



**United States Judo Association**  
Agenda  
Board of Directors Meeting July 27, 2020

Time: 5:30pm Pacific.

Dial in Number: (712) 770-4010. Code 671923

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm Pacific, by Bob Rush.

Present on the call:

Bob Rush

Dave Goodwin

Ed Rodriguez

Celita Schutz

Mark Tamulonis

Sparky Bollenger

We will skip the review minutes from the past meeting in April until they are completed.

Bob went on to discuss the financial status of the USJA noting that the revenue has been declining due to the Pandemic. There was a letter sent out asking for support which was successful, however short lived. We are beginning to run our Summer membership special In just the last 2 weeks we have seen more than a \$12,000 increase in operational funds.

Bob continued to update the group on the NCSI: Background Screening. (mandated by safe sport). Safe sport has required a much deeper background check than before which has doubled the price of the background check. All the organization were required to comply. In addition, Bob noted that the USJA incorporation issues have been rectified and we are in good shape.

Mart Tamulonis asked if we would have enough finding to meet the insurance premium that were coming due soon. Bob responded that we should be able to pay those bills.

Celita gave an update on the AJDM, she noted there was a 1-hour webinar in which each organization had a topic to discuss relating to the new program. There was a Q&A component which went well. We are continuing to answer questions on the website. Her portion was to give an overview of the 12-page document (guidelines). Celita has a PowerPoint if anyone wants to look at it. Celita noted that it was a lot of work.

Bob noted that it was a fantastic job on it.

Dave sent to the board a report by Mr. Chima for review. There were no questions by the board regarding.

Bob moved to old business, specifically the Establishment of the Election Committee. Walter Dean and Stacey Knapp were added to the committee. Bob noted that the deadline for the election announcement was July 31<sup>st</sup>, which means the election will be conducted 1 year from then. Sparky reiterated his position that the board should be staggered so there is continuity.

Bob asked if there were any questions on the Election Committee or old business? Celita asked about promotion that were in question? Celita asked ED to elaborate. Ed spoke about recent declined promotions and some new promotions. Bob noted that the issues surrounding some of the recent promotion requests have been rectified or scheduled for discussion by the PB.

Bob asked for a motion to pass old business which was provided by Sparky and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark.

Moving to New Business, Bob discussed the by-law change recommended by the Election Committee. After a review of the documentation the board decided to accept the recommendation to communicate more efficiently. The motion (from the EC) to accept the Election Committee's recommendation, Sparky 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**1. Bylaw Change recommended by Election Committee.**

Article 7, pertaining to notification of members of upcoming elections. The Promotion Committee recommends the bylaws be changed to read:

"...the procedures involved to be given to Senior Annual Members and Senior Life Members of the USJA. This notice shall be made in all publications of the USJA available to the membership, to include, but not be limited to, mailings, ~~mailing~~ and add "official" web sites, and email, no later than one (1) year prior to the July 31<sup>st</sup> filing due date for petitions to be placed on the ballots."

The vote is as follows:

Bob-Yes

Celita-Yes

Mark-Yes

Sparky-Yes

Dave-Yes

The motion was passed without dissent.

Bob noted that the insurance is based on the previous year's claims. We are hearing that they will be reducing the coverage, eliminating any claim for viral damages, and raising the rates. Bob noted that here are very few insurance companies to choose from. Bob asked if anyone has any background in insurance that can assist in finding new companies to use.

Sparky has an associate who could conduct some research for the USJA.

There was no new business to discuss.

Bob moved to a discussion of several committees. The Professional Committee, The Regional Committee, and the Scholastic Committee, asking any board member if they would reach out to any of the committee chairs to help move them along. The board members had limited availability due to challenges of the covid19 pandemic and decided to shelf the issue.

The board discussed committee members conduct and how they should embrace the code of conduct emphasized by the USJA. Additionally, any misconduct would be vetted through the USJA legal counsel for an opinion.

A motion to end the meeting was offered by Ed, Sparky, 2<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting was concluded at 6:36 pm Pacific.