



Minutes
USA Judo Board of Directors Conference Call
November 7, 2013

Attending via phone:

Board Members:

Lance Nading, President

Devin Cohen

Gail Stolzenburg

Jason Rivera

John Serbin

Mike Swain

Noboru Saito

USA Judo Staff:

Jose H. Rodriguez, CEO

Corinne Shigemoto, COO

Ed Liddie, Director of High Performance

Werner Walter, Finance

Minutes were recorded by Corinne Shigemoto

1. Call to Order

President Lance Nading declared a quorum established and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00pm EST.

2. Financial Review

Two financial reports were provided to the Board Members a) 2013 proposed changes and b) Proposed budget for 2014. Discussion and questions ensued regarding the 2013 proposed changes. A motion was made to approve the 2013 budget as amended and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The 2014 Proposed Budget was discussed. Explained by CEO, Jose H. Rodriguez that several line items had been combined for reporting and streamlining purposes. It was noted that budget numbers for the 2014 IJF Jr. World Championships were not included in the proposed budget. As soon as a budget is put together for the event, Jose H. Rodriguez would submit to the Board for approval and inclusion in the 2014 budget. There were no major changes in the 2014 budget compared to 2013. A motion was made to approve the 2014 Budget and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. IJF NGB Criteria

Jose H. Rodriguez explained that in discussions with IJF President Mr. Vizer, Mr. Vizer advised to write a letter explaining any issues that USA Judo handles differently due to either legal necessity or USOC driven parameters and Mr. Vizer would accept that. USA Judo would not be in violation of this criteria as outlined by the IJF.

4. CEO Report

During the IJF elections in Rio, Jose H. Rodriguez was appointed to the IJF Executive Committee as Sport Director to the Americas by IJF President Mr. Vizer. There is an expense stipend associated with this position that is paid twice a year; once in May/June timeframe and the other at the end of the year. This stipend can be used for travel and expenses to attend events and meetings that the IJF is hosting. This position allows me the opportunity to speak with Mr. Vizer on a regular basis.

Jose H. Rodriguez stated that 2013 has been a long but successful year. Our athletes are performing well and stepping on the podium more and more. USA Judo and our athletes are now more than ever more respected in the judo community worldwide. But it is a completely different game now with the financial/funding aspect available to athletes.

Because of the large financial picture and other countries governments supporting the sport, it will be very difficult for the U.S. to compete in hosting large events with these countries unless we are able to find a sponsor.

USA Judo is currently working with a potential donor on a solution to the long term financial picture of USA Judo. Mr. Rodriguez will have more to report in the next 30-45 days on this issue.

5. Presidents Report

Due to time constraints, President Lance Nading will submit his report at the next meeting scheduled for November 22 in Irving, Texas.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05pm EST.