**United States Judo Association**

**Promotion Board Q2 - April 7, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 8:00 PM

**Attendance:** Taken by the Secretary, Russell Burke. Russell established a quorum.

Donna Turk, Ken Durand, Russell Burke, Bruce Bender, Raymond Conte, Constance Halporn, Mark Hays, Randy Pierce, Heiko Rommelmann Jr., James Bregman.

Walter Dean – Guest, Advocate Speaker during Promotion Review only.

**Promotion Review:** We had two requests for promotion reviews.

Candidate 1: Michael Stone: Promoted to Rokudan

Candidate 2: Pending approval by Board of Directors

**Officers Reports:**

**Chair Report:**

Russell Burke as secretary, will be taking notes for the Promotion Board**.** He willsend “draft” to committee members for their input and approval. Since we do not meet consistently each month, we will review and approve via email. Once approved by promotion board members, the Chair will send minutes to the National office to be posted on USJA.net.

 **CRE Committee Report:**

Bruce Bender has the committee up and running. The CRE Committee members are assisting with renewals along with helping with the paperwork for new CREs.

The committee is working on scheduling a date for a zoom meeting to further assist those looking at becoming CREs.

Constance Halporn stated she had already completed a draft of the form and was waiting for feedback and was ready with her publications committee hat on to put together all forms as needed.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

Reminder of Jim Bregman’s Zoom series. April 12th will be covering the Nuts and Bolts of promotions. Anyone can access the series or watch it later as these are recorded.

PB Members are hearing concerns with the difficulty of finding the needed paperwork for promotions and for CRE applications. Donna Turk stated this is a concern for several USJA members and she was told that the National office is attempting to rectify the issues. Donna Turk further stated that any paperwork can be found under “Printable Forms”. All forms under Committee tabs are linked to the ”Printable Forms” tab.

Ray Conte shared that there are pending legal issues against the USJA. He stated this current PB Committee was not in question but wanted us to be aware of the lawsuit.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:20PM