

**MINUTES
UNITED STATES JUDO, INC.
SEPTEMBER 24, 2004
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**TO: Executive Committee
Group A members
Group B members
Group C members
Committee Chairpersons
Delegates
Other interested person**

FROM: VERNA LARKINS, SECRETARY

I CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TRIPP

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Tripp.

Dr. Tripp introduced the following guests:

Mr. Jaime Cassanova, President of the Pan America Union
Mr. Carlos Dias, Director of Referees
Mr. Frank Fullerton, Sports Director of the Pan America Union

Quorum was established by the Secretary

II. ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:

President Ron Tripp
Vice President Lance Nading
Treasurer Joseph Ahern
Secretary Verna Larkins
Program Director of Law and Legislation M. Tad Nalls
Program Director of Standards and Certification Fletcher Thornton
Program Director of Development Tommy Dyer
Program Director of Operations
Athletes Representatives to the Executive Committee:
David Williams
Reno Reser

Delegates at Large:
Mel Augustine
Jerry Navarro

Martin Bregman
Bert Mackey
Leo White

Group A members:

United States Judo Federation

Noboru Saito
Vaughn Imada
Julie Koyama
Richard Muller
Robert Brink

United States Judo Association

Michael Szerjter
Virgil Bowles
Gene Fodor
Gary Monto
Tony Zimkowski

National Collegiate Judo Association

Sami Tadehara

Marine Judo Association

Ernest Smith

Athlete Delegates

Ryan Reser
Rick Hawn
Sayaka Matsumoto
Kirk Hoffman
Joshua Peterson
Crystal Brown
David Yoshida
Tetsu Okano
Heidi Bartkowski
Liz Burns
Brian Olson
Christina Yannestsos
John Leonhardt
Anthony Dell
Nathan Torra
Richard Riley
Aaron Cohen
Jason Morris
Eli Fambro

Sean Lang
Crystal Ransom

Group B Delegates

Alaska Judo - Swanee Swain

Arkansas Judo – Gary Norton

Arizona Judo – Tawni McBee

California Judo – Frank Morales
Bobby Taketani
Mac Takeda
Jim Pennington
Keith Watanabe
Ed Shiosaki

Colorado Judo League - Sam Hashimoto
Sherrie P:hillips
Edward Liddie

Connecticut Judo – Ron Egnor

Florida Judo – Nestor Bustillo
Jack Williams
Humberto Lopez
Raul Cruz

Georgia Judo – Nick Goodley
Bruce Toups

Hawaii Judo Raymond Saito

Iowa Judo – Karen Mackey

Illinois Judo Jim Colgan
Kei Narimatsu

Indiana Judo - Lowell Slaven

Kansas Judo Ed Lynch

Kentucky Judo Council Fred Barnett

Louisiana Judo Council Michael Johnson

Massachusetts Judo George Pissimisis

Maryland Judo Eric Spears

Judo Affiliates of Michigan Gerald Wee

Judo of New Jersey Anthony Camal

Minnesota Judo Greg Olson

Missouri Judo Freddie Nix

Mississippi Judo Robert Harvey

North Carolina Judo Ron Hansen

Nebraska Judo Judy Williams

New Mexico Judo Howard Higgins

Nevada Judo Jack Turrentine

New York Judo Rusty Kanokogi
Maureen Braziel
Anthony Grisanti
Andrew Swanston

Ohio State Judo Russell Scherer

Oklahoma Judo Richard Redner

National Judo of Oregon Mr. Jim Onchi

Pennsylvania Judo Dean Markovics

Rhode Island Judo Paul Mangino, Jr

Tennessee Judo Inc Brian Rowe

Texas Judo Gail Stolzenburg
Jeff LeForce
James Webb
Jim Haynes

Virginia Judo Michael Langstreet

Washington Judo Dick Tashiro
Alva Nishimura

Wisconsin Judo James Peterson

III. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED TO MOVE TO THE ELECTION AT THIS TIME AS ATHLETES NEED TO BE AT REGISTRATION SHORTLY.

President handed the gavel to Mr. Rosenberg for conducting of the elections.

Nominations were open for President.

Mr. Jimmie Pedro was nominated. Moved and seconded.

