

**USA Karate  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 14, 2013**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of USA Karate was held on July 14, 2013 at the 2013 USA Open and Junior International Cup in Greenville, South Carolina.

**Directors Present**

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

**Also Present Were:**

Mr. Jake Lease  
Ms. Jessica Luna

**Directors Absent**

Mr. Timothy Howell

**Call to Order**

Board President, Mr. John DiPasquale, called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM and Jessica Luna 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. Jake Lease reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to the meeting; next, Mr. lease gave the current status of the 2013 National Championships & US Team Trials where attendance and registration were discussed. We then discussed how vendors track their inventory. We then discussed will call issues through ticket master. He also gave a financial update on 2013 and a brief overview on the upcoming US Nationals in Greenville, South Carolina.

The change in registration to separate the elite and advanced divisions created a potential loss in revenue between \$4,000 and \$9,000. Encourage athletes to compete in teams so they can fight again.

Mr DiPasquale would like us to create committee and report back in January meeting to merge non PKF weights and combine 2 ages.  
Consider having an open division for junior elite. It was suggested that we start following the European model with club championships.

Mr. Miladi suggested having a state by state team competition need to determine viability.

#### All American Classic Discussion

- Dates of November 22 at Olympic Training Center
- Look into a team event concept
  - Adults and Juniors
  - Add an educational workshopCheryl suggested having the event every other year and having a camp in the other years.  
Mr. DiPasquale suggested that he and Mr. Lease sit down and discuss this event.
- Bring tournament to a stronger area or an area with no activity at all.
- Discussed not requiring memberships or requiring weekend memberships
- Discussed that we must consider how much parents are spending on their children and how we can spread events out so that they can stay on their feet.
- Be careful when planning this event so we don't fail. All board members must be on board.
- Must have revenue stream in the fall
- Keep coaching consistent across the board.

#### **Team Camp**

August 12-18

65 beds at training center

The coaching staff will be in attendance

Junior National Team Focus

Waiting on cost of OTC

#### 2014 National Championships

JakeLease recommends we put event in Reno

San Jose, Richmond, Reno, Charleston – discussed as potential candidates

Mr. DiPasquale motioned to have Phil Hampel spearhead creating a national volunteer corps for Signature Events targeting the 2014 Nationals. Second Mr Miladi  
All in favor

Mr. DiPasquale motioned we accept the recommendation for Reno to host the 2014 Nationals in Reno – Second by Mr Stein - All in favor

Mr. Stein Second that we host our 2013 Nationals are in Reno, Nevada

Mr. DiPasquale motioned to accept Mr. Fargus to work with the federation to create a USANKF magazine. Second Doug Stein – All in favor

- To be over seen by the board
- Target date is January-February.

Public Relations Discussion

- Consider having an Emagazine for \$2,000
- Create PR Committee
- Mertel suggested awarding magazine to promote it
  - Use as an opportunity for athletes to use journalism
- The board will over see this project.
- Mr, Stein will overview all liabilities

Jake Lease proposed that we support

Jr pkf Coach hill and 6 additional coaches

Jr. Worlds Coach hill and 4 additional coaches

Mr. D Motion to fund 7 coaches for jr. pan americans at full funding at 1600 per coach and for world championships 5 coaches Second Mr Miladi All in Favor

Referee Discussion

It was discussed a need to show appreciation and recognition to the referee committee.

Mr. DiPasquale motion to reallocate the 5k referee summit money to international travel. Second Phil Hampel- All in Favor

Must budget in 2014 for 3 grassroots seminars airfare, hotel, fees, operating costs

Team selection committee

Sr national team trials for NA CUP

March 15 Trials in Chicago, Sr. National Team USOC approved selection modifications

Discussion of transferring budgeted money from world combat games to the Spanish cup. \$5,000-\$6,500.

Mr. DiPasquale motioned \to fund \$1000 per athlete, coach, and referee up to 6 people for the Spanish Cup. Second Mr Miladi – All in favor

Meeting Adjourned