

# Minutes of AGM 2023-07-26

(Wednesday)

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26th July 2023 / 7:45 PM / Auckland University Dojo

## ATTENDEES

- Rob
- Quentin
- Garth
- Ben
- Barney
- Stu
- Igor
- Jaekyu
- Anthony
- Vitaly
- Sam
- Ziaho
- Tank
- Zack
- Danny
- James
- Mateo
- Chingiz

[18] members older than 16 years old

## Apologies:

None

**Meeting starts:** [7:45pm]

## **2022 AGM Minutes approval**

Proposed by [Quentin], Seconded by [Garth]

Approved unanimously.

## **Club presidents Report**

### **President's Notes for 2023 AGM:**

- For the FY ending 31 March our income was ahead of expenses by a safe margin (even taking into account approximately \$5,000 of direct flood recovery costs that we had never allowed for) – however Barney's application for Aktive Flood Impact Support negated material costs in hiring other venues while our dojo was unavailable due to flood damage and time for repairs.
- The above surplus has given us the confidence to support club members competition entry costs over the current calendar year – we are also supporting club members development costs (training seminars for coaching; first aid etc) as we have done over previous periods.
- I want to recognize Quentin's contribution over a number of terms as Club Secretary – Quentin is stepping down with his portfolio in excellent order, having also started handover with James (assuming the club membership wishes to vote James into this crucial role... James has my; Garth, Quentin's and Ben's full support in stepping into the role of Club Secretary).
- The club was dealt a major blow in January with the flooding of the club. An early alert on the Friday night from Igor meant that a number of club members and the Littlewood family managed to keep water levels low enough to salvage all mats. While we had to rebuild the sub-floor from scratch, amazing leadership from Yuni, with many club members stepping up Harrison; Aldous; Ben; Garth; James and so many more, in combination with generosity from Dave, Maz and Skellerup and the expertise of Yumiko's specialist Scott Patterson meant a very successful

rebuild. The time and energy Yumiko herself put into maintaining the club needs to be acknowledged.

- The kindness and generosity of Serge and Stu (Auckland BJJ); Judokwai and Sensei Alan Roberts & James from Aikido Auckland meant training was able to continue over the period our dojo was damaged and being rebuilt.
- Our dojo is now in better condition than ever before – it is our duty to maintain it in this condition.
- It is good to see new members joining the club – sincere thanks to intermediate and senior level members for welcoming them and assisting with their development.
- We have provided training opportunities for members and attendees from beginners to 7th dan with 6 x training sessions a week on offer; we have seen our members compete successfully and move grades. Ben has been key in developing and grading our ‘coloured belts’ and this year it has been fantastic to see Tank and Garth graded to 1st dan... also nice to see Conrad and Aly move to 1st Kyu.
- Thanks to the support of Yoshio and Leo, Zack spent time training in Korea and Japan (Jan/Feb). – Conrad and Aly fought in the Hong Kong and Macau Opens in July (thanks to the support and guidance of Jason Koster)... both young athletes fought for medals with Aly winning bronze at the Hong Kong Open (a magnificent introduction to International judo for our young athletes thanks to Jason).
- I am proud to say that particularly our Junior and Cadet competitors sit high in National Ranking / and continue to medal at National events... we also have senior judoka making their presence felt at events in New Zealand.
- It is worth noting that the COVID protocols we have set-up to keep club; family and community safe continue to serve us well. In a high contact sport – there have been no COVID outbreaks at our club.
- The Club continues to contribute strongly to the Auckland Judo Association... I am the Auckland Grading Director; Auckland Squad Coach (running 3 training sessions every weekend) and sit on the Executive. I always feel it would be great to have another club member/s prepared to regularly attend meetings and contribute, if we wish to have events such as the AIO; a Competition Squad; Grassroots Events & Training

(refereeing; kata; coaching) - we should engage at this level (shout out if you are keen).

