



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2018  
Conference Call

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:

Mark Hill, President

Serge Bouyssou

Devin Cohen

Doug Kawasaki

Joe Marchal

Gerry Navarro

Christal Ransom

Noboru Saito

Jim Webb

USA Judo Staff:

Keith Bryant

Spencer Molnar

Corinne Shigemoto

1. Roll Call

President Hill conducted roll call. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 1:05 ET.

2. Motion by Noboru Saito to approve the establishment of a reciprocal participation agreement between USA Judo and the AJJF (American Judo and Jiu-Jitsu Federation). Seconded by Joe Marchal, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

3. Motion by Mark Hill to separate the USA Judo Policy on Religious Headgear into two documents. One covering referee participation and the other athlete participation. Seconded by Devin Cohen, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

4. Motion by Mark Hill to accept the USA Judo Policy on Religious Headgear Worn by Athletes dated 7/5/18 as written. Seconded by Jim Webb, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

5. Motion by Serge Bouyssou to accept the revised USA Judo Policy regarding Tatami Competition & Safety Dimensions dated 7/5/18 as written. Seconded by Jim Webb, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

6. USA Judo Foundation Update-Keith Bryant

IRS approval received for the USA Judo Foundation's 501(C)3 status. Separate duties, operations and fundraising apart from USA Judo is now in process of being determined

Motion by Mark Hill to allow Noboru Saito to remain as Chair of the Foundation after his USA Judo Board Term is complete. Seconded by Devin Cohen, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

7. Presidents Report-Mark Hill

American Alliance Agreement- frequent conference calls continue with USJA and USJF are very cordial and promising as we collaborate to grow judo in the United States

President Hill will be attending an NGB President's Best Practices meeting in Denver next week and will report back during the next board call.

The IJF World Championships will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, the same time as the USOC Congress in Colorado Springs. Mr. Hill will travel to Baku as the USA Judo representative not only attending the event, but to be present during the induction of Ms. Rusty Kanokogi and Mr. Jimmy Pedro into the IJF Hall of Fame.

CEO Bryant will attend the USOC Congress in Colorado Springs.

8. CEO Report-Keith Bryant

Membership continues to stay strong through the summer months and participation at the Junior Olympics was high. Attendance and revenue from the event is the highest it's been in years.

There have been two complaints filed with the Ethics and Grievance Committee and are currently under review with the committee.

Representatives from USA Judo, USJA and USJF met with USOC personnel, who facilitated a meeting in Colorado Springs to discuss and work on the American Judo Development Model. This was an informative and collaborative experience for all and they are enthusiastic about the project

Work on organizing the upcoming elections continue.

9. Motion by Devin Cohen to apply \$50,000 of USA Judo Foundation funds towards 2016 club and state rebates due. Seconded by Jim Webb, all in favor, no opposed, motion passes.
10. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Devin Cohen, seconded by Noboru Saito. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm ET.