



EKNGB Ltd.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors & HOA interested in joining the EKNGB Ltd.

Sunday 17th August 2025

Time: 19:00 - End: 20:30 hrs

Location – Zoom Call

Present:	Name	(Initials)
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Dale Gamble (DG)		
Katie Simpson (KS)		
Matthew Handley (MH)		
Paul Simmons (PS)		
Anthoni Everitt (AE)		
Peter Consterdine (PC)		
Dave Inman (DI)		
Chris Simpson (CS)		
Daniel Hollister (DH)		
Gary Hoyle (GH)		
Tracey Archer (TA)		
Mike Carr (MC)		
Rob Smith (RS)		
Nick P (NP)		
Mike O'Brian (MO)		
Brian Noble (BN)		
Adrien Mitchell (AM)		
Ady Gray (AG)		
Raj Bhardwaj (RB)		
Ben Campbell (BC)		
Steve Coleman (SC)		
Jeffrey Darvill-Bessent (JDB)		
Lesley Darrington (LD)		

Apologies:	Name	(Initials)
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Michael Dinsdale (MD)		
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No	ITEM	ACTION
1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
	Welcome Meeting to attendees by (DG). Notice of no recordings and the meeting is being recorded by DG (PS). Meeting set out to discuss the EKNGB Ltd.'s strategy going forwards (DG). Apologies: MD	
2	DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS/CONFLICTS	
	None	
3	MAIN MEETING / ANY MATTERS FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	PowerPoint is shared to the group and DG Presents. - Introduction of logo - Introduction of board members - Our vision - Our pledge - System of membership and licencing - online platform. - EKNGB National Team - EKNGB Regional Team - EKNGB Referee's Department - EKNGB Fee's and Membership - Questions from the room	

4	ANY OTHER BUSINESS / QUESTIONS	
	DG expressed that we are open and honest, we will be happy for everyone to know what we are doing, we will share the minutes of our meetings. Documents are ready - companies' house. LD asked what the talks with WKF. Answer: We have been in talks with BKF and WKF (DG) LD asked if EKF members could join us if we get the BKF and WKF to support us going forwards. Answer: Yes, EKF members will be allowed to join us. (DG) JDB Asked if the fee would be a one-off payment. Answer: It would be a yearly fee from each association. Benefits will be given by EKNGB to associations such as coaching certificates, training, working with other associations, technical courses. (DG) JDB asked about grading and technical panel for advancement. Answer: We will look to work with associations (who have their own set of rules) to help provide a supportive system and structure. (DG) SC asked what the structure will be from grassroots. Answer: Yes, we would have a children's championships and a national championship, we will also have BKF championships. We will have coaches for all stages, who will select their teams. Regions will be for children and adults, including veterans, we will have a president's cup competition for regions. Asked if there would be support for grassroots championships from officials and the EKNGB at my grassroots championships. Referees can only go to competitions that are compliant with WKF rules. We are going to have EKNGB sanctioned events where officials and members will be supported. PC allowed into meeting by (PS) MO asked if DG could elaborate on the regions. How will the south be managed as it is large. DG We will look at numbers and then be flexible and split regions if needed. PS steps in and assures MO that we will make sure that the region sessions are distributed. PC talked about the past success of the southwest region. DG spoke about being open to Southwest being incorporated as a region. PC Spoke about English Karate and what has gone on in the background. DG is thankful for his support. RB spoke about how the BKF championships is poorly attended by members from England. RB said that he had received confirmation that legally the EKF has left the BKF under article 30.6 membership is not transferrable.	

JDB asked if it was true that Steve Coupland was the child protection officer at the time the events that were the subject of the civil litigation took place. **PC** replied yes, he was the officer at the time.

MO Asked about if there would be an EKNGB website soon.

Answer: The website is near to completion and should be ready in a week.

We will send a notice when it is live (**DG**)

MO Asked if there was a chance to get monies back from the old EKF. We will investigate this **DG**.

DI Asked about having things in place to work towards sport England funding. **MH** said that everything will be imbedded to help us align with sport England. **PC** spoke about the new Karate England body. **DI** spoke about how we could get Sport England backing.

RB said someone had asked him if EKF members will be allowed to attend BKF events, **RB** confirmed they will be welcomed if **RB** has approved it.

LD At competitions, would you cater for older people. **DG** we will cater for everyone through regions, there is no reason there isn't veteran's category. What will happen to the young members, team, referees and coaches. **PS** we will have rules and guidelines, but we want transition to be easy for all.

DI Coaches have been pushed out in the past; will they get their chance? We will support coaching and make sure that everyone has the chance to apply and the best person for the jobs will get in.

DG Said we have come together as a team knowing right from wrong.

Closed the meeting

No more business.

END OF MEETING - 20.30 hrs