Dr Ron Tripp was nominated. Moved and seconded.

Jimmie Pedro gave his platform (16 minutes)

Dr Tripp presented his platform. (6 minutes)

Tellers were named to count and record ballots. They were Bruce Larkins, Paula Walker, Barbara Houston, and Gene Fodor. Tripp -63 and Mr. Pedro -43

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Dr. Ron Tripp was elected President.

Lance Nading for Vice President Sherrie Phillips for Secretary were both unopposed and therefore were declared elected.

Jerry Hay, John Miller, Jim Pedro, Sr and Mr. Callacan all withdrew their names from the slate of candidates

. Joseph Ahern and Mr. Gail Stolzenburg. Nominations closed.

M Stolzenburg spoke for the candidacy of Treasurer. He listed his qualifications and also his ideas for the position. He has a business plan for the organization. He would like to see us follow this business plan. He believes in web broadcasting for the organization. Our life members also contribute to the athletes by way of scholarships. We need to start better communicating with our members.

Mr. Ahern spoke to the body. He stated that he and Gail have been friends for a long time. At the time he took over as Treasurer, the books needed to be reconstructed which

he did. He has worked diligently with Mr. Rosenberg and the National Office on the reports.

Mr. Anthony Camal submitted the name of Ms Kanokogi for Director of Standards and Certification. Ms. Kanokogi spoke for herself for the position.

Mr. Fletcher Thornton spoke for himself regarding the position of Director of Standards and Certification. He stated that he has not completed what he started to do four years ago and would like another term to complete his mission.

Balloting was held: Mr. Thornton received 66 votes and Ms Kanokogi 30. Mr.Thornton was the successful candidate.

The positions of Director of Development, Director of Operations and Director of Law and Legislation were uncontested. Following are the nominees for those positions

Director of Development nominee Mr. Leo White
Director of Operations nominee Ms. Pat Nading-Amman
Director of Law and Legislation Mr. M.Tad Nalls

All were unanimously elected to their nominated positions.

IV. TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 28,
2004 IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON
APRIL 28, 2004 IN LAS VEGA, NEVADA

SECONDED AND PASSED. NO CORRECTIONS.

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

MOTION: To approve the following amendments to the By Laws as prepared by Mr. M.Tad Nalls, Program Director of Law and Legislation.

A.

- a) Maintain Article I through Article X, Section 1 in the By Laws.
- b) Move Article X, Section 2 through Article X, Section 8 to the Code of Operations.
- c) Maintain Article XI, Section 1 in the By Laws.
- d) Move Article XI, Section 2 through Article XI, Section 12 to the Code of Operations.
- e) Maintain Article XII, Section 1 in the By Laws.
- f) Move Article XII, Section 2 through Article XII, Section 7 and Article XIII to the Code of Operations.
- g) Maintain Article XIV, Section 1 and 2 in the By Laws and renumber the Article as Article XIII.
- h) Move Article XIV, Section 3 to the Code of Operations.

- i) Maintain Article XV in the By Laws and renumber the Article as Article XIV.
- j) Maintain Article XVI in the By Laws and renumber the Article as Article XV.
- k) Maintain Articles XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII and XXIV in the By Laws and reduce each article's respective number by 1.
- l) Remove Article XXV from the By Laws and move said Article to the Code of Operations.

The above amendments are to allow the publishing of the By Laws and Articles of Incorporation on the website of USA Judo as requested by USOC and to have the internal subcommittee procedures and functions contained in the Code of Operations as originally contemplated by the By Laws when adopted

B. . Amend Article III, Section 1 © to include the following language in that paragraph:

“Athletes who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition in the sport of judo within the preceding ten (10) years, is defined as athletes who have represented the United States in the sport of Judo in the Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games or Operation Gold events which were designated as an Operation Gold event for that particular calendar year where applicable.”

C. Adopt a new Article III, Section 11 as follows:

Section 11: Election of Athlete Representatives to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Counsel (AAC).

