



Minutes-Conference Call
USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2014

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:

Lance Nading, President
Gail Stolzenburg
Leo White
Mike Swain
Devin Cohen
Noboru Saito
Ken Bellmard-joined at 12:43pm MST
Brian Olson-joined at 12:21pm MST/left at 12:35pm MST

USA Judo Staff:

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

1. Call to Order

President Nading declared a quorum established and called the meeting to order 12:04pm MST on Wednesday March 5, 2014.

- 2. Motion to Approve Minutes-** Gail Stolzenburg to approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2013, November 7, 2013 and November 22, 2014 board meetings. Seconded by Noboru Saito. Devin Cohen abstained. Motion passed.

3. CEO Report-Jose H. Rodriguez

The year started as quickly as we finished 2013. The IJF Referee/Rules clinic held in Ft. Lauderdale in January was successful and well received. IJF President Mr. Marius Vizer attended as well as Juan Carlos Barcos, Head IJF Referee Director, Vladimir Barta, Head IJF Sports Director and Mr. Alejandro Blanco, IJF Olympic Solidarity Director.

Fifteen referees and seven coaches from the United States attended, which provided them with the opportunity to hear first hand the rules interpretation and changes meant for 2014. This allowed our coaches and referees to go out to different areas across the United States and share rules and changes with others. It is interesting to note that even though the coaches and athletes heard and saw the changes, in the first international event, there were still many penalties due to the lack of application of these changes. This clinic also provided Mr. Saito and Mike Swain the opportunity to mingle with many country's leaders, referees as well as the IJF attendees.

The city of Ft. Lauderdale was our sponsor for this event, including the dinner cruise. The City of Reno/Sparks (host of our 2014 Senior Nationals) sponsored a lunch for the attendees as well. A special thank you to USJF and specifically Mr. Saito for the support for this clinic.

Ed Liddie and Corinne Shigemoto traveled to Miami the beginning of January for a planning meeting. Discussed was athlete high performance and junior and senior athletes travel/training schedule for the 1st quarter of 2014. Membership and events were also discussed.

Our first event is the National Scholastics on March 22-23 in Irving, Texas. Our entry numbers are consistent and we look forward to a good event.

As you know, our Senior Nationals had to be moved due to a date conflict with a major PJC event. This event will now be held in Reno, Nevada on May 3-4.

We are working on budget numbers for the Junior World Championships and as soon as they are finalized, we will submit to the Board for approval.

A strategic planning meeting (conference call) took place on February 27 between Neil Simon, Ed Liddie, Corinne Shigemoto and myself. The 2013 outcome was submitted to Neil and 2014 plan was discussed. The plan for 2014 is still a work in progress and will be submitted to Neil within the next few weeks.

We continue to work on a long term financial solution. Thank you to Lance Nading, Gail Stolzenburg and the rest of the Board in helping us find a solution.

Motion to accept report by Lance Nading, seconded by Mr. Saito, motion passed.

4. Audit Committee Report-Mr. Gail Stolzenburg

The Audit Committee meets once a month and minutes of this meeting are sent to the Board of Directors. Discussed in length was USA Judo's list of payables and the consolidation of these payables into one loan, funded by the American Judo Fund. In the past, AJF has supplied sponsorship funds to USA Judo for events, athletes stipend, athletes travel, etc. Further discussion on whether or not the Board must approve the loan.

It was stated that the Audit Committee was not approving the loan, only that they have reviewed the conditions of the loan and the agreement would be between USA Judo and the AJF.

Motion to table the consolidation loan from AJF pending back up documentation requested from the Board members from USA Judo and the Audit Committee. Discussion: Seconded, tabled.

It was reinforced that AJF is its own entity and fundraises on its own. Devin Cohen and other board members agreed to disagree with the position of the AJF that the original sources and current fundraising do not conflict with the interest of USA Judo.

Recessed at 1:00pm MST

Meeting Resumed Friday March 7, 2014

Attendees:

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Lance Nading, President

Gail Stolzenburg

Devin Cohen

Leo White

Mike Swain

Brian Olson-left call at 12:35pm

USA Judo Staff:

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Meeting called to order at 12:06pm MST and quorum established

Continuation of discussion on loan from AJF. Back up documentation was provided to all Board Members. Discussion on whether or not the loan amount would cover all old payables. Determined that it would be short and that President Nading would approach the AJF for additional funds to bring the payables to a zero balance.

Motion that the Board approve the loan on the condition of additional accounting oversight by the Audit Committee and other revisions and clarifications to the USA Judo Financial Policies and Controls. Mr. Nading will approach the AJF for additional funds for balance of payables. Seconded, all approved, motion passes.

5. **Motion by Lance Nading** that the USJA/USJF Junior Nationals (which will include senior categories) be awarded Level E status.

Discussion on lack of criteria for this to happen. Other events must follow certain criteria before being awarded level event status. Discussion on how the points would impact USA Judo events and our branding. USJA/USJF must follow our criteria, including banner/logo placement. They must reapply for level status in 2015.

Motion to accept by Lance Nading, seconded by Devin Cohen, opposed by Leo White. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm MST.