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TO: FJI Executive Committee Meeting

FROM: Dr. Ricardo Menendez, FJI President/dje

DATE: 05-06-2022

RE: Minutes of the May 6, 2022 meeting are in **BOLD print**

LOCATION: Zoom call

Meeting called to Order at 9:00 pm Eastern Time.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Roll call and seating of Executive Committee

a. FJI Executive Committee:

- i. President: Dr. Ricardo Menendez, present**
- ii. Executive Vice President: Michael Szejter, not present**
- iii. Northern Region Vice President: Scott Olson, not present**
- iv. Central Region Vice President: Danny Rodriguez, present**
- v. Southern Region Vice President: Humberto Lopez, present**
- vi. Treasurer: Richard Leys, present**
- vii. Recording Secretary: David J. Ellis, present**
- viii. Director Of Operations: N/A**

2. NEW BUSINESS:

a. DISCUSSION:

Dr Ricardo Menendez asked for confirmation the funding for the Infantile passed via e-mail. It passed 5 to 0.

b. DISCUSSION:

Dr. Ricardo Menendez asked for confirmation the funding for Alejandro Menendez passed via e-mail. It passed with 1 abstention due to conflict of interest by Dr. Ricardo Menendez and 4 votes for.

c. DISCUSSION:

David Ellis gave the FJI Registered Clubs at the time of this meeting:

- 1) A. Kolychkin Judo Foundation (Hector Estevez and Pedro Kolychkin)**
- 2) AP Training Center FL LLC (Perroud Cedric)**
- 3) Budokan Judo School (Eveilo Garcia)**
- 4) Falcon Judo Club (Dr. Ricardo Menendez)**
- 5) First Coast Kodokan Judo (Greg DiFranza)**
- 6) Onikusu Judo Club (“Gabe” Carmicheal)**
- 7) Ryan Dean’s The Dojo (Ryan Dean)**



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- 8) Sentoki (Dionisio De la Torre Jr.)
- 9) St. Pete BJJ Judo Club (Neldo Angeles)

d. DISCUSSION:

Ricardo wants to have the Regional VPs get more FJI Registered Clubs as there is currently only 9 registered clubs.

e. DISCUSSION:

Richard Leys and David Ellis to get together in near future about adding PayPal to the FJI website to enable paying the FJI fees for Promotions, Sanctions, and Registered Clubs.

f. DISCUSSION:

2022 Sunshine State Games Judo Part is to be held on June 17-19, 2022 in Winter Haven, FL. The venue is AdventHealth Fieldhouse & Conference Center, 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33880. Weigh-ins will be 4 pm to 8 pm Eastern time on Friday, June 17, 2022. Ricardo to pay the USA Judo Sanction for this event to Corrine in near future. There was discussion about possible off-set weigh-ins within each region. But due to questions about the weights of players, it was decided for this year at least it would happen at the tournament site on Friday, June 17, 2022. Richard to look for the agreement between FJI and Florida Sports Foundation and if found get it to the FJI Executive Committee. Ricardo asking the Regional VPs to talk with clubs about working tables for the Sunshine State Games.

g. DISCUSSION:

Humberto Lopez states USA Judo is enforcing the Kata requirements for Black Belt (Dan) Ranks promotions and wants the State Governing Bodies to verify the kata requirements. Ricardo states he wants to start a Promotion Kata Committee to work on this, want to have at least 5 members and have at least 3 present to see the kata for all Black Belt promotions. Ricardo recommends David Ellis, Gerardo Tello, and Mike Szrejter and/or Mindy Buehman to be on the committee.

h. DISCUSSION:

Ricardo suggests having the next FJI Elections either End of June 2022 or Early July 2022. Richard stated there needs to be an update to the policies and procedures to allow voting via a Zoom meeting.

i. DISCUSSION:

Richard stated that he has connections with the Key Clubs around the state to help with events. Richard to look into the Key Club in the Winter Haven, FL area about possibly helping with the 2022 Sunshine State Games. These members would have to be trained but they helped out with the last few US Open (in Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale).



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3. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:09 pm Eastern time