



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 6, 2013

Phone Conference

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Lance Nading at 11:00am MTN and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lance Nading, USA Judo Board Member

Ken Bellmard, USA Judo Board Member

Leo White, USA Judo Board Member

Jason Rivera, USA Judo Board Member

Noboru Saito, USA Judo Board Member

Devin Cohen, USA Judo Board Member

Mike Swain, USA Judo Board Member

USA JUDO STAFF

Jose Rodriguez, USA Judo CEO

Corinne Shigemoto, USA Judo COO

- III. Motion by Noboru Saito to nominate Lance Nading as President. Leo White seconded, all in favor, no opposes.
- IV. Question by Devin Cohen on President term limit. He was referred to the By Laws, Section 7.4, paragraph A.

V. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Lance Nading stated that the relationship between USA Judo and the IJF has never been stronger. Expectations of USA Judo are high as a result. Meetings in Miami with Mr. Vizer, Lance Nading, Ken Bellmard and Jose Rodriguez where the details of the Grand Prix in June and Cadet World Championships in August were formalized. In attendance was a potential sponsor who was brought to the table by Ken Bellmard. This individual has verbally committed to sponsor the Grand Prix.

The Veterans World Championships was received with the highest marks by many, including Mr. Vizer. Lance congratulated Jose Rodriguez on his dealings with Mr. Vizer and his assistant, Vlad.

Title sponsorship details are still being worked out with a gentleman in Denver.

The Matching Grant fund was discussed in length. Lance asked for support from the Board Members in this endeavor. He stressed that fund raising has become more of a requirement of all Board Members and he asked everyone to step up and actively participate. Lance was happy to announce that he received a \$5,000.00 check from the sponsor in Denver toward the Matching Grant.

Devin Cohen stated that due to his elected position, he was not able to approach anyone for any fund raising projects, but that he would personally make a donation toward the fund.

With the success of the last Strategic Planning meeting in Colorado Springs and in an effort to continue meeting the goals outlined, as well as plan for the next quadrennial, the next Strategic Planning meeting

has been scheduled during the Scholastic Championships in Miami in March. Devin Cohen and Mike Swain committed to attend.

VI. CEO REPORT

2013 kicks off a new quad where several key meetings have taken place. Corinne Shigemoto, Eddie Liddie and Jose Rodriguez met in Miami where a plan for 2013-2016 was penned. From that meeting, three major goals were determined: 1) maintaining and exceeding membership numbers, 2) locate money to fund the Grand Prix and Cadet World Championships and 3) find the funds to help support the 2016 contenders.

Jose was happy to report that the USOC increased our budget by \$35,000. The USOC also awarded a \$75,000.00 grant for a new Veterans Program. This program is supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the program is for USA Judo to identify wounded veterans across the United States who show potential to train for the Paralympics.

As a result of this new program, USA Judo will be hiring a High Performance administrative assistant with responsibilities of both this program and able bodied high performance.

Jose was pleased to announce that a donor for the matching grant fund has committed to writing a check for \$35,000.

Eddie Liddie, Robert Fukuda, Gary Takemoto, Joon Chi and Jose Rodriguez attended the IJF Rules meeting in Mexico City. This was a very informative meeting and essential to the success of our athletes. A private dinner was hosted between USA Judo, Juan Carlos Barcos and Vladimir Barta. This gave Robert Fukuda the opportunity to personally meet these individuals.

Hector Estevez was elected to the position of Director of Referees for North/Central America.

There will be a meeting of the PJC Executive Board in Miami 2/28 to 3/2 where they will plan the next four years.

Jose will be making a presentation to the Miami Childrens Hospital in an effort to secure them as a sponsor for the Cadet World Championships.

Mike Swain asked about funding for training sites. Jose gave a short explanation and advised that he would ask Eddie Liddie to meet with Mike personally during the Sensei Memorial event to go over details.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00PM MTN