



Minutes
USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting
November 22, 2013

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors
Lance Nading, President
Gail Stolzenburg
Brian Olson
Noboru Saito
Ken Bellmard via phone
Devin Cohen

USA Judo Staff:

Jose H. Rodriguez, CEO
Ed Liddie, Director of High Performance

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 on Friday November 22, 2013.

2. Kata Program

Devin Cohen inquired about possibly kata funding for teams/athletes traveling. Was determined it was an operational issue and would be addressed by CEO Jose H. Rodriguez.

3. Promotion/Rank Committee

Discussion ensued determining that in the long term, high rank promotions, Kudan and Judan (9th and 10th degrees) would be a coordinated effort between the Promotion Committee and USA Judo Board of Directors.

Devin Cohen moved that they go to Executive Session. Seconded.

4. E Level/Point Events

Point events were discussed in general with the question asked if the criteria should be continued as is. Jose H. Rodriguez stated that during the next long term planning meeting with Ed Liddie and Corinne Shigemoto, the point events would be discussed but that the structure of the events would not be changing. Mr. Rodriguez pointed out that any changes would be operational and not need Board approval.

5. Events

President Nading asked the Board for opinions on whether events should go back to the local communities or continue with USA Judo running. It was determined that since USA Judo had taken over the events, there was consistency, accountability and a general feeling of a higher class event and the Board wanted to continue with this model. It was stated that the local communities/clubs do receive financial compensation for work they do at the events.

Budget versus income was discussed and why there was a large difference between 2012 and 2013 was explained by Jose H. Rodriguez.

Brian Olson suggested that a novice category be added to the Senior Nationals as well as looking at team trophies.

Gail Stolzenburg added that an event program should be added to each event. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the locals are given an opportunity to produce an event program and keep 100% of the profit, but that no group has yet to do this.

Jose. H. Rodriguez stated that Leo White had concerns about USA Judo hosting future international events and how the financial outcome would affect us. Mr. Rodriguez stated it was a fair question and needed to be addressed. Discussion regarding the high cost of hosting an event and the need to secure sponsors well ahead of the events.

Jose H. Rodriguez moved to go into Executive Session, seconded.

6. Communication

Devin Cohen moved that this discussion be held in Executive Session, seconded

Meeting was recessed for the day at approximately 8:00pm.

Meeting out of recess on Saturday November 23, 2013 at approximately 3:15pm.

7. Merchandise

Mr. Saito asked about the state of the merchandise from the financial aspect. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he was looking at several different options including moving the warehouse to another location as well as having an outside entity handle the merchandise. Branding and presence was determined to be important to USA Judo.

8. Old/New Business

Mr. Stolzenburg expressed continued concern regarding the IJF and the NBG partnership. Specifically direct representation. Mr. Rodriguez stated that this would be included in the letter to IJF President Marius Vizer, as explained in the November 7, 2013 conference call Board Meeting. It would be explained that there is direct representation and the spirit of what is written is being followed.

Mr. Rodriguez handed out the USOC Audit Report to all board members present. There were a total of 9 points that the USOC listed as needing to be addressed by USA Judo. USA Judo did address them and reported back to the USOC. The points listed by the USOC were record keeping issues and have been addressed and corrected within the National Office.

Mr. Rodriguez reminded President Nading that the end of the year was when committee changes were typically done. Mr. Rodriguez stated that there was a recommendation for Mike Swain to be placed on the High Performance Committee.

President Nading, motion to approve and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Devin Cohen stated that further discussion of other committee changes should be in Executive Session, moved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.