- a) Athlete representative to the AAC shall be nominated from and elected by eligible athletes as defined in Article III, Section 1 c) and d) of these By Laws.
- b) The nominations of AAC representatives shall be made from the floor at the Athletes Meeting in which the election is held.
- c) All eligible athletes present at said meeting as defined in Article III, Section 1 c) and d) shall be entitled to vote.
- d) The Athletes Representative to the AAC is to be elected a four (4) year term at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors at the time that the Officers of the Corporation are elected and shall take office on January 1 in the year after their election.
- e) The Athlete Representative to the AAC shall not be a paid employee of an NGB or of the USOC and shall not serve more terms than permitted in the USOC, AAC By Laws, which currently limits the term of an AAC representative to two consecutive four (4) year terms.
- f) The complaint procedures contained in Article XV and Article XXI of these By Laws are applicable to the Election of AAC athlete representatives.

These amendments to Article III are to confirm our AAC Election procedures for the USOC.

SECONDED. DISCUSSION. PASSED.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This item was moved to Article III and is included in that item.

VII. OFFICERS REPORTS

A. President Dr. Ronald Tripp: Dr. Tripp spoke regarding how he really involved in this Judo Program. He wished to thank those who voted for him and who believes in his Program. He knows we will get there by working hard and pushing our programs ahead. He stated that he would work for USA Judo for the next four years and in getting where we need get and to be four years from now. He stated his team is excited in working for the USA Judo for the next four years. Please stay in contact with him and contact him as you need to for things you need to see that need to get done constantly.

B. Vice President Lance Nading: He feels everyone has done a lot of listening and a lot of talking this past week end. He is thrilled that there was the level of competition at the National level for the positions. People care. He is energized about the next four years. He believes the words that Mr. Pedro spoke are mirrored but how do we get there. We are a very small sport and how do we get there. He is confident that we can overcome many of those obstacles. He has spoken with David Faulkner who will be on board with us in the financial section.

The level of competition in the world is unbelievable. He sports us and will not let us down.

C. Treasurer Joseph Ahern. Treasurers.report is attached.

Report accepted. Mr. John Anderson asked for an explanation of the expenditures regarding the Teachers Institute..

D. Secretary Verna Larkins.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Director of Operations – Mr. John Miller

John Miller spoke with regard to bids. He stated that he had placed bid packets on the table of the delegates. These bids were received at the last minute and after review by the Tournament Subcommittee they have been uncontested.

The bid for High Schools by Brownsville Sports Foundation was only bid for a date one month prior to 2006 Senior Nationals and therefore the support from Texas Judo disappeared.

Chicago Southland Corporation in conjunction with Illinois Judo had also bid on that and therefore was the only bidder for 2006 High School Nationals. There was no problem with this bid and was accepted by the TSC.

Brownsville Sports Foundation bid on the 2006 Fall Classic and Ladder. There are a few loose ends which need to be resolved which they have agreed to do within 30 days. Such as the venue would be provided free of charge but we need to see that in writing. We also needed to see in writing what they meant by venue negotiations. They also stated USA Judo would retain the entry fees but we need to see that in writing as well.

MOVED, SECONDED and SECONDED to approve both bids provided that Brownsville provided the necessary information within 30 days.

B. Finance and Budget Chairperson – Mr. Lance Nading

Lance explained the budget for 2005 and the changes that were made. Present at the meeting was Sherrie Phillips, Joseph Ahern, Bill Rosenberg, Rachel Friedrichs and Lance Nading.

Copy of the 2005 budget was passed to the delegates.

Lance Nading explained the figures. The withdrawal from the foundation was not made in 2004 for the Senior Rank system so is handled as a carryover. This withdrawal will be made in 2005.

Mr. Thornton stated that the rank system will not cost the \$30,000 so he allocated \$5,000.00 to the Junior World Team.

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT.

C. Director of Development – Mr. Tommy Dyer

Tommy Dyer introduced Mr. Leo White as the newly elected Director of Development, who gave an excellent report on what has been done this past year when he was a committee person.

He gave a report on the Olympic Trials and stated that the trials was a good thing and it assisted us in getting some places in the Olympics, even though it was not top places. He states that we placed a 5th and several 9th by people who had never placed before in International competition.

Titan Games was held in Atlanta, Ga this summer which was very successful. We will have them again in 2006.