- Junior Club - Thanks to Garth who heads our Junior Club - Tank provides amazing support to Garth... and Aly is also on the mat frequently with our juniors. It is great to see Ray when he is in New Zealand and thanks to John H for stepping in on occasions.
- For all judoka completing coaching and first aid qualifications - the club has covered 100% of the direct costs relating to this. It is good to see Aly also progressing in the refereeing world - as well as fun days, Aly refereed at the Auckland International Open this year.
- Thanks to Ben for his awesome work with social media and administration. Thanks also Yuni and Garth for their work online (supporting Ben's good work).
- Senior Club - Thanks to Ben and Igor for the care; thought and preparation that they put into their coaching sessions. Thanks also to Quentin and Tank who regularly step in to help (also Garth). Thanks to Maz, Zack and others who frequently help with coaching.
- Massive thanks to the Club Committee, including Barney Treasurer (who quietly works so hard in the background also ensuring we meet governance requirements); Ben, Vice President who does so much for the club on almost a daily basis (from coaching; gradings; judo admin <rego's and grading>; social media and so much more)... and Quentin, our club secretary - Quentin is the guy who keeps our club running day to day... Memberships; Admin; Day to Day Finance; and also governance requirements
- Stu continues to contribute and advise. Yuni's contribution will be missed with his move to Christchurch (for work) / and Aly is an amazing club member / and Tank steps up in so many ways.
- Thanks to Igor, for taking responsibilities for our facilities
- Thanks to Kahn and Bella for sports drink supply.
- Thanks to Yumiko our Patron for her ongoing support.
- We are locked and loaded for a 10 December year end competition and BBQ, to be held at our sister club Auckland BJJ... thx Stu and Serge (block it out in your diaries). This year we will be running a junior fun-day competition in the morning... this will generate some much-needed income. We do need to establish a committee for the running of this event (will ask for expressions of interest at AGM).

- A massive thank you to Vice President – Ben and Secretary Quentin... you guys are amazing. While it is wonderful to see Quentin's family expanding, he will be hugely missed as club Secretary – his handover to James has been excellent... and due to a volume of good work, he is leaving his area of the club in great shape.
- Finally, my apologies for any thank-you's I have missed.
- In closing – Monday (24 July) marked the passing of our Sensei – 8th Dan, Rick Littlewood in 2018. Our thoughts were with Yumiko and the family.

*Prepared by Rob Levy*

Proposed by [Rob] Seconded by [Quentin]

Approved unanimously.

## **Presentation of 2023 accounts**

This year things got back to normal financially, with income from fees in particular increasing over the previous financial year. This was offset somewhat, however, by an increase in expenses as a result of flood damage to the dojo. Thankfully, we received significant government assistance to address this.

Our bank deposits increased by around \$6000 after one of our term deposits matured. Our net assets increased by approximately \$10,000 in value over the previous year.

Proposed by [Rob], Seconded by [Ben]

Approved unanimously.

Barney's report will be uploaded on the NZ companies register website.

## **Nominations**

President: Rob Levy – Nominated by [Quentin], Seconded by [Garth]

Secretary: James Cassels-Brown – Nominated by [Rob], Seconded by [Quentin]

Treasurer: Barney Irvine – Nominated by [Garth], Seconded by [Ben]

Vice-President: Ben Uy - Nominated by [Rob], Seconded by [Barney]

Facilities manager: Igor Goulart until the end of the year then Sam Botting - Nominated by [Ben], Seconded by [Garth]

Executive committee:

- Ben Uy - Nominated by [Rob], Seconded by [Quentin]
- Garth Dowling - Nominated by [Ben], Seconded by [Igor]

## **Elections of officers and committee members**

There was only one nomination per office hence no secret ballot was needed.

It has been approved unanimously that the officers and committee members will be elected as a block with a single vote.

Igor will need to step down from his role of facility manager from January. Sam has offered to replace him from January.

All the officers and committee members above have been unanimously elected as a block with a single vote.

Elections of the officers:

- President: Rob Levy - passed [yes]
- Secretary: James Cassels-Brown - passed [yes]
- Treasurer: Barney Irvine - passed [yes]
- Vice-President: Ben Uy - passed [yes]
- Facilities manager: Igor Goulart then Sam Botting - passed [yes]

Election of the executive committee:

- Ben Uy - passed [yes]
- Garth Dowling - passed [yes]

The President, Treasurer and Secretary are automatically part of the executive committee as per the club rules.

## **Notices of motions**

None

## Other Business

### Verbal updates from coaches:

Ben - There has been a dip in the attendance during Covid with classes of 6/8 students but now the average attendance for the Saturday class is around 12/14, which matched pre Covid numbers. Few people have been going through their grades such as James, Mateo & Anthony.

Proposed by Rob / Seconded by Quentin - approved unanimously

Garth - Few kids starting to compete and really good numbers. Thanks to Tank, Zack, Ben and John.

Proposed by Ben / Seconded by James - approved unanimously

Igor - Would be good to have a few more people on Fridays - good number of randoris during the class.

Proposed by Rob / Seconded by James - approved unanimously

### End of the year function

- 10th of December
- We need a committee and someone to lead this
- Kids competition starting at 9:30 starts with 4 mats
- Ben/Igor/Garth/Sam/Chingus/Mateo offered to help
- Stu can help with [SmoothComp](#) (\$2 per entry)

### General business

Stu asked to be removed from the list of signatories of the club's bank account. James accepted to replace him and this has been approved unanimously.

### Memorial competition sponsorship (Leat family)

Rob proposed the club to donate \$200, which has been seconded by Ben and approved unanimously.

**Meeting ends:** [8:20]