

BKF Informal Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel Manchester Airport
Tuesday 24th February 2026

Present:

R. Williams Wales
P. Gianandrea Scotland
D. Gamble England
K. Broderick N. Ireland

1. License jurisdiction

It was agreed that Individual licenses would only be issued by the Home Country NGB's to Karate-ka resident in the home country land boundaries. i.e. karate-ka in England licensed by England Karate-ka in Scotland licensed by England issued by Scotland etc.

In regards to Ivor Thomas & Tony Dent it was agreed that they stay licensed as they currently stand.

2. Minutes from Cyprus Meeting

PG requested that the minutes from Cyprus be amended to list that the WKF recognised that all Karate-ka in the UK hold a British Passport and that the issuing of licenses to Ivor Thomas and Tony Dent did not breach any WKF rules.

3. Draft Minutes Circulation

It was agreed that meeting draft BKF Board minutes would be circulated to board members prior to adoption.

4. BKF Championships 2026

It was suggested that the 2026 BKF 4 Nations be cancelled and BKF only hold 1 Championship in 2026. This decision was considered to be the best current option given the current situation in regards Karate in the UK. It was agreed that all home nations would confer with their respective boards and report back.

5. BKF Mat Storage

Discussion took place in regards to the costs of BKF Mat Storage. PG offered the use of a storage facility in Scotland Free of charge – feedback will be sought.

6. Emirates Stadium Glasgow

PG forwarded that it may be financial beneficial to use the Emirates Stadium Glasgow for BKF events.

The CKF Championships have hired the venue for 4 days at a cost of £18k with a provision for having 6 mats per day

7. BKF Affiliation Fee

During discussions regarding finances the annual BKF Affiliation Fee reduction for NIKB was raised and it was agreed that NIKB would pay the full £750

8. Finance update

Discussion took place on financial impact of cancelling the BKF 4 Nations Championships would have on BKF Bank account.

9. BKF Championships 2026

The SKF International Open Championships will be held on 29th & 30th August.....

10. Chairing of BKF Meetings

It was proposed that an Independent Chairman be appointed on a 12 monthly basis to chair BKF meetings and Roger Williams remained as President. The independent Chairman would have no voting rights.

It was also proposed that the Independent Chairman had some Karate experience.

11. Quorum for BKF Meetings

Discussion took place on changing the BKF Articles regarding a quorum for BKF Board Meetings i.e. a quorum to be changed to a majority vote of all directors.

An alternative proposal was forwarded that Scotland would agree to attend all future BKF Board Meetings and if they could not attend in person, they would forward a proxy vote to ensure BKF meetings were quorate.

This proposal would be acceptable on the proviso that the agreement was in writing and signed by Scotland.

12. Joint Unified BKF Statement

It was agreed in principle that a joint statement from the 4 home countries could be agreed in approx. 1 week if all items discussed in this document were agreed.

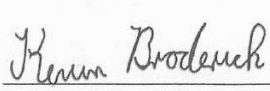
13. SKF Articles

It was proposed that the current articles stay as they are.

14. Zoom meeting Re: WKF Congress

It was agreed that BKF have a zoom meeting prior to attendance at the WKF Congress Meeting to discuss agenda items.

The items in this document are a reflection of the contents of the meeting

Signed on behalf of EKNGB	Dale Gamble		Date	27-2-2026
Signed on behalf of SKGB	Paul Gianandrea		Date	2/3/2026
Signed on behalf of WKGB	Roger Williams		Date	4/3/2026
Signed on behalf of NIKS	Kevin Broderick		Date	2/3/2026