Our Olympic Team went to Spain for training in June. They trained hard all summer. Jimmie and Mike Swain both told him it was a worthwhile trip

Mr. Dyer thanked those who had worked hard the past four year on his committees – Paula Walker, Rusty Kanokogi, Marie Wick, Gary Norton and Jim Hrbek Sami Tadehara and local development Pat Burris.

Great strides have been made in this program and will continue to be made with the new administration.

We need more events for our athletes.

The race for the 2008 Olympics. If you have ideas please tell him you want to be a part of the committee.

Leo wished to thank Mr. Rosenburg who did the High Performance for him. He stated he did not know how to do it but Bill did and he gave Leo credit for it. It is a very complicated report to do. When Bill does it is done properly with only a few adjustments without being sent back.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

D. Director of Standards and Certification – Mr. Fletcher Thornton

Recently we lost a dear friend, Mr. George Uchida. He had a terrific sense of humor.

He asked for a moment of silence in the memory of Mr. Uchida. He was a friend of everyone.

He has asked that we all support the items regarding the rank system.

He has asked Jim Colgan to be chairman of the high rank committee.

He has everyone to keep the same chairs they have had the past four years, however some did not desire to do that.

He wishes to thank Noboru Saito for his contribution to the Referees Certificate Program.

He put together a C testing program in the USA. The green card members now can take some of their national testing rather than going to their home country.

Ms Takeuchi has taken the Kata Certification Program to a new level. Our system is now the one used through the Union.

Ms. Tawni McBee has the Technical Officials Program and is doing a good job of it. This is a very important part of competition judo. She is a member of the tournament subcommittee.

Change is not over. He intends to make changes that he feels necessary.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Mr. Thornton stated that the Dallas Invitational will be Level E event this spring.

Also if a referee feels that during a match an athlete's injury for those 17 and above needs the care of a physician he may call a doctor to the mat without the athlete being disqualified. The Law and Legislative Committee agreed with this action.

These items were passed by the Referees Committee.

Mr. Russ Scherer requested that he be allowed to give a report on the suspension of Ricky Brown.

Mr. Brown packed a contraband substance in a toy which he asked someone to send to him when he was in Japan. It was discovered and he was sent home along with the whole USA team. It cost the team extra money to get home as their tickets needed changing. The team was not allowed to practice at the camp anymore because of this one athlete.

It also cost us our reputation with Tokei University.

The committee recommended suspension of three years however the Executive Committee recommended four years retroactive to April, 2004. He must then request reinstatement in writing to USJI and to the coach and each member of the team. He must also write a letter of apology to USJI and the Board of Directors.

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

E. Director of Law and Legislation – M. Tad Nalls, Esq.

There is one point of order with the delegates at large. Mr. John Anderson only had 34 votes which was not a plurality. He asked that an exception be made.

This exception was made due to his long term on the committee and his expertise.

The business of the meeting was seating of the Florida delegation. Because Mr. Nalls was running for reelection he excused himself from this meeting. The L & L committee determined that the Florida delegation were to be seated for this meeting.

The OLYMPIC seems to generate a number of issues which can run into arbitration.

1. Selection of a manager arbitration was dismissed.
2. Filling in athletes. That \$10,000.00 is what was a result of this.
3. Rhadi Ferguson had an arbitration that was pending. It was dismissed.
4. There was a threatened arbitration concerning the 66kg. There is a new rules that states if you are denied a position on the Olympic team oln a field of play decision, it is not arbitratable. Therefore it was abandoned.
5. The IJF MEDICAL rules was reviewed. See the item in Standards and Certification regarding this matter as well as the citizenship.
6. Junior Worlds was reviewed.

Coaches were reminded that all must have a screening and must also be a member of USJI so they have insurance.

There were many questions asked regarding screening and club members.

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

F. Chairman of Promotion Board – Mr. Jim Colgan

In the absence of Mr. James Colgan, Mr. Thornton gave the following report:

Haruo Makimoto - Shichidan
John Pyle - Godan
Martin Bregman – Shichidan
Tommy Dyer = Rokudan

Mr. Burris is in the process of contacting the Uchida family to see that there were no promotions sent to that office which were not acted upon.

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

G. Miscellaneous Report

1. Resident Program – Mr. Edward Liddie

Due to the fact that some athletes have retired since the Olympics he has some slots for athletes. Some of those who have retired will be coming back to assist in coaching.

