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TO: FJI Board of Directors

FROM: Dr. Ricardo Menendez, FJI President/dje

DATE: October 4, 2014

RE: Minutes of the October 4, 2014 meeting are in **BOLD print**

Location: Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432

Meeting called to Order at 10:10 am. David J. Ellis was asked to be acting Secretary for this meeting. The meeting was presided over by FJI President, Dr. Ricardo Menendez unless a motion or a seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez or during the Elections, in that case he asked David J. Ellis to preside over the meeting during that motion and during the Election.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Roll call and seating of Executive Committee and Board of Directors –**The following people were present:**
 - a. **FJI Executive Committee:**
 - i. **President: Dr. Ricardo Menendez**
 - ii. **Executive Vice President: Michael Szejter**
 - iii. **Northern Region Vice President: Fred Hand**
 - iv. **Treasurer: Richard Leys**
 - b. **Club Delegates:**
 - i. **Central Florida Judo & Jujitsu: William Andreas**
 - ii. **Miami-Dade College-North Judo: Ernesto Grenet**
 - iii. **Shimbimi Martial Arts: Randy Smith**
 - iv. **Tomodachi Judo: Stephen Locke**
 - c. **Others in attendance that did not have a vote:**
 - i. **David J. Ellis**
 - ii. **Kim Smith**
2. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Agenda Items:

None received.
 - B. Reports (if present in the order given):

Central Region VP – **vacant**



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Doug Clark resigned from this position in September 2014 due to a family matter.

**Southern Region VP – Andreas Castro
Not present**

**Secretary – Meredith Alaynick
Not present**

**Director of Operations – Christine Ferry
Not present**

Treasurer – Richard Leys

- **Handed out written report. Motion to approve Treasurer Report by Michael Szrejter, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
- **Richard asked about the reimbursement from Florida Sports Foundation for the 2014 Sunshine State Games. Fred to check on this.**
- **Richard recommended \$200 be sent to Frank Phillips' wife. This was already approved by FJI Executive committee.**
- **Richard wanted to give thanks for William Andreas for his work as FJI Promotion Secretary. With Bill's changes, the FJI Promotion process is very smooth and fast.**
- **Richard stated that FJI Registration Chairperson, David J. Ellis still owes a slush fund report so that FJI can reimburse David J. Ellis. Richard asks that this be done before the end of the calendar year.**
- **Motion: Promotion Secretary and Registration Chairperson to get \$100 per year stipend to have the money up front instead of paying out of their pockets then being reimbursed. A slush fund report will still be needed from each of those positions. If more is needed then contact the FJI Executive Committee to get more. Motion by President Dr. Ricardo Menendez. Seconded by Executive Vice President Michael Szrejter. Motion passed 8 to 0.**
- **Richard requests the 501c3 be placed on the FJI website. Richard to send FJI web author, David J. Ellis the information that needs to be placed on the FJI website.**
- **Richard to look into PayPal and possibly Square to be used to accept donations, pay FJI portion of Club Registration fees, FJI portion of Promotions, and FJI portion of Sanctions of Events. Then if Richard is able to get setup then give the FJI web author, David J. Ellis the information to place on the FJI website.**

Registrations – David J. Ellis

- **Handed out written report, Summary: Total individual member 995, 22 FJI registered clubs. There are 21 clubs within Florida that have registered with USA Judo but have yet to register with FJI. Motion to approve Registration Report by Michael Szrejter, seconded by Fred Hand.**



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Northern Region VP – Fred Hand

- **2014 Sunshine State Games had great participation.**
- **2015 Sunshine State Games will be a 1 day event again and Fred is working on a date for next year with Stephen Rodriguez. They are trying to get even more participation by getting off holiday weekends and off the date of The Greatest Camp on Earth.**
- **Fred and others asked why USA Judo is sanctioning Florida state or local events without FJI? Dr. Ricardo Menendez stated that he will talk with Jose Rodriguez about this.**
- **Talked about the need for a marketing person to promote Judo within Florida to the non-Judo people. Randy Smith stated that he knows someone that might be able to do this job and will talk with him.**
- **Fred talked about a retroactive incident/complaint from Northwest Florida.**
- **Fred then brought up if the need for legal help, who might we contact. Michael Szejter recommend Devin Cohen from New York.**
- **Motion to approve North VP Report by Michael Szejter, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**

Executive VP – Michael Szejter

- **Mike stated Judo is growing in Florida.**
- **Mike also stated that there have been more grants given by FJI in the last 2 years and in a more timely fashion than in years past.**
- **Mike also stated that grant information will be passed to the FJI web author, David J. Ellis to post on the FJI website. Because even though grants have been given, not many people are aware of the grants or they have been awarded.**
- **More tournaments in Florida.**
 - **Nov. 8, 2015: Team Championship at Atlantic High School, Delray Beach, FL.**
 - **Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2015: Cherry Blossom (E-level Jr. Point tournament) at Atlantic High School, Delray Beach, FL.**
 - **Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2015: USA Judo World Cup (World Jr. Point tournament) at Atlantic High School, Delray Beach, FL.**
 - **Just got accepted bid for the 2017 USJA/USJF Jr./Sr. Nationals (formerly known as USJA/USJF Jr. Nationals) to be held as 3-day event in West Palm Beach Convention Center on July 6-9, 2017.**
 - **And also maybe the 2017 USA Judo National Junior Olympics either the weekend before or after the 2017 USJA/USJF Jr./Sr. Nationals.**
- **Bill Andreas asked the club coaches be called by the tournament directors for state/local events to possibly get more people participating in events.**



