



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 4, 2017  
Conference Call

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:	Christal Ransom
Mark Hill, President	Noboru Saito
Nick Kossor	Devin Cohen-exited at 9:20am, rejoined at 9:35am
Gerry Navarro	James Webb
Serge Bouyssou	Doug Kawasaki
USA Judo Staff:	
Keith Bryant, Executive Director	Ed Liddie, Director of Athlete High Performance
Corinne Shigemoto, COO	

1. Roll Call  
President Mark Hill conducted roll call. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 9:04am MST.
2. Update on American Judo Alliance Collaborations-Mark Hill  
Continue to work with USJF and USJA on agreement. We are working to schedule a call for later this month to work out last few details and provide all organizations with a final document to review and agree upon.
3. Motion by Jim Webb to accept the USA Judo-American Traditional Jujutsu Association Reciprocal Participant Agreement as amended. Seconded by Serge Bouyssou, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
4. Discussion on Referee Testing Situation in Ft. Lauderdale  
The IJF/PJC did not allow Manmohan Chima to test due to his headwear. The Board authorizes President Mark Hill and CEO Keith Bryant to continue discussions with the IJF/PJC on this subject matter (religious headwear).  
  
The USA Judo Board of Directors will draft a Resolution on this matter for use in the United States to be circulated for further discussion and approval.
5. Executive Director Report-Keith Bryant
  - a. USA Judo has hired Lauren Roersma as High-Performance Coordinator, to replace Ms. Alexana Rotunda. Start date is Monday, August 14.
  - b. Copies of financial reports have been distributed to all Board Members. One area to note is that during these lean months, USA Judo continues to do well with cash flow.
  - c. Talks continue with an individual representing a private charitable trust who wants to support disadvantaged youth through judo and the HP Junior program.

- d. Paperwork is still in the process for the USA Judo Foundation. Possible reception/dinner to be held in conjunction with the National Presidents Cup to meet with possible donors/sponsors.
  - e. China has reached out to Jimmy Pedro to serve as their national coach. He will be traveling to China in a few days to further discussions.
  - f. Travis Stevens is offering clinics around the United States through an independent project called Project 2024.
  - g. Several meetings were attended in Florida the end of July:
    - i. Met with Academica, Charter school program in Florida, Texas (San Antonio) and Washington D.C. IJF is providing 12 mat areas and 600 gis.
    - ii. Met with Drs. Jeff Stout and David Fukuda from UCF to discuss partnering to build on their established PE and coaching degrees with an emphasis in judo.
    - iii. Met with IJF Academy, Dr. Galea and Dr. Kozsla to further not only the IJF Academy but support the Academica and UCF collaborations with USA Judo.
6. Old Business
- Board Action Log-ongoing project
  - Task Forces-ongoing
  - Strategic Planning-to be discussed during November meeting
  - Committee Charters-Board to review during November meeting
7. Motion to move to Executive Session by Devin Cohen. Seconded by Gerry Navarro, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes
8. Motion to move out of Executive Session by Mark Hill. Seconded by Jim Webb, all in favor, no opposed motion passes.
9. New Business
- All Board members to be sent a USA Judo lapel pin
  - 2020 Olympic Games-Team Competition
    - It is Ed Liddie's understanding that actual athlete numbers will not increase, rather a team must consist of those athletes who have qualified for the Games. President Hill and CEO Bryant will try to gather more information while attending the IJF Congress the middle of August in Hungary.
10. Motion to adjourn by Serge Bouyssou. Seconded by Noboru Saito, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 10:06am MST.