



Florida Judo Inc.

TO: FJI Board of Directors
FROM: Gerry Navarro, FJI President/awe
DATE: March 30, 2008
RE: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - Roll call and seating of Executive Committee and Delegates – All executive committee members present except Richard Leys who was on a web conference with no voting privileges. Voting Delegates in attendance: Mr. Maley, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Germain, Mr. Favorite, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Buehman.

The executive Committee awarded a \$500 grant to Carly Patton who was the initial recipient of the award.

Alicia Ellis resigns as sanction chairperson. New Sanctioning official is Melinda Navarro.

1) REPORTS as applicable: -

President – Promotions must go through FJI promotion chairperson. Junior development grants will be distributed. FJI will hold state tournament at Sunshine State Games this year. Henry has the money to distribute to the people who worked national events who are due moneys from the split.

Executive VP – no report

Treasurer- in writing

Secretary – no report

North VP – good job on regional workouts

Central VP – work outs are spreading

South VP – great tournament schedule

Director of Operations – events occurring

Registration Chairperson – 557 members

Director of Development - vacant

Promotion Secretary – Use the worksheet on promotions book to help you when you track points

- 2) Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2007 meeting. **Approved with one change to reflect that the North VP did attend the last meeting.**
- 3) NEW BUSINESS: Items up for a vote

- Agenda Item: written by Alicia Ellis under direction from David Ellis

Our bylaws currently state: ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECTION 2. The President of the Corporation shall act as the primary delegate to any USA Judo National meetings. The Board of Directors shall nominate, vote for, and approve any additional delegates to USA Judo National meetings at each regularly scheduled FJI meeting.

- a. The Board of Directors will approve funding for any and all delegates to USA Judo National meetings at each regularly scheduled FJI meeting.

This needs to change to reflect the new caucus meetings that are taking place once a year.

I ask that the Board of Directors approve the following wording:

The Board of Directors may nominate, vote for, and approve any additional delegates to USA Judo National meetings/caucuses at an FJI meeting prior to the USA Judo National meeting.

- a. **The Board of Directors will approve funding for any and all delegates to USA Judo National meetings/caucuses at an FJI meeting prior to the USA Judo meeting. – Motion Passes 9 to 5**
- Agenda Item: written by Alicia Ellis with input from David Ellis

Our bylaws currently state: ARTICLE XXV, SANCTIONING OF JUDO EVENTS SECTION 3. Sanctioning fees include:

- (a) \$10 plus any NGB fees per event for a sanction certificate
- (b) \$100 per tournament
- (c) \$1.00 per clinic/workshop participant for a development/growth fund. Clinic/workshop directors who do not charge a fee do not have to pay the \$1 per entrant fee

At the last meeting the board voted to set aside \$2.00 per tournament entry which in total should be divided by the referees who worked the event. This change needs to be reflected in the bylaws by removing the current wording in part (c)

I ask that the Board approve new wording for XXV, Section 3 (c):

(c) Tournament Directors will set aside a minimum of \$2.00 per tournament entry which in total should be divided by the referees who worked the event. (d) FJI Executive committee may waive any and all bylaw sanctioning requirements on an individual basis. Motion passes with this new wording

- Agenda Item: Alicia Ellis

FJI has been priced out of Tournament Sanctions because our fees are higher than any other organization in Florida. This was to help grow or junior development funds and while that is a great plan I believe we need to change the price of sanctions to be more in line with the rest of the state organizations. This does not mean the \$2 per entrant for referees will go away.

I ask the Board of Directors to approve an FJI sanction fee of \$25 for tournaments, clinics, and workshops in which a fee is charged. – agreed to change fees

- Agenda Item: Alicia Ellis

We need to promote mutual benefit and welfare in judo within the state and holding events on the same weekend is contradictory to this idea. FJI must take the forefront in this paradigm change and formally agree to guidelines for scheduling events with the hopes that the other organizations will follow this example.



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I ask that the Board approve a new policy in which FJI will not sanction a tournament on the same weekend as any other sanctioned tournament by any State governing body for Judo. TABLED

- Agenda item: David and Alicia Ellis

Nothing has been done to distribute the junior awards for the past 3 years. We have all agreed to give this money to the athletes and it just needs to be done.

I ask that the Board approve the Immediate Disbursement of the Junior Development Annual awards for 2005, 2006, and 2007 based on the records kept by David Ellis. Withdrawn because committee agrees to provide information on 2005 award winners to treasurer and discuss the 2006 and 2007 winners in executive committee for resolution.

- Agenda Item: written by Alicia Ellis with direction from David Ellis

Clubs/Individuals were promised compensation for working at the National/International events held in 2007. I know that Gerry has received the funds but I don't know how much each club is supposed to get. If the breakdown is available we need to disburse the money to the clubs immediately. If the breakdown is unknown then the Board needs to decide on an amount to give each club/individual who worked entire events.

I ask the Board to approve in advance the disbursements of appropriate funds to clubs/individuals who worked at the National/International events during 2007. Withdrawn because Gerry agreed to give information to Henry for quick distribution to clubs/individuals.

- Agenda item: Alicia Ellis

Distribution of FJI's initial Florida Judo Inc. UNDER 23 athlete grant.

I ask that the Board congratulate the winner of the first FJI grant, Carly Patton.

- Agenda Item: Submitted by William E Andreas VP Central Region

The Development Committee be given a Budget they can use for the development of the states Northern, Central and Southern regions. Tabled for more information

Reason: Right now there is very little to no growth in the number of judo club's within the state of Florida. The regional Vice presidents have no funds that they can use to help promote new development within their region. The annual awards money for the top junior male and female player's from the different regions would come thru the Development Committee. The Development Committee award Florida judo player's placing on the Junior and Senior level be given award money for placing 1st, 2nd & 3rd place provided funds are available. Award money would be determined by the Development Committee.

- Agenda Item: Submitted by William E Andreas VP Central Region

The President appoint a New Chairperson for the Development Committee and new members that would be willing to serve on such committee. Brian Germain appointed

To my knowledge there has been no meeting of the Committee since I have been on the committee. I am only one member and have been working on developing the Central region and have had no input from other committee members.

- Agenda items for discussion: from Brian Germaine
Florida Judo Tournaments... Are Tournament Director, Coach, Athlete, & Parent given Feedback
Opportunities for improving the tournament experience? How can we use this information and how can we get it?

1. Tournament Scheduling > Spreading out the events. Fill the fall.
2. Junior match time > 2 vs. 3 minutes.
3. Getting more matches, cost effectively > L, M, H divisions / scoring system / 2 divisions
4. Off site weigh ins > Helping to better manage time and money. (This has been discussed at prior meetings and for legal reasons was determined to be not possible)

Referee situation in Florida

5. Referee > 1 ref / mat, no judges. If & when would it be appropriate.
6. Referee recruitment > Off mat development, instruction, critique of beg. refs.

- Discussion from Alicia Ellis, David Ellis, and indirectly Mike New
7. FJI promotion guidelines do include the need for a referee card for DAN promotions. USA Judo should not promote without going through FJI but what can FJI do if USA Judo continues to approve promotions without State approval? **Tabled to executive committee for further discussion.**

- Discussion from Alicia Ellis
8. Will FJI use the Sunshine State games as the State Championship on an annual basis? **Discussed but not resolved.**

Two other agenda items were distributed and will be brought up under new business at the next meeting.

Old Business

Select a date for the next FJI meeting – Tabled until we know USA Judo schedule

Adjournment at 5:12 PM