

British Student Taekwondo Federation AGM

Sunday 31st October 2010

In attendance: Michelle Chafer, Colin West (Nottingham), Trevor Page (Bucks New Uni), Mehdi Mirza (Oxford Brookes), Master Graham Jones (Southampton), David Honey (Southampton), Michael Nathan-Pepple (Kingston), Bekie Hodge (UWE), Yonghyun Ryu (UEL), Master Tony Vohra, Master Ansar Mahmood and Master Dongjin Bae, as well as further university representatives from Surrey, Derby, Bristol, UEL, UWE, Oxford Brookes, Southampton and Nottingham

Apologies: None

Review of previous year (discussion led by Michelle Chafer, President)

1. **BSTF AGM 2009** (Saturday 17th October) - Attendance was good with plenty of issues covered.
2. **One-Day Fight Camp 2009** (Sunday 29th November) - Due to previous success and demand, this event was organised once again, this time at the City Academy, Bristol. It was well attended by students and the BSTF were grateful for the significant contributions from Master Suh, Master Bae and Master Van Damme. There is no reason to suggest the event will not be arranged again this year (date/venue to be confirmed ASAP).
3. **BSTF National Championships 2010** (Sunday 7th March) - The BSTF was deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden tragic loss of Master Suh in February 2010. However, the committee were unanimous in that the upcoming BSTF National Championships should go ahead. The event was the 24th of its kind and, as usual, attendance was very good.

The vast majority of comments made on the day were very positive.

A suggestion was made to start the competition earlier and that much of the over-run was due to the awards ceremony at the end of the competition. It was decided that medals should be awarded on the ring during the finals to save time, with only the overall university winner ceremony at the end of the day (***to be actioned by new committee***).

It was suggested to host the event over two days (poomsae on Saturday, sparring on Sunday). This would allocate more time for sparring and help to avoid over-run. However, it was felt that students only competing in poomsae would feel uninvolved and less important in the overall event. Concerns were also raised as to the cost imposed on university clubs. The event could become more expensive to attend (i.e. travelling up the afternoon/night before). It was decided the idea was not suitable for the 2011 event, but could be look at in future years.

Request made to provide more information for the use of dormitory accommodation at the neighbouring Olympic Lodge. BSTF Committee to look into providing a better means of communication of who is staying at the Olympic Lodge (**to be actioned by new committee**).

4. **Easter Fight Camp 2010** (Friday 30th April - Sunday 2nd May) - Training standard was good, but attendance was not as high as previous years. This was suggested to be related to the timing of the event (too close to the summer exam period) and not enough notice of details.

Financially this was not a problem as costs were fairly low - only led to a small loss. Date and venue arranged for the 2011 Easter Fight Camp. Increased efforts need to be made to ensure the future success of the event.

5. **Hungary Fight Camp 2010** (Monday 2nd August - Sunday 8th August) - Despite being published to all BSTF members, the event was not significantly arranged by the BSTF this year. The reputation of the event is extremely good and the BSTF only needed to provide an assistive role to help students organise the trip. Many clubs have previously sent students to Hungary and, therefore, know what is required of them. The BSTF will continue to communicate and provide any support Andrew Dorrian (organising committee in Hungary) requires next year.

Attendance continues to grow and students attending this year were treated to the added bonus of training with Olympic Gold Medallist Master Moon Dae Sung, Korea.

6. **Korea Trip** - In previous years, the Korea trip has been arranged and led by Master Suh. Due to the sudden death of Master Suh, the event did not proceed this year. It is hoped that a Korea trip can be arranged for 2011 in association with Masters involved with the BSTF.

Officials at BSTF National Championships 2011

A detailed discussion took place regarding the best means to provide referees and corner judges for the next BSTF National Championships. The BTCB are currently unable to provide assistance with regards to officials.

It was agreed that, in theory, there is no need to rely upon other organisations for officials - the BSTF could arrange their own officials. The BSTF has good relationships with numerous International Referees that could be approached.

Advantages to bringing in officials from outside the BSTF: (1) more professional appearance and (2) trained/experienced in corner judging. In addition, this would (3) remove the necessity to arrange students to officiate when they may also be competing on the day.

However, out-sourcing officials could be very expensive. Teaching students to act as corner judges offers training opportunities whilst also keep costs low.

It was decided that a decision regarding officials for the 2011 competition needs to be made as early as possible (**action point** - no later than the end of 2010). To determine the possibility of using student officials, it was also decided to provide a basic training course during the upcoming One-Day Fight Camp (date to be confirmed) in Bristol (**to be actioned by new committee**).

