



EKNGB LTD

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on 20th April 2026

Time: 19-00 hrs

End: 20-30 hrs

Location – Zoom

Present: Name (Initials)

Katie Simpson (KS) Director & Performance Director

Dale Gamble (DG), Director and President (Chair)

Matthew Handley (MH), Director & Company Secretary

Tracey McCillen (TM), Senior Independent Director

Mike Dinsdale (MD) Director and WKF Representative

Paul Simmons - (PS) Director & Performance Director

Apologies: Name (Initials)

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

DG – Opens meeting.

DG – Background of information of recent EKNGB activity

Admin Dept, Office Dept, Performance Dept, Safeguarding and general governance

TM – Presented document on governance, procedural, and contractual review and recommended approach. Reviewed by all board members prior to meeting and to be discussed further and decisions to be made on it. Thank you to TM for preparing and writing.

TM/PS – The Board went on to consider a confidential matter in light of the above review, relating to the performance programme arising from recent operational and communication considerations within the coaching structure. The discussion reviewed all that was available and was exploratory, with no findings or conclusions reached. The Board agreed to take a measured and structured approach, including further engagement to ensure all perspectives are understood and to support an informed view on any next steps. The Board also noted the opportunity to strengthen clarity around roles, communication processes and supporting policies as part of the organisation’s ongoing development. The Board agreed TM lead next steps on this matter, with PS being the second Board representative.

TM will explore other actions from the paper with appropriate Director lead.

DG - You cannot have a Karate club outside of the EKNGB, whether that be independent or with other groups. Every Association within the EKNGB must have at least one Karate club. **KS, PS, MH, DG, MD, TM all Agreed.**

DG – WADA Statement in respect to Commonwealth Karate Games and Championships from EKNGB perspective and BKF

MD Given overview of situation. Ask DG to contact the CKF and General Secretary.

DG to follow up with President of BKF and General Secretary of CFK.

KS, PS, MH, DG, MD, TM all Agreed.

DG - EKNGB Children’s Championships booked at University of Huddersfield. 12th & 13th September 2026

DG gave current position to board. After consultation with full organising committee KS/MH gave final detail and final draft of bulletin to board. Ready to be sent to all HOA’s in coming week.

MH asked TM if EKNGB could apply for Sport Excel UK endorsement for the EKNGB National Championships.

TM said she would present to the Sport Excel UK board if all documents are prepared and sent to her. MH will action and the Board will be kept posted on developments.

KS, PS, MH, DG, MD, TM all Agreed.

EKNGB Senior Championships January 2027 – 1 Day

KS – Looking at University of Surrey 10th January 2027. Provisional booking of venue for championships. To be visited in due course if possible.

KS, PS, MH, DG, MD, TM all Agreed.

DG – EKNGB Sport80 update

Update on where we were with portal and setting up Sport80. In final stage of completing test site.

Weekly meetings have happened with Sport80 team and MH, DG, KS and PS.

TM agreed that the membership needs to be advised in advance about the how the structure will help with EKNGB become closer to getting recognised by third party organisations and help in all operations of EKNGB. MD agreed. The Board agreed that a short advice should be circulated to all members in advance of the system being put in place, advising on how they can engage, what is required and what the transitional phase will look like.

KS – Update on England Young Lions

Full team has been selected for WKF Youth Camp and WKF World Youth Cup.

16 members selected for team. Tracksuit ordered and badges being sent out to all members of team.

Thank you to our partners for this.

DG to speak to our sponsors regarding further sponsorship for England Young Lions.

DG – Update on Legal Matter

The board was given the current update and situation on legal situation being managed by EKNGB. DG will be meeting with legal advisers

	<p>imminently and will update Board on next steps and any decisions to be taken. Further details to follow.</p> <p>The Board discussed arrangements relating to the funding of legal costs and agreed that these should be formally documented to ensure transparency and good governance, including treatment within the organisation's financial records as a non-repayable contribution.</p>	
4	MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON	
	Deferred until next meeting	
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	
	Deferred until next meeting.	
12	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p>DG reviewing next meeting date and times and will circulate.</p> <p>END OF MEETING – 20-30 hrs</p>	