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- **Motion to approve Executive VP Report by Dr. Ricardo Menendez, seconded by Fred Hand.**

President – Dr. Ricardo Menendez

- **Ricardo has many thanks to Bill Andreas for his work on FJI Promotions making it go from one the headaches to one of the smoothest running parts of FJI.**
- **Ricardo talked about 2014 Jr. Worlds this month. Trying to setup clinics around this event.**
- **Ricardo stated he will talk with Jose Rodriguez of USA Judo about membership payments still owed dating back to possibly 2010.**
- **Ricardo stated he will also talk with Jose Rodriguez of USA Judo about allowing USA Judo to sanction state or local tournaments within Florida without sanction with FJI.**
- **Ricardo talked about some of the grants given for representing Florida in International competitions to Nick Delpopolo (in 2013), Jonathan Fernandez (in 2013), Alejandro Menedez (in 2013), Ashlyn White (in 2013), Angelica Delgado (in 2014) and Hana Carmichael (in 2014).**
- **Ricardo also mentioned that Rodriguez brothers from Chief Pride used the grant for 2014 USA Judo National Junior Olympic for entry fees. This is for athletes that take first at the Sunshine State Games along with some other criteria.**
- **Ricardo asked David J. Ellis if he could possibly use/setup the calendar with the Florida_Judo yahoo group to get more information out to the users of that group. David J. Ellis said he will look into that but that group is not associated with any Judo organization but get information out about things that affect Judo within Florida.**
- **Motion to approve President Report by Michael Szrejter, seconded by Fred Hand.**

Promotions Secretary – William Andreas

- **Bill stated Professor Edwin Maley and Jack Williams are very active with him on FJI Promotions. Bill is also been working with USA Judo very actively.**
- **Bill stated for a promotion to come through a club to FJI, the club must be registered with FJI and USA Judo and the individual must be registered with USA Judo/FJI.**
- **Bill stated for an individual can petition for promotion through FJI if the individual is registered with USA Judo/FJI.**
- **Bill stated that most clubs that are promoting through FJI are only promoting from Sr. Nikyu and above. Bill stated that only a very few are promoting through FJI for Junior promotions. Bill stated that all promotion both Junior and Senior should go through FJI in place of dojo promotions.**
- **Motion to approve Promotions Secretary Report by Dr. Ricardo Menendez, seconded by Fred Hand.**



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C. Elections:

David J. Ellis presided over the Elections by request of FJI President, Dr. Ricardo Menendez. When David J. Ellis got nominated for Secretary, Michael Szejter presided over that part of the election.

President:

- **Dr. Ricardo Menendez nominated by Fred Hand, seconded by Michael Szejter.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to close nominations, seconded by Michael Szejter.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to have the secretary to place a single ballot for Dr. Ricardo Menendez for FJI President into the record. Seconded by Michael Szejter.**
 - **Single ballot cast for Dr. Ricardo Menendez for FJI President.**

Executive VP:

- **Michael Szejter nominated by Fred Hand, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to close nominations, seconded by Fred Hand.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to have the secretary to place a single ballot for Michael Szejter for FJI Executive Vice President into the record. Seconded by Fred Hand.**
 - **Single ballot cast for Michael Szejter for FJI Executive Vice President.**

Northern Region VP:

- **Fred Hand nominated by Michael Szejter, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to close nominations, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to have the secretary to place a single ballot for Fred Hand for FJI Northern Region Vice President into the record. Seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
 - **Single ballot cast for Fred Hand for FJI Northern Region Vice President.**

Central Region VP:

- **William Andreas nominated by Michael Szejter, nomination declined by William Andreas.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to close nominations leaving this position vacant. Seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
 - **Central Region VP is currently vacant.**



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Southern Region VP:

- **Randy Smith nominated by Richard Leys, nomination declined by Randy Smith.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to close nominations leaving this position vacant. Seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
 - **Southern Region VP is currently vacant.**

Secretary:

- **David J. Ellis nominated by Michael Szejter, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
- **Motion by Michael Szejter to close nominations, seconded by Richard Leys.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to have the secretary to place a single ballot for David J. Ellis for FJI Secretary into the record. Seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
 - **Single ballot cast for David J. Ellis for FJI Secretary.**

Treasurer:

- **Richard Leys nominated by Dr. Ricardo Menendez, seconded by Fred Hand.**
- **Motion by Michael Szejter to close nominations, seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
- **Motion by Dr. Ricardo Menendez to have the secretary to place a single ballot for Richard Leys for FJI Treasurer into the record. Seconded by Michael Szejter.**
 - **Single ballot cast for Richard Leys for FJI Treasurer.**

Director of Operations:

- **Randy Smith nominated by Richard Leys, nomination declined by Randy Smith.**
- **Motion by Richard Leys to close nominations leaving this position vacant. Seconded by Dr. Ricardo Menendez.**
 - **Director of Operations is currently vacant.**

D. Determine delegates to the USA Judo Election Meeting:

- **Ricardo to check into USA Judo Election meeting around November 21, 2014 in Dallas/Irving, Texas.**
- **Delegates:**
 - **Michael Szejter**
 - **William Andreas**
 - **Mindy Buehman**



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- Possibly: Dr. Ricardo Menendez (needs to check work schedule)
- Possibly: Fred Hand (needs to check work schedule)
- Possibly: David J. Ellis (needs to check work schedule)

3. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion to adjourn from Michael Szejter and seconded by Richard Leys.
Adjournment at 12:02 pm**