



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020
Conference Call

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:

Mark Hill, President

Serge Bouyssou

Devin Cohen

Doug Kawasaki

Nick Kossor

Joe Marchal

Gerry Navarro

Crystal Ransom

Barbara Shimizu

Jim Webb

USA Judo Staff:

Keith Bryant, Executive Director/CEO

Corinne Shigemoto

Ed Liddie, Director High Performance

Roll Call

President Hill conducted roll call. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 1:04pm ET.

1. Motion by Mark Hill to cancel the 2020 USA Judo Junior National Championships currently scheduled for August 29-30 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Several options in regard to refund/credit of entry fees to be offered to members. Seconded by Serge Bouyssou, all approved, no opposed, motion passes.
2. USJF Update-Mark Hill
Calls continue monthly. USJF has formed a committee to internally determine if they want to continue with the American Judo Alliance Agreement.
3. Rank & Certification Discussion-Jim Webb
It was determined that USA Judo club affiliation should not be a consideration for promotion. It was also reconfirmed that USA Judo would verify USJA or USJF rank up to godan only.

Process for ATJA rank verification was discussed. Currently, when a request is received, the request is sent to Jim Webb for verification by ATJA.

4. Suggested that USA Judo provide a statement to our members embracing the ideals of judo and that we are supportive of groups that stand against racial injustice and discrimination.
5. Hall of Fame Update-Keith Bryant
It was shared that the HOF committee has been advising individuals that they have been selected to be inducted into the USA Judo Hall of Fame without prior Board approval of these individuals. Board approval is mandatory for all inductees.

Mark Hill to contact the HOF committee to request a complete list of proposed inductees with a full background/rational on each to be received no later than Tuesday June 30. Each board member will review each candidate and advise the other board members on who they would approve.

6. Best Athlete out of Island County, Washington-Crystal Ransom
Marti Malloy is a nominee for this award and Crystal asked that the voting site be pushed out to not only the board, but as many USA Judo members as possible.
7. Financial Update-Keith Bryant
Christine Godleski is creating the final reports to be submitted to the SBA for the PPP forgiveness loan. The EIDL loan was received and staff continues to manage the austerity budget very carefully. June lapsed memberships are slowing, but this month is also traditionally slow for membership.
8. SafeSport Update-Keith Bryant
We continue to notify adult members of the SafeSport requirements regarding regular contact with minors and will be reaching out to club coaches to ask their assistance with these certifications of their members.
9. Sponsor Update-Keith Bryant
 - Shaklee: introduced a new program to our members offering a complimentary Shaklee membership which provides discounted prices on Shaklee products.
 - RTG: have launched the USA Judo on-line merchandise platform and will offer clubs the opportunity to sell their own branded merchandise purchased through RTG via their own on-line store.Team IP: was signed as an event merchandiser just before the start of COVID-19
10. COVID-19 Update-Keith Bryant
The national staff continues to monitor the situation and update our COVID 19 website page with resources for clubs and individual members as needed.
11. USOPC Update-Keith Bryant
Our funding for 2020 has not been impacted but the DMA agreement will not be offered next year. We can either stay on their platform with new terms or go out on our own. We are looking at all options. The USOPC did let 117 employees go last week.
12. New Business
 - Devin Cohen advised, for those who did not know, that Mr. David Williams from Florida recently passed away. Mr. Williams was a long-time instructor and referee with USA Judo. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.
13. Motion by Mark Hill to adjourn at 2:13pm ET. Seconded by Devin Cohen, all approved, no opposed, motion passes.