



# *Florida Judo Inc.*

TO: FJI Executive Committee  
FROM: Gerry Navarro, FJI President/awe  
DATE: March 17, 2007  
RE: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 2-17-07 Minutes

1) CALL TO ORDER - Roll call and seating of Executive Committee - Meeting called to order at 2:05

President: Gerry Navarro, present

Exe. VP: Richard Leys, present

Northern VP: Fred Hand, NOT present

Central VP: Bill Andreas, present

Southern VP: Mike Szejter, present

Treasurer: Henry Saavedra, present

Secretary: Alicia Warnick-Ellis, present

Director of Operations: David J. Ellis, present

Club Delegates:

Summerlin Judo - Brian Germain

Tomodachi Judo - Randy Smith

West Palm Beach Judo - Hector Vega

National Judo Inst. of Bithlo, FL - Enrique Lopez

Others present: Gwen Leys

Adoption of minutes for August 12, 2006. MOTION PASSED.

2) REPORTS as applicable: -

President  
Executive VP  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
North VP  
Central VP  
South VP

**President's Report:**

- Mat Storage approx. \$2400 per year. Storage is in A/C and that mats are in good condition. Missing 16 mats that are in Tallahassee. There are 3 mat areas done the old way (currently don't have the reds to fill in the new way)

- Schedule of Events was handed out by David J. Ellis in his director of operations report. We need support from Florida in these events. There is one motion later in this meeting.

- Logo discussion, New shirt design, new company to sell them. We will link to store on FJI Website.

Shirts were shown later in the meeting.

- Coach Certification Clinics held one by Gerry and one by Frank using Pat Burris. There will be another USA Judo Coach Certification Clinic at JR US Open will be for all levels.

At this point Mike Szrejter, Bill Andreas, and David J. Ellis point out they have not received their coach certification for National through Frank's clinic. They have all attempted several times to contact Patrick Burris, unsuccessfully. E-mail Gerry the information about the Coach Certification and he will talk with Patrick Burris. Another date in Central Florida for a Coach Certification Clinic hosted by Bill Andreas. Gerry then stated both he and Fred Hand can certify to all levels.

- Regional workouts are a success.

- US Open, FJI got nothing except recognition and a cheaper price for Florida players. FJI did pay for 2 rooms for volunteers from North and Central area.

- Grant Funding, agenda item coming up later

- Jr. Committee, mostly new people to committees, they are feeling they away around but they are doing OK.
- Development Committee, disappointed by lack of progress.
- Fall Classic and Ladder tournament host hotel is Marriot Coral Springs.
- Special thanks goes out to David Ellis for doing all the work that I asked.

**Exec. VP Report:**

- No one has asked for help with Media relations so everything must be great.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Handed out in writing. MOTION TO ACCEPT, PASSED.
- Need to revisit promotion fees under New business

**Secretary Report:** No report

**Northern VP Report:** Not present and did NOT send in a report

**Central VP Report:**

- Central and North region are doing workouts. Very successful last year during the summer. Starting again this year and going to try to have 1 a month (for most months). 1st one this year was at Central Florida Judo and had about 65 people. Next month there is a camp in Lakeland put on by Brian Germain. And in April the workout will be on April 7 in Sarasota at Sarasota Judo Institute (YMCA). May has the Joint State Championships on the first Saturday so there will not be a workout that month.
- 600 point program to encourage people to go to events. Bill then described this. Bill was told that needs to go to development committee

## **Southern VP Report:**

- Joint State Championships will happen on May 5<sup>th</sup> with 3 of the 4 organizations within the state.
- Events are going great with the exception of shortage of referees.
- New club somewhere near Sarasota

**Director of Operations Report:** This report was in writing

**Promotion Secretary Report:** Not present

**Registration Chairperson Report:** Written report

- Send all club registration chairperson through David J. Ellis
- No more secondary USJI Membership
- Do individual membership online.

## **New Business:**

### A. A) Tournament Committee Business

How can we get more people involved with running the events FJI wins?

Discuss holding weigh-ins for events offsite to allow for driving on the day of the event instead of the night before. Brought up by Brian Germain.

Should FJI change the fee structure for sanctioning events? Should FJI continue to charge \$1 per entrant?

- Combined State Championships (with FSJY and USJA) to be held in Boca Raton at Sugar Sand Park Fieldhouse on May 5th. Gerry talked about the compromises all 3 groups gave up but feeling excited about this happening.
- Talked about early weigh-ins (at clubs and that again at the event). Mike Szrejter brought up the idea from suggestions from Brian Germain and Bill Andreas and several other coaches. This is to try to speed up the weigh-in time and not require a lot of time. Mike is going to dry-run his plan at his next local event on March 17, 2007. There was a LONG discussion in this area with some disagreements.

MOTION: To allow Gerry to make decisions for FJI regarding the Joint State Championships tournament.

MOTION PASSED

- Talked about Tournament Subcommittee business and signing up volunteers.

HS/Collegiates had little to no response about help. So Budokan, Ki-Itsui-Sai, West Palm Beach Judo, and Hashiro Dojo to run tables (with some fill in work from others). Somerset & Panther Judo to work as security.

MOTION: Of the 50% profit that goes to FJI from USA Judo Events, Split 50% of that to volunteers and the amount of people who worked based on percentage of people that help. MOTION PASSED.

Gerry will Police the technical officials to make sure they work the full time they signed up for.

- It was asked when can we pull a sanction if there are not enough people to work the event. Gerry will get an answer from USA Judo.
- What are the liability issues for having people weigh in offsite? Gerry will get an answer from USA Judo

MOTION: To change the fee for a FJI Sanctioned tournament to \$100. But not change the FJI Sanctioned Clinics fees. MOTION PASSED.

\* Talked about FJI Mat rentals. \$500 deposit, \$100 per day of the event per mat area. MUST have a covered truck to pick up mats.

B) Executive committee finalizes funding criteria and application:

- For elite athletes
- For grass roots development
- For Training Camp

MOTION: \$2500 available for grant money through August 11, 2007 at the discretion of the Grant Committee.

MOTION PASSED. Richard Leys will act as Chair for this committee and Alicia will re-join this committee.

Bill Andreas also joined this committee.

C) Financial matters

MOTION: To increase the FJI fees to cover the new increase and keep the same FJI portion for each dan rank. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Select delegates to the USA Judo National Meeting --NOT APPLICABLE

B) Determine funding for Delegates to USA Judo National Meeting -- NOT APPLICABLE

C. Next meeting will be on August 11, 2007 in Orlando area. MOTION to accept this PASSED.

Adjourned around 4:30pm