



Florida Judo Inc.

TO: FJI Executive Committee and Delegates

FROM: Gerry Navarro, FJI President/awe

DATE: August 11, 2007

RE: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING Minutes

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - Roll call and seating of Executive Committee
- 2) REPORTS as applicable: -
 - President - present
 - Executive VP – not present
 - Treasurer present, report in writing
 - Secretary- no report
 - North VP – not present
 - Central VP – present, monthly workouts are successful
 - South VP- present
 - Director of Operations - present
 - Registration Chairperson, present, report in writing
 - Director of Development – no one in this position
 - Promotion Secretary – present, send apps to him and follow guidelines
- 3) Approval of agenda items for the Board of Director's meeting – all items will go to BOD

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tournament Committee Business - **discussion took place.**
- B. Executive committee finalizes Grant funding committee, criteria and application: **Grant application finalized for Under 23 athletes with a maximum of \$500 per athlete available per year, with \$2500 available per application period.**
- C. Financial matters
 - Request for funds for clinics – **Gerry – no information on exact amounts requested, clinics to take place in several parts of the state.**
 - Explanation of new USA Judo registration policies – Henry

D. Agenda items

1. For an FJI Sanctioned Event to set aside a minimum of \$1 per entry as a referee stipend to be divided amongst the referees to those referees that have worked the whole event. Submitted by David Ellis
 - Discussion: At one time we took out from the sanction for a FJI the requirement to pay a referee stipend with a min. of \$25 per referee. The referee stipend goes to covering at least part of the gas required to get to/from the event.
 - Referee numbers are really low now and this might be seen as an act of good will
 - **Passed with modification to \$2 per entrant.**

2. To enforce the FJI Promotion Guidelines' referee requirement of at least a local referee certification for all black belt promotions. Submitted by: David J. Ellis
 - Discussion: I know based on conversations with Ricardo Menendez and Luis Guardia that the Florida State Judo Yudanshakai is requiring at least a local referee certification for black belt promotions. FJI guidelines currently state that a minimum of Local Referee Certification for black belt promotions. Through the last few years, it seems to be the exception and not the rule. I feel that needs be switched around and make it the rule with some minor exceptions. Right now it appears that hardly anyone that gets promoted to black belt through FJI has a referee certification. I have heard from some old time judoka that is not right to force people to be referees. But they were unable to give me another solution to the problem. But if things don't change our referee situation is going to get worse. And I have seen it get worse and worse as the years have gone by.
 - **Withdrawn because it is a point of information because this is in the FJI bylaws now and the policy will be followed stringently by the promotion secretary.**

E. Open discussion on the state of FJI and how things are going.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- A) Select delegates to the USA Judo National Caucus -- **Gerry N. and David E. with Mike S. as an alternate.**
- B) Determine funding for Delegates to USA Judo National Caucus - **\$500 max per person, send receipts to Henry S. for reimbursement.**
- C) Select date for next semi-annual FJI meeting- **March 1, 2008**
- D) Gerry will lead a discussion on the answers he was given from USA Judo regarding liability issues for people weighing in offsite and whether the sanctioning committee can pull a sanction if there are too few people to run the event safely – **long discussion on who is trying this and when it is viable. No clear consensus after long discussion.**

Meeting adjourned