



Kendo na hÉireann

Annual General Meeting - 18th June 2022

Attendees

1. Raul Fernandez
2. Jason Clouston
3. Kathryn Cassidy
4. Martin Kiosew
5. Frank Taubert
6. Mihailo Lalevic
7. Martin Kaufmann
8. Dirk Bakker
9. Ivan Gendelman
10. Nick Johnston
11. Batman O'Brien
12. Gavin O'Reilly
13. GongHee Kim
14. PIng Xin
15. Daniel Nunn
16. Connor Reddin
17. John Kennedy
18. Sercan Tokdemir
19. Ilias Vrachnis
20. Marta Afonso
21. Jorge Cabrita
22. Szymon Gardzielewski
23. Eanna Byrne

Quorate

Daniel Nunn & Gonghee left at item 6 before vote

Still have at least 50% of clubs represented so we are still quorate

Gonghee returns at item 8 before vote

Appointment of Chair

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Appointment of Chair

Raul fernandez

Voting on BOM positions

Proposed by Kathryn Cassidy, seconded by Raul Fernandez

President: Jason Clouston



For	Against	Abstention
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Vice-president: Raul Fernandez

For	Against	Abstention
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Treasurer: Martin Kiosew

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Secretary: Kathryn Cassidy

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The following nominees are also put forward for appointment to non-executive roles

Children's Officer: Mark Kawa

Anti-doping Officer: Ivan Gendelman

Coaching Officer: Martin Kiosew

Grading Officer: John Kennedy

Annual Report

KC: It's been a difficult period, obviously not much activity to report, but now training is back and we have had some events. We were able to hold gradings in Kendo, Iaido and Jodo, and we also had some visiting sensei. The national squad participated in EKC last month, and upcoming planning has begun for participation in EIC and EJC planned for September.

MK congratulated KC on being elected Secretary General of EKF

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Financial Report

See attached summary

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MK reminded all to register for federation membership, this is required for all kenshi and it is a requirement for us to report on the number of members to our parent bodies EKF, FIK and IMAC, and it is also required in order to grade or participate in national or international events.

Currently have 103 registered members, and some are known not to have registered.

Update on affiliate activities

KC gave a brief update on IMAC funding opportunities which have been available over the past year. She stressed that there will be additional funding opportunities, and that it is important that all instructors are Garda Vetted in order for a club to be eligible to apply for funds.

The issue of the expulsion of the Russian Kendo Federation from the EKF was discussed, and participants were informed of the ruling by IMAC to bar athletes from IMAC-affiliated clubs from participating in competitions at which Russian athletes are also participating, in line with the International Olympic Committee guidelines. It was clarified that this means athletes representing Russia and does not impact the ability of Russian born members of KnhÉ to participate fully in all events.

Motions - constitutional amendments

All proposed by Kathryn Cassidy, seconded by Raul Fernandez



1. Remove the following notes which should be in minutes not part of the constitution

“[AGREED: **1.1** Kendo na hÉireann will continue to be the official name of the Irish kendo Federation. We will not use the abbreviation of IKF we will continue to use KnhE or KnhÉ.]”

“[AGREED: 2.2 / 2.3 Specific roles for all elected and nominated officials will be created with measurable goals/targets included. These will be included in the articles of association.]”

[AGREED: **5.2** A new policy for establishing and supporting new clubs is to be developed. This will be referenced in section 5.2 as an appendix.]

[AGREED: **5.4** There were many concerns about our existing Insurance arrangement. The ideal is to have one insurance policy for everyone in the federation. It was agreed this was a priority for the BOM over all other actions. All federation members should use their contacts for help in any way on this matter.]

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2. Correct the name throughout from “Kendo na h’Eireann” -> “Kendo na hÉireann”

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3. Update article 1.2 to also include IMAC and Sport Ireland as governing bodies (add the text in bold below)

1.2. Parent organisation

Kendo na h'Eireann is under supervision from International Kendo Federation (FIK) via European Kendo Federation (EKF), **the Irish Martial Arts Commission (IMAC), and Sport Ireland.**

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4. Remove article 1.3. Sponsoring organisation

“The sponsor of Kendo na-h'Eireann shall be the French Kendo Association”

And renumber subsequent sections

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5. Remove the entire section 1.5

1.5 Licence

- a) The only licensing body for Kendo, Iaido and Jodo in Ireland is Kendo na-h'Eireann.
- b) Licences are renewable and dated from 1st January each year.
- c) Only current licence holders or members may participate in the activities of Kendo na-h'Eireann and the EKF/FIK.
- d) The licence's are individual and not transferable.
- e) Forms and books are available from the Secretary.
- f) Each art shall require a license.

