

United States Judo Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2021, Minutes
ZOOM Conference Call

The November 5, 2021, Board of Directors Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. EST by President Andrew Connelly.

Secretary Mantel called the Roll. The following Board Members answered present: Jack Borsch, Andrew Connelly, Bonnie Korte, Rob Reilly and Peter Mantel. A quorum was present. Michael Hall was present as a guest of the Board.

The Minutes of the October 21, 2021, Board Meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

The Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Old Business was postponed in order to address vacancies on the Board. Rob Reilly moved to approve Jesse Goldstein and Paul Rivera to the Board. The Motion was seconded, there was no discussion and the Motion passed. Jesse Goldstein and Paul Rivera took seats at that time.

Old Business

President Connelly asked for the Board to address the remaining Committees not discussed at the October 21, 2021, Board Meeting.

Jack Borsch made a Motion for the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review all remaining committees. The Motion was seconded. During discussion, Jesse Goldstein, Rob Reilly and Bonnie Korte volunteered to be on the Committee. After discussion, the vote was taken, it was unanimously approved.

President Connelly asked that the Committee prepare a report for the next Board Meeting.

New Business

President Connelly called for a discussion of the reinstatement of Junior and Kyu rank promotion fees. Jack Borsch moved for discussion of promotion fees. The Motion was seconded. President Connelly stated that the no membership dues would be increased, only Junior and Kyu rank promotion fees should be increased which would help with current deficits of approximately \$30,000 a year from the loss of those fees.

Jack Borsch moved to reinstate promotion fees for Junior and Kyu rank promotions beginning December 2, 2021. The Motion was seconded and approved with no further discussion.

President Connelly stated that a letter had been sent to the Membership from the Board. Paul Rivera asked if a new letter would be sent which included all seven newly elected Board Members. President Connelly stated that a new letter would be sent to membership.

President Connelly stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss and act regarding recent promotions of former Members of the Board. Discussion followed.

Rob Reilly made a motion that the promotion of Celita Schutz to 7th Dan and Ed Rodriguez to 6th Dan be rescinded. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Jack Borsch made a motion to discuss the posthumous promotion of J. Kim from 7th Dan to 10th Dan. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed. After discussion, Jack Borsch made a motion for Sensei Kim's promotion from 7th Dan to 8th Dan be submitted to the Promotion Board and for the 10th Dan promotion to be rescinded. The motion was seconded and approved. President Connelly moved that the Board refund promotion fees paid by Ms. Schutz, Mr. Rodriguez and on behalf of J. Kim for the rescinded promotions be returned to them. The motion was approved.

Jesse Goldstein made a motion to discuss the promotion of John Paccione as a gift from the previous Board. The motion to discuss was seconded and approved.

President Connelly stated that at the time of the promotion, Mr. Paccione did not have enough time in grade, however, he does at this time.

Rob Reilly made a motion that Mr. Paccione retain the promotion to 7th Dan effective November 5, 2021. The motion was seconded and approved.

President Connelly stated that the next item for discussion was to discuss and act on measures taken against Sparky Bollinger and Deb Fergus by the previous Board.

Rob Reilly and Paul Rivera made a motion to rescind the actions taken against Sparky Bollinger and Deb Fergus and to reinstate both to their previous positions as members and for them to be allowed to resign from those positions in good standing. The motion was seconded and approved.

President Connelly stated the next item on the agenda was to appoint a committee to review and recommend changes to the current Bylaws.

Jack Borsch made a motion to appoint Walter Dean, Edie Connelly and Michael Goldsmith to form a committee to review and recommend changes to the USJA Bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved with no discussion.

President Connelly asked for a discussion with Michael Hall regarding changes to the USJA webpage account. After discussion, Jack Borsch made a motion that Michael Hall work with Corporate Counsel and the Standards and Ethics committees to compile an organizational wide data use policy and to place necessary controls on the accessing and changing of the database; and to prepare a status report at the next Board meeting. The Motion was seconded and approved.

Jesse Goldstein made a motion to nominate and approve Heiko Rommelman and Connie Halporn to the Promotion Board.

Jack Borsch seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

President Connelly stated there was a request from the Promotion Board to increase the number of Promotion Board members from 7 to 9. Jack Borsch made a motion to increase the Board from 7 to 9 members and for Jesse Goldstein to serve as a Liaison to the Promotion Board with no voting authority or influence at any part of the process. The motion was approved with one dissenting vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Mantel, Secretary
USJA Board of Directors