Reno Reser, Grace Jividen and Brian Olson will also come and assist with the coaching.

One of the programs which we are going to try and start is a Full Time College program at Univ of Colorado- CS. He emphasized that the team is there for anyone. If you need assistance with training please let him know and he will work with you regarding the matter of clinic.

The average age of the team is 20 ½ with 4 18year olds so we need to build this team. It will be a 4-8 year program.

We have three tiers: you can come and live in a college dorm and train An elite athlete can apply to live in the OTC dorm and there is cheap housing and you do not need to be ranked.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

2. ATHLETES COUNCIL. NO REPORT.

3. Athletes Representative to the Executive Committee – Mr. Reno Reser and Mr. David Williams

The atheletes met last evening and held an election as Mr. Williams had served his time on the Executive Committee.

The athletes representatives will be Reno Reser and John Serbin

The new AAC representative will be: Mr. Rhadi Ferguson.

H. Executive Director – Mr. William Rosenberg

Mr. Rosenburg reported that he just returned from Athen, Greece where he had the honor of supporting 6 blind athletes in the 2004 ParaOlympic Games.

The team consisted of
66. Kg Emanuel Brannon from Florida
73 kg - Scott Moore from Colorado
81 kg Martin Lopez from California
90 kg Scott Lopez from Arkansas
100 kg Kevin Szott from New Jersey

70 kg Lori Pierson from Colorado
The team was coached by Willy Cahill and Raul Tamayo

Dr. Berliner was the referee and did an outstanding job. He was clearly one of the top referees and chosen to referee many of the final matches.

Lori Pierson distinguished herself by being first US female to medal in ParaOlympic Games. This was the debut of women's judo into the ParaOlympics.

Lori took the silver medal and Scott and Kevin took bronze.

We are very proud on the Olympic movement. He has spoken with Lance Nading and Mr. Ahern, if we have funds remaining we would like to award a financial benefit to them.

He would like to thank the San Jose Sports Authority and the San Jose judo community for the conduct of the first ever joint Olympic Trials with US Taekwondo and USA Judo. We are grateful for the Mayeda family for their outstanding support of this event. It was undoubtedly the largest event in the United States to take place.

He also would like to thank Georgia Judo and particularly Nick Goodley for the support of the 2004 Titan Games. Also he would like to thank Fred and Rebecca Barnett from Kentucky Judo for their support to Georgia.

These Games will again be conducted in Georgia

The USOC has again implemented a comprehensive program to direct each NGB toward High Performance. We must direct our athletes to ways of receiving these funds. You will need to focus on who to narrow your funds on.

I. International Report – Dr. Frank Fullerton

He stated he would have a report of 108 pages and he will give this report to the Secretary. She will charge for this report but if you desire a copy of this report.

Mr. Fuller explained how you get to the Olympics. PJU did not do well in the 2004 Games

Congress will be held on November 10 in the Dominican Republic.

Delegates need to be aware of. Round Robin will be changed. PJU beginning this year if someone does not show up after the competition begins, you get the same benefit as the regular repechage.

You do not need to win to get a medal.

He thinks we should consider the North American Confederation. The Constitution and By Law are still available. He thinks our delegates should try to get this Confederation reinstated. The By-Laws need to be revised to include the South American Union.

Submitted by Frank Fullerton

IX. Actions of the Executive Committee

- A. Rescind actions of ballot on Texas A&M bid for 2006 High School and Collegiate event. The EC dealt with this and since they had not heard from Texas Am & M with decided to pull the event and gave it to San Jose Sport Authority.
- B. Suspend requirement to attend J.O. This requirement was not viable.
- C. Change date of U.S. Open. Not a viable option
- D. Modification for funding of the Jr. Team

MOVE, SECONDED AND PASSED.

X. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MOTIONS.

Direct USJIs delegate to the Pan American Judo Union to make a timely submission for the earliest possible Pan American Judo Union agenda as follows:

- A. MOTION FOR PJU: Amend the age parameters for the Pan American Junior Championships to match parameters utilized by the International Judo Federation. This will remove the minimum age requirement in the oldest Jr division.