Instead insert into membership 4.1 that says

“In principle, only current and fully compliant members of Kendo na h'Eireann may participate in the Irish National Championships and be members of the Irish National Squad. Participation in other national events may be extended to non-members at the discretion of the management committee.”



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6. Add new chapter on Club recognition

Proposal to add it as chapter 4, and renumber all subsequent sections

Chapter 4: Dojo Recognition

4.1. Members of Kendo na hÉireann, except life members, should be a current member of a recognised Kendo na hÉireann dojo

4.2. Any dojo may apply for recognition according to the Kendo na hÉireann new dojo policy, and after a probationary period can be granted full membership

4.3 Dojos must comply with all policies and rules of Kendo na hÉireann, the Irish Martial Arts Commission, Sport Ireland, the European Kendo Federation and the International Kendo Federation, this includes anti-doping regulations, Garda vetting rules, child protection laws, and any other legal requirements or policies or rules set by governing bodies

4.4. Where a fully recognised club is noncompliant with article 4.3 they will lose recognition

4.5. Upon becoming compliant with article 4.3, a club will be entitled to apply for reinstatement

4.6. Where a club has lost recognition, their members will also automatically lose their membership. Club member's fees may be refunded upon review

4.7. Members of a club which has lost recognition will be entitled to membership if they are accepted as members of a recognised club, and any fees paid for the current year will be carried over to their renewed membership

Discussion

The term "new Dojo Policy" above should not say new, instead we should discuss what to call this in AOB and then replace this in the proposed text above. This amendment was accepted and the above proposal went to a vote with the understanding that the term "new dojo policy" would be changed.

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7. Remove references in Chapter 7 to hosting club for the Nationals as we do not do this anymore

I.e. remove

“c) Hosting club may decide to have additional classes.

e) The hosting club must show they have membership and resources adequate to running this event.

7.3 Hosting club

a) The location of the Irish National Championship will rotate between each member club of the Federation on an application basis. Subject to Management Committee approval.

b) The hosting club will be responsible for the costs of hosting the competition, and will be able to decide the prices for entry to the competition.

c) In cases where the club can demonstrate financial hardship, or where significant expenditure is required which would be beyond the hosting clubs financial means, the hosting club may apply to the Federation for a grant. The amount of assistance awarded will be decided by the President, in conjunction with Treasurer, having due regard to the financial position of the Federation.

d) New clubs can avail of an exemption from hosting the competition during their first three years.”

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8. Add the following to Chapter 7

c) In any given year, the management committee may, at its discretion, extend an invitation to one or more dojos in Northern Ireland to send a team to participate in the Irish National Championships team competition

d) any invitation as referred to in 7.c will not extend to the individuals competition, but may include other categories such as women and juniors if these are held

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9. Remove the entire section 10.2

10.2 Developing links with other sensei

The President of the Federation will be responsible for fostering links with kendo Sensei, for the benefit of the members of Kendo na h'Eireann.

Individual clubs may develop links with Sensei, and arrange for visits and host seminars by visiting Sensei, with the approval of the President of the Federation.

In all cases, member clubs will be answerable to the President of the Federation as regard to how they conduct their relationship with Sensei.

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Events and Dates for the year (including setting date of 2023 AGM)

- Proposed November or Aug/Sep 2022 for Nationals in Cork, exact date to be confirmed based on hall availability
- Gradings - dates TBC based on hall availability
- Seminars - dates TBC based on hall availability
- Saturday 25th March 2023 AGM
- 25th June 2022 Iai squad training
- 17th July 2022 Iai / Jo
- 7th Aug 2022 Iai / Jo

Any other business

Temporary membership

- Two proposals, 10 euro per month temp fee or just remove temporary fees
- Deadline of end feb, if member joins end prev year they still should be 3 months temp then into full membership, if joining jan/feb, they just pay for the full year

Remove temporary membership



Proposer: Martin Kiosew

Seconder: John Doherty

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Kendo na hÉireann policy for new dojos -> Kendo na hÉireann Dojo Recognition Policy

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Make dojo / club consistent throughout - no

Check language for consistency - no

MK dds a big thankyou to everyone for surviving COVID times