

USA Karate
Board of Directors Meeting
July 11, 2014
Reno, NV

A meeting of the Board of Directors of USA Karate was held on July 11, 2014 at the 2014 National Championships & Team Trials in Reno, NV

Directors Present

Mr. John DiPasquale
Ms. Cheryl Murphy
Mr. Roger Jarrett
Mr. Alex Miladi
Mr. Terrance Hill
Mr. Matthew Ralph
Mr. Doug Stein
Mr. Brian Mertel

Also Present Were:

Ms. Laura Roberts
Mr. Philip Hampel

Call to Order

Board President, Mr. John DiPasquale, called the meeting to order at 7:14 and Ms. Laura Roberts recorded the minutes. A quorum of directors was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

CEO Report

Mr. Hampel advised the board on the 2011 Audit and it is still in IRS review – no action is required at this time.

Financial Update

P&L presented.

The Federation is working to decrease spending and storage/transportation expenses of equipment for signature events. The final \$13,000 owed to the USOC has been paid for and rent to El Pomar for 2012 and 2013 has been paid off.

Media Agreement Update

The USA-NKF was able to reach 50,000 views to the website and received \$25,000 and qualified to be in tier 3 for 2015 which would result in \$50,000 from the USOC.

Fanatics

USA-NKF teamed with Fanatics to sell merchandise through the Team USA store for 10% commission. This is seeing a slow launch and will be pushed once the operations and delivery prove effective.

2014 National Update

The 2014 National Championships & Team Trials have 1333 registered athletes compared to 1380 paid athletes in 2013. The west coast has proved comparable to the East Coast National Championships & Team Trials.

Pan American Olympic Festival

26 sports will be represented at the PASO Festival and the USOC is responsible for reimbursing all athletes who are attending.

Motion to go to Executive Session to discuss CEO Position

Motion John DiPasquale
Second by Mathew Ralph
Unanimous

Executive Session (8:33 pm – 9:56 pm)

The board reviewed the candidates who had applied for the CEO position and Mr. Hampel the board announced that they had voted unanimously to appoint Phil Hampel as Chief Executive Officer.

Referee Report

There are 72 referees at the National Championships & Team Trials, this is up from the US Open. Mr. DiPasquale emphasized the importance that all referees are SafeSport compliant and all information regarding this is handled through the USA-NKF National Office.

Coaches Report

There were 179 applications for the National Championships & Team Trials for coaches credentials. All coaches were required to complete a background check and SafeSport training and this was processed through the National Office of the USA-NKF.

Coaches Seminar with the Turkish Coaches was well received. Coach Hill would like to put it online for a fee. Coach Hill would like to increase female National Coach participation. He would also like to work to recycle athletes coming in to retirement into the coaching program.

There has been concerned raised over athletes being recruited to train at national coaches personal dojo. Create a panel to review – Tokey Hill, Alex Miladi, Cheryl Murphy and Doug Stein.

Athletes Report

Athletes would like to see team camps - The USA-NKF cannot allocate funds for a Team camp this year but will look into for next year next year.

National Championship Candidate Cities

The three cities considered were Madison, Wisconsin, Greenville, South Carolina, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The board voted to approve Fort Lauderdale, Florida as the site for the 2015 US National Championships & Team Trials.

Motion: Mr. DiPasquale motioned to approve Fort Lauderdale, FL

Second: Mr. Jarrett

Approval: unanimous

2015 JR PKF

Mr. D wants to withdrawal our bid. Mr. Hampel will look into details.

Confirmation of Dan Rank

Kiyoshi Yamazaki – nominated for 8th Dan voted on by the WKF

Motion: Mr. DiPasquale motioned to nominate Mr. Yamazaki

Second: Mr. Mertel

Approval: Unanimous

Jesse Canedo – NKF 8th Degree black belt

Motion: Mr. DiPasquale motioned to promote Mr. Jesse Canedo to NKF 8th Degree black belt

Second: Mr. Mertel

Approval: Unanimous

Hirsohi Allen – Vegas

The board voted to settle a debt of \$4,500 owed to Mr. Hiroshi Allen for the US Open & Junior International Cup. This was a verbal agreement that was made by Mr Lease.

Motion: Mr. DiPasquale motioned to settle the debt

Second: Mr. Stein

Approval: Unanimous

Executive Session (12:25 am – 1:45 am)

New Business

Mr. Jarrett presented an idea to endorse a book published about Kata similar to Karate-do. There was no motion to approve this.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: Mr. DiPasquale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 am

Second: Mr. Miladi

Vote: Unanimous