RATIONALE: USJI National level Junior events, as well as those of the

USJA and USJF, use the International Judo Federation divisions. Our Elite roster and point systems are based on the IJF system. The highest AIM of the election system is to identify our competitors for International events, to include the Junior World Championships.

CURRENTLY the Jr Pan American Championships 17-19 year division age parameters do NOT mirror the IJF weights and we are unable to apply points earned at the PJU Championships to our most important roster - the IJF JRs.

As the athletic World shrinks and there is more and more international involvement, it makes clear sense for the Pan American Judo Union to be in step with the rest of the World - and it makes sense for USJI to take the initiative to try to correct this matter.

SUBMITTED: JAMES HRBEK AND TOMMY DYER

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION: Change the Fall Classic points for Juniors to 10 for 1st, 6 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd.

Rationale: When the event was inaugurated, the point configuration was set at triple the Sr point designations of 3, 2 and 1 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The validity of the event as a test for Juniors is now established. It has yielded an "A" level designation for each of the past three years but without the attendant points. The matrix currently displayed on the web site already SHOWS 10, 6 and 4 - which is incorrect and was never ratified. This motion is to ratify the change commencing with the 2005 Fall Classic.

SUBMITTED: JAMES HRBEK AND TOMMY DYER

MOVED, SECOND AND PASSED.

XI. FINANCIAL MOTIONS

- A. MOTION: That the amount of \$29,439.99, listed in the treasurer's report from the USA Judo Board of Directors meeting on April 29, 2004 in San Diego, CA. be broken down and itemized. Please provide all contracts, expenses, executive committee meetings and information pertaining to these loan(s).

RATIONALE: That \$29,439.99 is a large amount of money to write off without discussion from USA Judo Board of Directors when we have to "trim" our programs due to a lack of funds. What was this "bad debit" from? Has USA Judo tried to recover any of this "bad debt"?

Per the USJI Bylaws, Article III Section 3(e), the USA Judo Board of Directors has the power and authority to receive and review the reports of the Executive Committee and of all other Committees or other persons concerning the activities of the Corporation or matters in which the Corporation may be interested.

Also, Article III Section 9 provides that the Board of Directors shall make available a financial report to all known members of the Corporation at least once a year. It is implicit that if a debit is listed on the financial report the members of the Board of Directors may inquire about the nature and circumstances of the debt, including why a debt would be written off.

SUBMITTED: JAMES BRANSON, PRESIDENT, INDIANA JUDO INC.

THIS IS A CORPORATE DEBT.

XII JUNIOR RANK SYSTEM:

A. MOTION: FOR JUNIORS IN THE NEW SYSTEM.

B. It is proposed that older Juniors may be promoted to the following ranks on their first promotion in the New System.

4-5 The first promotion exam is to 1st –Yellow

6th first promotion is to Jr. 1st/degree)

7th first promotion is to Jr. 1st degree

8th first promotion is to Jr. 3rd degree (yellow) Sr. Rokyū equivalent)

9th first promotion exam is to Jr. 3rd degree (Orange)

10th the first promotion exam is to Jr.-3rd Degree (Orange)

11 - the first promotion exam is to Jr.-3rd Degree (Orange)

12 and older - the first promotion exam is to Jr.-3rd Degree (Orange) (Sr. Gokyu equivalent)

All subsequent promotions & exams used are to the next higher numerical grade.

Justification:

Older juniors are capable of learning more in a shorter time and should be allowed to be tested to a higher rank in the new system. A twelve year old can learn a great deal more and faster than a four year old.

SUBMITTED BY:(Martin Bregman-Delegate at Large)

B Motion 4: Maximum Rank for age in the new Junior Rank System.

It is proposed that the following ranks be considered a maximum for junior judoka in the new USAJudo Jr. Rank System.

Maximum Rank Allowed for the Following Ages of Junior Candidates:

4 year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 1st Degree.

5 Year Olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 3rd Degree.

- 6 Year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 5th Degree.(Rokyu)
- 7 Year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 7th Degree.
- 8 Year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 9th Degree.
- 9 Year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 11th Degree.
- 10 year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 13th Degree.(Gokyu)
- 11 year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 15th Degree.
- 12 year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 17th Degree (Yonkyu).
- 13 year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 19th Degree (Sankyu).
- 14 year olds may be promoted no higher than Junior 20th Degree (Nikyu).
- 15 year olds may be promoted no higher Senior Ikkyu.
- 16 year olds may be promoted as high as Senior Ikkyu*.