Events for 2010/2011 Calendar

1. **One-Day Fight Camp 2010** - Committee currently in discussions with UWE to host the event in December 2010 (*potentially 5th Dec*). Details to be made available to students ASAP. Master Bae has agreed to attend the event and provide instructor assistance.
2. **Friendly/warm-up competition** - Oxford Brookes are looking into hosting a small competition 3-4 weeks before the BSTF National Championships 2011. This would also provide an opportunity for students to practice their refereeing/corner judging skills.
3. **BSTF National Championships 2011** - The date of the event has been confirmed as Sunday 6th March 2011 at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury. The committee are currently preparing the entry pack which will be made available to students ASAP.
4. **Easter Fight Camp 2011** - The dates for the event have been confirmed as Friday 8th April - Sunday 10th April 2011 taking place at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury.

The event will be opened to International teams, as interest has arisen through various contacts. For example, a Greek team that have attended the Hungary Fight Camp the last two years have shown interest in attending. Further details will be made available ASAP.

5. **Hungary Fight Camp 2011** - The provisional dates are Monday 4th July - Monday 11th July 2011, at the same location as the previous two years at Lake Balaton. Communications will continue with Andrew Dorrian and details will be distributed to students once available.
6. **Korea Trip 2011** - Having previously been organised primarily by Master Suh, the BSTF committee feels this event needs someone experienced with travelling in Korea to help arrange the trip. Master Na (Honorary BSTF Chair) has expressed his desire to help the BSTF.

It was agreed that British based Masters planning trips to Korea could liaise with the BSTF in arranging for students to travel with them. However, considering the trip will be for university students, the costs must be kept as low as possible (approx. £1000 as previous).

Master Vohra, Master Ansar and Master Bae offered their assistance to arrange trips to Korea in the summer of 2011. It was agreed that a decision on the Masters attending the Korea trip, as well as dates and prices would be made by the end of 2010 (***to be actioned by new committee***).

7. **International competition** - It was proposed to arrange another competition for students to compete against International fighters. The idea behind the competition was a dedication to Master Suh, potentially called the 'Master Suh Memorial Cup'.

BSTF Policy

The BSTF committee strongly believe that the BSTF should be open to ***all*** students, regardless of affiliation. There should be no exclusions and no exceptions. This has not changed in the 25 years the BSTF has existed. This was agreed with students and Masters in attendance at the AGM, with

the only issue being related to BUCS points *potentially* being restricted to clubs of certain affiliation, which is currently not the case.

Finance Report (Trevor Page, Treasurer)

At present, there is approximately £4000 in the bank, so the BSTF is in a financially stable position. During the 2009/10 term, the BSTF broke even/made a small loss. Extra costs included the reduced numbers at the Easter Fight Camp, contributing to Master Suh's funeral/wake and new competition scoring equipment.

Insurance to cover students costs approximately £1100. This covers members at BSTF events (limited number of events each year). Annual membership per club is £25 which helps to cover the cost of insurance. The BSTF need to consider which senior instructor can act as the named person who oversees BSTF events.

BUCS Recognition

It has been the goal of the BSTF for many years to gain BUCS recognition for the BSTF National Championships. It has been made clear that BUCS will not work with the BSTF until they are in agreement with the BTCB (as the perceived NGB) and the BTC, although student opinion is still valued.

It was agreed at the BSTF AGM 2009 that the committee would provide a motion to university Taekwondo clubs to take to their Athletic Unions for approval. This would then hopefully be raised at the BUCS AGM stating, in simple, that the BSTF National Championships should be supported by BUCS. Unfortunately, the timing was severely affected by the sudden loss of Master Suh earlier this year and the BUCS AGM was missed.

It is hoped that this drive to gain BUCS recognition for the BSTF National Championships can now commence once again. The motion will be made available on the BSTF website (***to be actioned by the new committee***).

Committee Elections 2010/11

Master Suh Ki Young - Since the passing of Master Suh in February 2010, the committee has discussed at length the position of Chief Instructor and were in agreement that it should not be filled at present. It was felt that no one person met the criteria to be given the title. Master Suh provided assistance to the BSTF for many years before being presented the position and the committee felt the same should apply if the position was to be filled again. This sensitive matter was agreed by the attendees of the AGM.

Each university club and each committee member had one vote per committee position. The elections proceeded as follows:

1. Nominations for the position of President: Michelle Chafer, Master Dongjin Bae and Colin West. Position won by **Master Dongjin Bae**
2. Nominations for the position of Vice-President: Mehdi Mirza and Colin West. Position won by **Mehdi Mirza**
3. Nominations for the position of Secretary: David Honey and Colin West. Position won by **Colin West**
4. Nominations for the position of Treasurer: Trevor Page and Micheal Nathan-Pepple. Position won by **Trevor Page**
5. Nominations for the position of Communications: David Honey. Position won by **David Honey**
6. Nominations for the position of Events: Bekie Hodge, Julie Renard and Michael Nathan-Pepple. Position won by **Bekie Hodge**
7. Nominations for the position of Student Officers (x2): Julie Renard and Michael Nathan-Pepple. Position won by **Julie Renard** and **Michael Nathan-Pepple**
8. **Michelle Chafer** was invited to take up a position of BSTF Advisor. The position was accepted by Michelle.

The BSTF Committee thanked all attendees of the AGM and the meeting was concluded.