



United States Judo Association 3/18/2016

Florida meeting minutes

Closed-door meeting

Present:

Marc Cohen  
John Paccione  
Dave Goodwin  
Celita Schutz  
Sparky  
Mark Tamulonis

As per President Cohen, Michelle H. has been MIA for the last several calls and has not returned calls or letters. Marc first point was what do with the Michelle issue and her status as board member? All were in agreement to send one final registered letter and then elect a new member.

The next point raised was the issue of the Konika Minolta lease. Marc gave the broad overview and how he negotiated a 7 thousand dollar buy out for the lease. We now own the copier and John will find a buyer for it. The next item raised was the issue of the Pitney Bose lease. Marc gave an overview of the situation and is trying to negotiate a buyout from that lease as well. Marc then informed the BoD that we are out of the lease for the office. There were no open S&E cases to discuss.

The next item discussed was the CRE and the standardization of what should count. The group decided that the following elements must be present to be considered for promotion points; Must wear a gi, no striking, Must have a grappling element, if met 40% of above points could be counted towards promotion. Marc will right up and send out a synopsis to the BoD.

The Lucadamo lawsuit was settled for \$3000 1500 to the lawyer and 1500 to Lucadamo.

Celita asked about the status of the AAM. Marc responded that the AAM is currently suspended. Also the National Honor Society program will be evaluated and studied further.

Dave stated that he and Michael Hall were working on giving members the option of paying a bit more to have the certificates sent to them. Also, we are working on a way for coaches that are making

promotions to be able to click a button and deduct amounts from their account to pay for the promotion.

Marc gave a motion to end the meeting and John seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 1520 hours.

The Open meeting was held in Johns Dojo, the same BoD were present and the following topics were discussed.

### Open Meeting

Marc gave an opening and welcome to the membership that came to the meeting.

He addressed the notion of changing the Bylaws of the organization to make the number of board meeting from 2 meetings a year to 1. Mike Schreder opposed the notion and explain we should have more appearances not less. The BoD agreed with Ms. Schreder and will make an effort to at more national level events.

Marc then gave an update regarding the online store and it will be live shortly. Marc also spoke about changing the bylaws to allow for electronic elections and gave an overview of how it would work

Members of the audience brought up mac vs pc issues with the coaches portal that Michael Hall would address

Members asked Marc if he was aware of the USJA app. He replied he was and it died a slow death.

Members asked how many BoD members would be leaving next year?

Marc noted that the amount of Bod member was changed from 9 to 7.

Mark T gave a financial overview and stated that we aware in positive territory and things would get better now that certain expenses have stopped.

Marc stated that the Aikido committee is back and will be under the supervision of the jujitsu committee.

Mark T stated we should have an independent audit done for propriety sake.

Michael Hall gave an overview of the new system and its functionality.

Member statement "keep up the good work" and "the new system is great"

Dave Paritt gave the jujitsu committee overview and stated that threw would be a jujitsu clinic in Ohio this year the day before Labor Day and all were invited.

1700 Celita gave a motion to close the meeting and Dave seconded the motion

Meeting ended at 1700 hrs.