(*16 year olds may be promoted to Shodan if they have placed at a National or International Championship (i.e., Junior Nationals, National Junior Olympics, Junior Open, Senior Nationals, Senior Open, etc.) during their career.

Justification:

This proposal insures that a standard of age will also be set for junior rank in the new USAJudo Jr. Rank System so that Judo will not have 8 year old Black Belts as some Karate systems do.

SUBMITTED BY:(Martin Bregman-Delegate at Large)

XIII. STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION

- A. MOTION: That coaches must have all current paperwork to the Chair, Coach Development and Education Subcommittee minimum of 30 days prior to an event for processing and placement on the Coach Certification active roster. Only coaches who meet this deadline will be considered for coach credentials at the event. All paperwork must be valid through the last day of the event to be placed on the roster.

SUBMITTED: Corinne Shigemoto, Chairman, Coaches Development and Certification.

MOTION: THAT ALL COACHES SHALL BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO OF THE EVENT FOR PRIOR PROCESSING.

- B. MOTION: That all coaches certification shall be from January 1 through December 31 for four years...

SUBMITTED: Corinne Shigemoto, Chairman, Coaches Dvelopment and Certification

SECONDED AND PASSED.

C MOTION: To establish the “Coaching Commission Subcommittee” with administration of the CCS under the Director of Development and the Development Program.

SUBMITTED: Dr. Ron Tripp, President

Rationale: This motion was previously passed but has not been activated. Members of this commission shall be nominated and convene in a like manner of the subcommittees currently active in USA Judo, and function within the purpose and rationale of this motion. The subcommittee shall establish criteria to qualify members of the Commission and with the exception of the Subcommittee Chair, shall have the option to serve actively on the commission during competitions. The subcommittee shall consist of equally proportionate numbers, up to 6 persons. The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the Development Program shall submit not less than 3 names each to the Director of Development to comprise the up to 9 member panel.

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED..

XIV. TOURNAMENT BIDS

1. 2006 Fall Classic and Ladder Tournament
 - A. Foundation for Brownsville Sports, Brownsville, Texas
2. 2006 Middle School, High School and Collegiate Nationals
 - A. Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lansing, Illinois

Submitted: Mr John Miller, Director of Operations

SECONDED. PASSED.

XV. MOTION: To modify the tournament bid approval method as follows:

1. Tournament bids shall be awarded once per year, at the SPRING meeting.
2. Bids may be submitted three years in advance (no change.)
3. If a bid for an event is not received within two years of the event, the organization may solicit a bid directly (no change.).
4. The following panel shall be appointed to review tournament bids: A minimum of 5 members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the Director of Operations, three (3) Delegates at Large, and the Chairperson of the Tournament Subcommittee. If for any reason, not enough persons from these groups agree to

serve on the panel, members shall be chosen from qualified members of the Board of Directors.

5. Bid presentations from bidders, in person, are no longer required. A minimum of a written summary of each bid and \$100.00 bid fee shall be submitted 45 days before the Annual Meeting. Bidders shall be notified if their bid is in order, and if not, have given the opportunity to submit a revised bid. Bids that are in order, may submit more detailed bid. Members of the review panel may ask questions of the bidders, or request additional information, up to the time of the formal evaluation. Questions and answers shall be provided in writing.
6. The individuals of the review panel shall meet to jointly evaluate the bids, reach consensus, and present their recommendations, including the rationale used for recommending approval/disapproval, to the Board of Directors for approval.

RATIONALE: Now that USA Judo is the primary host of all of its events and is entering into partnerships with the bidding entities, the decision to award a bid has become much more complex than in the past. Many aspects must be considered, including the suitability of the bidding organization, geographical location, benefits to USA Judo as an organization, the potential for profit/loss, and risk to the organization. Bid presentations to the full board, with associated floor debate, followed by voting is no longer the optimum method of selecting partnering entities. The decision to award a tournament to a bidder must be the result of careful deliberations and a consensus of opinion, rather than a majority vote. The proposed method is similar to methods used by corporations and government entities when soliciting bids for materials and services.

