



EKNGB LTD

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on 28th January 2026

Time: 20-15 hrs

End: 22-13 hrs

Location – Zoom – 987 526 5880

Present:

Name

(Initials)

Katie Simpson (KS)

Dale Gamble (DG)

Matthew Handley (MH)

Paul Simmons - (PS)

Invited

Helen Gamble (HG) left 20:45 hrs

Apologies:

Name

(Initials)

Mike Dinsdale (MD)

No	ITEM	ACTION
1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
	Welcome Meeting to attendees by (DG).	
2	DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS/CONFLICTS	
	None	
3	MAIN MEETING / ANY MATTERS FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS	

DG – Opens meeting with welcoming HG

DG – EKNGB Administration

We have increased the staff with an extra person on a voluntary basis again. HG.

This will help admin@englishkaratengb with office@englishkaratengb.

With an increase in traffic there will be two people in EKNGB office working as volunteers as part of the team.

This will assist all areas of the EKNGB.

PS, MH, KS all Agreed

DG – MOB EKNGB Treasurer to change accounting year date.

The date for accounts will slightly change. By a day to make filing to HRMC easier and tidier.

KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.

KS – EKNGB Coaches meeting and medical on 29/01/2026 for European U21 Championships

Meeting with KS, PS and DG with all the National Coaches and Medical to discuss.

Travel, Safeguarding, risk assessments, training venues, championship days and performance areas.

MH– Senior Lead Independent Director Role Filled

This week it has been confirmed that we have had an individual confirmed for the new role on the EKNGB board.

More news to follow but the EKNGB board are very happy with the new appointment.

Social media and the website will publish at end of week the appointment in full.

KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.

DG – EKNGB General meeting for all HOA’s and Head Association Coaches
– June / July 2026

EKNGB Board have agreed to arrange a face-to-face meeting for all senior representatives of member associations at the EKNGB headquarter hotel, Leicester Marriott, Leicester.

This will be a face to face to cover several topics, past and present. This will allow the board and associated parties to meet with members and give more details on a range of topics such as but not an exhaustive list;

- Sports 80 and implementation
- EKNGB Performance and direction
- Planning for EKNGB for the second half of 2026
- Financial position at present
- Partnerships with institutions and sponsors
- Information on new profit share partnerships and income for EKNGB and its members
- Alignment with BKF and support for BKF
- WKF news and closer integration of EKNGB within the structure of WKF
- Safeguarding and development of departments
- Update on any investigations with third parties and government agencies
- Technical commissions and medical department update for EKNGB.
- AOB nearer to date of general meeting

KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.

DG/KS – Update on partnerships with companies for EKNGB merchandise and sponsorship

We have now secured our merchandise partnerships with two companies to work with the EKNGB.

It is very important to provide the EKNGB with revenue streams to build a solid financial base.

This is just one avenue that the EKNGB have been trying to secure in recent months.

This will also link with companies as a form of sponsorship for the EKNGB.

AVA Sports

Will provide the EKNGB Official England Tracksuits for all National Teams attending WKF Championships. IPPON GEAR. They will also provide the official red England team polo tops. This will be the England team wear.

These will be provided at cost for EKNGB.

AVA Sports will also be the distributor for EKNGB merchandise for the governing bodies non-National team merchandise.

This will have the EKNGB red NGB logo on black clothing.
They will provide.

- Hoodies
- Hats
- Tracksuits

This will be open to purchase to all EKNGB members. This has already been trialled with success over the last few months.

There will be a profit share in place for EKNGB, so the EKNGB members profit from this relationship, and this will build a strong business relationship into 2027.

Kicking Clothing

Will provide the following for EKNGB.

EKNGB T-shirts for all Official England Team Championships for all ages.
This will be one per athlete as sponsorship. In return the company will be one of our official sponsors.

Also, Kicking Clothing will provide merchandise for all EKNGB events;

EKNGB English Children Championships
EKNGB English Senior Championships
EKNGB Presidents Cup
EKNGB International Event and Championships run by EKNGB.

In partnership with EKNGB there will be a profit share arrangement where the monies will be shared with EKNGB and company.

Again, to provide a revenue stream for EKNGB and its members.

They will also produce and sell EKNGB Regional Squad and team merchandise for members. All branded with individual regional badges etc.

EKNGB Regional Hoodies
EKNGB Regional Tracksuits
EKNGB Regional T-Shirts

All of the above will be available in coming months. Some of the above is available now.

KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.

MH – EKNGB Technical Commission

Document and meetings with new EKNGB technical commission have been completed. To go out to members this week.

KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.

DG/MH – EKNGB Business Cards

They have been designed but need printing. DG to prepare some before delegation goes to European U21 Championships next week.

KS, PS, MH all Agreed.

MH – EKNGB First Aid and provider update

The EKNGB will be expecting all coaches to be first aid trained as we move through the next few years. In line with all other Sports England NGB's good practice.

To help with access to courses and courses directed for the Karate community the EKNGB have partnered with SEF First Aid.

This is not compulsory for EKNGB members but provides another option for members to access first aid qualifications on top of other national providers like British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance.

SEF will supply EKNGB branded certificates and course adverts.

The partnership will also be on a profit share, so monies come in the EKNGB for the further development of the governing body and its members.

We will be looking for premises for these to be hosted. This is Nationwide and hall hire would obviously be paid by SEF. Again, giving options for our member associations/organisations.

Members should contact admin@englishkaratengb.co.uk on providing hall hire.

KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.

KS - EKNGB Safeguarding General Meeting – 01/02/2026

There will be a meeting for our safeguarding team. Along with board member MH.

To cover all aspects of our recently enlarged team.

	PS/DG Agreed	
4	MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON	
	All completed and checked.	
5	ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA)	
	None other than follow up of previous meeting minutes.	
6	AGENDA POINT	
	N/A	
7	AGENDA POINT	
	N/A	
8	CHAIRS UPDATE	
	As above	
9	PRESIDENTS UPDATE	
	As above	
10	OPPORTUNITIES	
	As above	
11	FINANCIAL UPDATE	
	Update by President on invoices and line of communication. KS, PS, MH, DG all Agreed.	

12	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	NONE END OF MEETING – 22-13 hrs	