

USJA Board of Directors - Meeting

September 10, 2023

Call to Order - meeting was Called to Order - 8:05 PM by Jesse Goldstein - President

Roll Call

- Directors present - David Brogan, Marshall Coffman, Jesse Goldstein, Bonnie Korte, Scott Main, John Schneider
- Guests - Michael Goldsmith - USJA Legal Counsel

Minutes (Please note these minutes are not in chronological order.)

- Executive Session - the board immediately entered into Executive Session to discuss an issue with an individual member. Those in closed session were David Brogan, Marshall Coffman, Jesse Goldstein, Bonnie Korte, Scott Main, John Schneider and Michael Goldsmith - USJA Legal Counsel
- The 9/5/2023 Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report - Scott Main gave the treasurers report. The BOD unanimously accepted the financial statement.
- Filling vacancies
 - President Jesse Goldstein stated that he did not want to fill the Vice President vacancy until the Director vacancy is fill so that the full BOD can select the VP. This issue was tabled.
- Increase of annual membership fees to \$75 was approved by a 5-1 (For: Coffman, Goldstein, Korte, Main, Schneider Against: Brogan) vote. The \$15 increase is to be effective October 1, 2023.
- Eliminating promotion points requirements for junior and senior kyu grades was approved by a 5-1(For: Brogan, Coffman, Goldstein, Main, Schneider Against: Korte) vote. If club head coaches wish require points that is up o them. Time-in-Grade is still required.
- **USJA Committees**: Review and recommendations of existing committees is as follows:
 - Aikido Development Committee - No USJA nor committee members. Remove - unanimous vote.
 - Professional Judo Committee - will communicate with this committee to determine viability.
 - Scholastic Committee - Dormant - remove by 5-1 (For: Coffman, Goldstein, Korte, Main, Schneider Against: Brogan) vote.
 - Kosen Committee - this is a relatively new committee that appears to be very imporant.
 - Promotion Board - this is a standing committee in compliance with the USJA Bylaws.
 - CRE Committee - works with and under the guidance of the Promotion Board.
 - National Membership Services & Event Development Committee - this is the new name for the Regional Coordinators and Development committees.
 - Judo Development Committee - this is new committee that needs to be further defined.
 - Ju Jitsu Committee - this is an existing USJA committee.

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- Kata Committee - this is an existing USJA committee.
- Military, Public Service & First Responders Committee - this is new committee that needs to be further defined.
- Awards Committee - this is a reinstatement of a USJA committee that needs to define specifically named awards.
- Coaches Committee- this the new name for the Coach Education Committee an existing USJA committee that needs to define its purpose.
- Referee's Committee - this is an existing USJA committee.
- Standards & Ethics Committee - this is a standing committee in compliance with the USJA Bylaws.
- Special Needs Committee - this is an existing USJA committee that needs to be further defined.
- Technology Committee - this is an existing USJA committee that needs to be further defined.
- Election Committee - this is an existing USJA committee.
- **New Committees to be Formed**
 - Social Media, Digital Publications Committee
 - Printed Publications Committee
 - New Membership Committee
 - Marketing & Advertising Committee
 - Committee Review Committee
 - Bylaws Review Committee
 - Traveling Clinics Committee
 - Budget & Finance Committee
- Note: Every committee member must have current Background Screening, SafeSport Training and Heads Up Training.
- Next Meeting - tentatively set for 8 PM, September 24, 2023
- Meeting Adjourned - approximately 9:30 PM

Submitted by Marshall R. Coffman

Approved: October 14, 2023