Dixon, J Rees, L Godbold, N Traynor, B Beresford, D Cottam, T Beach, Leo Turner

Apologies: J Hughes, L Wilson, C Wilson

Approval of minutes from last meeting – not applicable

Introduction

– All attendees conformed they had completed their membership applications, which were accepted. PT explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and finalise the draft constitution. All members had received prior copy of draft constitution or were presented with a copy at the meeting

Draft Constitution

– discussion on each section took place led by PT, confirming the formal name of Blackburn Academy of Martial arts and the trading name of Masters of Martial Arts Academy. The main purpose being to provide facilities for the practice of Ju Jitsu and to promote participation in Ju Jitsu. Other activities as listed in the aims and objectives were also discussed.

- Section 5 Committee was discussed and LT suggested that roles be up for election on a rolling basis so that there be no wholesale change of committee following one AGM. MD suggested that a 4 year term of office could be used along the lines of the British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body.
- The meeting agreed with both proposals and that the draft be amended

Finances – PT informed that HMRC had set the accounting period as ending 30th September 2017. MD questioned how this would fit in with the tax year ending on 5th April.

Action – PT to enquire with Dennis and Turnbull Accountants about the two

- Membership fees. PT and SN confirmed to the meeting that Masters of Martial Arts had agreed to pay the monthly membership fee of £1 per month from their monthly student fees until such time as a full time venue had been secured. In due course the members would then be asked to set a membership fee to be paid by themselves commensurate with the standard of the venue.
- The financial liability of each member to the sum of £1 was highlighted by PT in the case that the Company was wound up.
- PT also confirmed that the directors would not be paid for their role as directors, and that all surplus income would be reinvested in the club. There could be no redistribution to members of any surplus or assets. Reasonable, market rate payments could be paid, however to members for goods and services.

The AGM was proposed for January each year to allow the accounts to be compiled and ratified, to then to allow the Christmas period to pass.

Acceptance of Constitution – the meeting then voted to adopt the Blackburn Academy of Martial Arts CIC Constitution which was accepted unanimously with the amendments discussed above

Election of Directors – MD was introduced to the meeting with his role as chair of the BJJ GB and the owner of the full time Masters of Martial Arts Centre of Excellence in Accrington.

LT proposed the election of directors as P Turner, S Nightingale (Chair), and P Cheshire, with M Dixon as a non-executive director. The meeting ratified the four director appointments unanimously.

Any Other Business

Several members asked about the location of a future central training venue in Blackburn. PT explained that a future location would be central to the present four venues and would take account of member needs for parking and access.

Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed once a new central training venue has been secured.