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

- XVI. MOTION:** To restructure the Tournament Subcommittee to make it a working tournament management group in order to properly conduct our national and international championships. Details of the new Subcommittee structure follows the rationale.

SUBMITTED: John Miller, Director of Operations

RATIONALE: USA Judo is now the primary host of all of its national and international tournaments and consequently, the Tournament Subcommittee needs to be extensively modified to reflect that fact. The subcommittee must be a working group, composed of individuals who have specialized and proven skills in the areas of event management and implementation.

The Tournament Subcommittee shall have the following primary responsibilities:

- 1) Act as the Tournament Organizing Committee for all USA Judo events.
- 2) Develop new tournament protocols, when necessary.
- 3) Provide guidelines for, and monitoring of, E-level events

- 4) If requested, provide advice and support for tournaments conducted by state organizations (Group B members) and registered clubs.

Table 1: Composition of the Tournament Subcommittee

Position	Responsibilities and skills
Chairperson	Has overall responsibility for the Subcommittee. The chairperson must have the skills to understand and manage the key aspects of national and international events, as well as overall event and personnel management, and delegation and monitoring of tasks. All members report either to the Chairperson or the chair's designee.
Subcommittee Members	Ten (10) individuals who have the necessary skills to perform the tasks listed in Table 2. Subcommittee members should have the skills and willingness to perform multiple tasks and take on multiple responsibilities.

Table 2: Primary tasks, duties, and responsibilities of the Tournament Subcommittee:

Task	Duties and Responsibilities
Contract Negotiation	Negotiation of Tournament Agreements with winning bidders, Tournament Venues, Host hotels, Transportation companies, and other necessary contracts and agreements.
E-Level Events	Consult with E-level tournament directors to insure that event announcements are accurate, made in a timely manner, and are in compliance with current procedures. A monitor is assigned to each event.
Tournament Directors	Designated National Tournament Directors. Has Overall responsibility for coordinating each event and is the primary contact for the local host. Reports directly to the chairperson.
Tournament Entry Processing	Central point of contact for collection and processing of entry forms and fees for all National Tournaments.
Onsite Check-in Coordinator	Organization and/or supervision of the on-site tournament registration and check-in.
Meeting Room Coordinator	Insures that necessary meeting rooms are secured and meetings are scheduled correctly.
Transportation Coordinator	Insures that necessary transportation is secured, is properly scheduled, and is operating according to schedule.
Venue Setup	Organization and supervision of venue setup for the events
Referee Coordinator	Coordination of all Referee activities for each event.
Weigh-in Coordinator	Insures that appropriate scales are available at the proper times and that trained staff is available to conduct the weigh-in.
Tech. Officials Supervisor	Responsible for all Technical Officials matters.
Coach Commission	Responsible for coordinating with the Coach commission.

Coordinator	
Awards/Ceremonies Supervisor	Responsible for insuring that appropriate awards are obtained and awards ceremonies are properly staffed and conducted. Also responsible for coordinating opening ceremonies, including announcers, scripts, etc.
Draw Supervisor	Responsible for performing the draw and scheduling matches.
Vendor Coordinator	Responsible for soliciting merchandise vendors and coordinating their activities.
Security	Responsible for event security.
Public Relations	Responsible for promoting the event to the general public and distributing results. For events that have a City, Sports Authority, Convention and Visitor's Bureau or the like as our partner, this task will most likely be performed by that entity, with a coordinator on the USA Judo side.
Marketing	Responsible for marketing the event, including event program, event-related merchandise, sponsorships, etc. For events that have a City, Sports Authority, Convention and Visitor's Bureau or the like as our partner, this task will most likely be performed by that entity, with a coordinator on the USA Judo side.
Miscellaneous	Other tasks necessary to successfully conduct the event.

MOVE, SECONDED, PASSED AS REVISED.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS: None

XVIII NEW BUSINESS None

**XIX. ANNOUNCEMENTS: REFEREES MEETING & TECHNICAL OFFICIALS
PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO VERNA LARKINS**

ADJOURNMENT AT 5:25 P:M

SUBMITTED: /S/ VERNA LARKINS, SECRETARY