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TO: FJI Executive Committee Meeting

FROM: Dr. Ricardo Menendez, FJI President/dje

DATE: 11-27-2022

RE: Minutes of the November 27, 2022 meeting are in **BOLD print**

LOCATION: Zoom call

Meeting called to Order at 1:00 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, present**
- iii. Northern Region Vice President: Scott Olson, not present (Excused deployed)**
- iv. Central Region Vice President: Danny Rodriguez, present**
- v. Southern Region Vice President: Humberto Lopez, not present**
- vi. Treasurer: Richard Leys, present**
- vii. Recording Secretary: David J. Ellis, present**
- viii. Director Of Operations: N/A**

2. NEW BUSINESS:

a. DISCUSSION:

Grants pending consideration. Dr. Ricardo Menendez motion to accept the grants from Ki-Itsui-Sai (2022 FJI Registered Club confirmed by David Ellis). Motion 2nd by Michael Szejter. Motion passed 5 to 0 pending receiving the all the grant applications to Richard Leys. Richard stated currently he has Dominique Rodriguez and Christopher Velasco applications only.

b. DISCUSSION:

Consider Judo tournament (February 4 or 11, 2023) to be held with American Judo. Dr. Ricardo Menendez to accept the proposal and hold the tournament with American Judo. 2nd by Richard Leys. Riley sent Dr. Ricardo Menendez the financial projection of the tournament. The cost in the financial projection showed approximately \$7,000 to run the event. Michael Szejter stated if this event does happen, it can't be at Congress Middle School, Boynton Beach, FL because he can't risk his club's relation with the school. Michael Szejter stated why should we use American Judo, when we can run the tournament on our own and make 100%(in place of 20%) profit from the event? David Ellis expressed the concern about the price of \$7,000 for an event. Ricardo, Danny, and Richard stated the Public Relations far outweighs the financials on the event. Motion passed 3 to 2. Ricardo, Danny, Richard voted yes and Mike and David voted no. Mike reminds that a new place



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would have to be found for the event because he does not want his club's relationship with the school put at risk. Dr. Ricardo to pass on this information to American Judo.

c. DISCUSSION:

Agreement with Florida Sports Foundation needs to be found or redone. Richard stated he will look through his e-mails and get in touch with Dr. Ricardo Menendez based on what he found.

d. DISCUSSION:

Election date. First part of the discussion is about Virtual Meeting because of the current FJI By-laws. Richard says with all his other organizations due to Covid have added a Standard Operating procedure to include Virtual meetings, even if the By-laws stated otherwise. This was done to allow the organization to continue to operate during Covid and beyond. David mentioned 45 days advanced notice is needed. Richard Leys motion for January 21, 2023 for the FJI Election meeting (to be held using Zoom). All clubs want to vote in the meeting must be registered with FJI by January 9, 2023. Motion 2nd by Michael Szrejter. Motion passed 5 to 0. David to send out e-mail and Facebook notice about being the 45 day advanced notice.

e. DISCUSSION:

Richard stated the USA Judo rebate check for USA Judo individuals members only paid for 98 members for 2021. Dr. Ricardo Menendez to e-mail Keith Bryant and cc the rest of the FJI Executive Committee on the e-mail.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1:40 pm Eastern time