



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2017  
Conference Call

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:	Christal Ransom
Mark Hill, President	Noboru Saito
Nick Kossor	Devin Cohen
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 11:04am MST.
2. Motion by Jim Webb to authorize Mark Hill to continue discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (event related agreement) with Kayla Harrison. Final draft to be reviewed and discussed with the Board of Directors. Seconded by Devin Cohen, all in favor, motion passes.
3. Motion by Jim Webb to authorize Mark Hill to continue negotiation on the American Judo Alliance Agreement. Agreement to be reviewed and discussed with the Board of Directors at the November meeting. Seconded by Noboru Saito, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
4. Motion by Jim Webb to accept the ATJA contract. Seconded by Devin Cohen, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.  
  
Discussion: Mr. Cohen asked how the other Group A members felt about the agreement. Mr. Hill stated that discussions have been open and they welcome the agreement.
5. Motion by Mark Hill to move into executive session. Seconded by Noboru Saito, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
6. Motion to move out of Executive Session by Mark Hill. Seconded by Devin Cohen, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes
7. National Presidents Cup Schedule for Board Members:
  - Plan to arrive Friday November 17 by 5pm CST
  - Dinner to be ordered at approximately 6pm and meeting to begin approximately 6:30pm on Friday 11/17
  - Saturday November 18
    - 8:30am meeting start at Marriott Hotel

- 5:00pm USA Judo Assembly at Irving Convention Center

8. Executive Director Report-Keith Bryant

- Finances continue to be positive
- Current USA Judo membership continues to climb
- Judo in Schools program has kicked off with 46 students enrolled in the program in Miami.
- We continue to earn the trust of our membership which equates to increased donations
- New weekly social media initiative called “Positively Judo” highlighting positive accomplishments on and off the mat.

9. New Business

- Nick Kossor sought clarification as to why established athlete criteria were not followed for the Zagreb and Tashkent Grand Prix events. It was explained that due to the Pan American Open being cancelled twice due to hurricanes hitting Santo Domingo, USA Judo High Performance sought other tournaments ASAP for athletes to gain IJF points. It was recognized that sometimes these “game time” decision must be made, but adhering to the criteria will be the focus as much as possible in the future and any deviation from that criteria will be communicated to appropriate stakeholders.

10. Motion to adjourn by Devin Cohen. Seconded by Noboru Saito, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm MST.