



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019
Conference Call

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:

Mark Hill, President

Devin Cohen

Joe Marchal

Gerry Navarro

Barbara Shimizu

Jim Webb

USA Judo Staff:

Keith Bryant, Executive Director/CEO

Ed Liddie-Director High Performance

Spencer Molnar-Director Membership & Events

Corinne Shigemoto

1. Roll Call

President Hill conducted roll call. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 1:00ET.

2. Spencer Molnar gave a brief update on the Senior Nationals and Junior Olympic Championships. He indicated a need to recruit more volunteers for both events. The headquarters hotel for the Junior Olympics still has many rooms available and he will be doing a hard push to fill these rooms.

Ed Liddie stated that there has been a big push for international participation at the Junior Olympics for the Sunday competition. There will also be a camp held after the event in which these international delegations will participate. This is a great cost savings to U.S. athletes in that they do not need to travel internationally.

3. Motion by Devin Cohen to move into Executive Session. Seconded by Mark Hill, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
4. Motion by Devin Cohen to move out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jim Webb, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
5. Motion by Jim Webb that the Board not entertain promotions to Judan/10th degree until criteria is clarified and approved by the Board. Friendly amendment by Devin Cohen that Kudan/9th degree criteria also be reviewed and clarified. Jim Webb accepted the friendly amendment to include Kudan/9th degree in the motion. Seconded by Joe Marchal, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
6. Motion by Devin Cohen to reappoint Brett Wolf to the Junior High Performance Committee. Seconded by Gerry Navarro, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
7. There are still a few committees/task forces that need athlete representation. Nick Kossor and Christal Ransom have been involved in trying to secure athletes.

8. USA Judo Foundation was briefly discussed and need to clarify it's primary purpose . Also, current Board members will have fulfilled their commitment May 23 and a new board will need to be seated. Discussion to be continued during the meeting in Las Vegas.

9. New Business
Devin Cohen has been working with the City of New York to rename a street in Rusty Kanokogi's honor and has been gathering letters of support from the judo community.

Motion by Jim Webb that the Board approve Keith Bryant to write a letter of support from USA Judo for this endeavor. Seconded by Barbara Shimizu, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

10. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Devin Cohen. Seconded by Barbara Shimizu, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm ET.