



United States Judo Association

3/31/2017 Cape Coral, Florida

Board Members present

John Paccione

Dave Goodwin

Sparky Bollinger

Ed Rodriguez

OPEN USJA Meeting

Introduction of Board Members

President John Paccione gave a welcome to all members in attendance and introduced the Board of Directors present. He gave an overview of the USJA and how we are currently in very good financial and operational shape. The president went on to discuss the Development Fund and its main mission. That mission is to assist those in our organization that are trying to reach their goals in Judo. He is exploring the viability of creating a separate fund for elite athletes as well.

The president went on to discuss his ongoing meetings with the leadership of the USJF and USA Judo to ensure cooperation, one area specifically would be in the area of coaching certification and the creation of a standard program for all three organizations. Additionally, there are discussions regarding all three organization having a national level event. He also informed those in attendance that the USJA will be hosting clinics that will be free for USJA members throughout the country.

President Paccione also discussed the endowment fund was used to pay off debt that had been accumulated by the organization and how the fund has been replenished and currently sits at 25 thousand dollars (up from a low of 11 thousand). He went on to state that all outstanding bills have been paid and we are in better shape financially than ever before and that this is the first time in the history of the organization that we have not had to borrow funds from the Endowment fund to pay the insurance. This has all been accomplished by increasing the efficiency of the organization.

President Paccione also spoke about how the USJA Promotion Board has been reworked with former USJA president Gary Goltz at the helm. The complaints about the promotion board have stopped and the board is doing a great job at vetting promotions while maintaining organizational standards.

The president then introduced Mike Hall, owner of Ashlex Corporation, the vendor we use to operate the office functions and software, Mike spoke about how the USJA is actually staffed by judoka and that Hanna Martin is doing a fantastic job of utilizing social media to message the good work of the USJA. She has been able to recruit some elite player to the organization. Additionally, Mike Hal discussed how supportive the USJA BOD has been with mitigating any issues that arise.

President Paccione went on to discuss a new endeavor to have elite Olympic level player wear USJA attire when given funding. This is being worked out with USA Judo to work out any conflicts of interest that may arise. He continued to speak about the issue of alternative Judo organizations starting up and restated the Triad agreement in place between the three current organizations is solid and no other organization would be able to have sanctioned events.

Sparky Bollinger asked if we, as an organization, would be willing to support a Military, Firefighter and Police Committee. He introduced a guest presenter, Sgt Major Mayfield who spoke about working collaboratively with the USJA to form a Military Committee to make better use of online resources for those members around the world. Specifically, an online coaching course brought to the membership via our website. Sgt. Mayfield was petitioning for the creation of a Military Committee to help serve the member of the United States Armed Forces train in Judo and continue their training online if needed due to deployment.

The Board of directors welcomed the idea and agreed to vote on it at a later date after working through the issues involved.

With no further business to discuss, President Paccione closed the meeting at 1530 hours.