



**USA National Karate-do Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2021, 5:30 PM MST – Video Conference**

Call to Order

Present

John DiPasquale
Matthew Ralph
Brian Ramrup
Brian Mertel
Doug Jepperson
Tokey Hill
Roger Jarrett
Sasha Gerritson
Rahul Bawa

Also Present:

Phil Hampel
Elizabeth Sottile

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of Interests to Claim

John DiPasquale – Has Student on the National Team
Brian Mertel – Has Student on the National Team
Brian Ramrup – Athlete on the National Team
Tokey Hill – Daughter is on the National Team
Sasha Gerritson – Friendship with Athlete in Team Pool
Doug Jepperson – Club Member with Athletes in Pool

Approval of Board Minutes from December 19, 2020

- Updated to reflect that Doug Jepperson would have also had a conflict of interest with the WIKF athletes in the team pool

Motion to Approve with above change – Rahul Bawa; Second – Brian Ramrup

For – 9 Against – 0

Discuss World Championship Team Selection

- Board had already approved as an advisory vote to send the 2020 National Team to PKF Championships
- Call for discussion by Sasha Gerritson
 - o Athletes might not be training and prepared for Worlds, however, due to the selection procedures, they must be prepared, or they can pass on their spot
 - o Athletes earned the right to compete and Covid took their opportunity

- Ability to hold events to match the selection procedures are at risk with the extensions of restrictions – both preventing training in Dojos and competitions.

Motion to Approve – John DiPasquale; Second – Doug Jepperson

For – 7 Against – 2

Due to multiple levels of conflicts, this vote is advisory

Fundraising/Junior Pan American Championships

- We need to create the strategic plan to fundraise money to put towards hosting the Junior Pan American Championships this fall
- Keeping our Athletes in the USA is going to be a better choice than sending them to South America regarding health concerns
- Sasha Gerritson, Rahul Bawa, Doug Jepperson and Matthew Ralph will assist in fundraising

New Business

- Mr. DiPasquale updated on K1 events with new dates/locations
 - National Office is working with the USOPC State Department with assistance on entries into Turkey and Lisbon

Motion to Dismiss – Doug Jepperson; Second – Matthew Ralph

For – 9 Against – 0