

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sunday, September 10, 2023, 9:00 am (Hawaiian)
Meeting Minutes DRAFT

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES:

A. Attendance, quorum established

25 YDKs: 17 possible voting, 16 ydks represented

13 – voting: 50th State, Central Coast, Daiheigen, Hawaii, Hokka, Intermountain, Konan, Makoto, Nanka, Northwest, San Joaquin, Shufu

3 - no votes: Chuka, Makoto, Niagara

53 max votes:

41 - votes represented

12 – votes unclaimed

Delegates:

Mitchell Palacio/Chairperson
Chris Sokugawa/50th State
Daniel Kikuchi/Central Coast
Bryan Matsuoka/Daiheigen
Dr. Richard Nakatsu/Hawaii
Rome Acopan/Intermountain
Neil Simon/Konan
Gary Goltz/Nanka
Rod Conduragis/Northwest
Karen Nagai/Northwest
Michael Landstreet/Shufu

Edward Hanashiro/50th State
Natalie Roy/50th State
Tom Jay/Chuka
Joell Miller/Daiheigen
Dr. Harvey Takeda/Hokka
Joshua Kindelberger/Intermountain
Roland Fernando/Makoto
Cheryl Harai/Nanka
Jason Harai/Northwest
Hannah Tsutsui/San Joaquin
J. Miki Takemori/Shufu

Nathan Lee/50th State
Daniel Kikuchi/Central Coast
Daniel Israel/Daiheigen
Scott Morifudi/Hawaii
Matsuo Takeda/Hokka
Thomas Sheehan/Konan
Keith Chu/Nanka
Janet Johnson/Niagara
Julie Koyama/Northwest
Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin
Kevin Tamai/Shufu

Observers:

Robert Brink, Frances Glaze, Dr. Charles Medani, and Robert Fukuda

B. Welcome by President Palacio

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - MSP

IV. MINUTES FOR REVIEW & APPROVAL – Minutes of August 6, 2023 not available. Will be reviewed during the October meeting.

V. REPORTS

A. President's Report

1. Fall National meeting - will be in San Francisco instead of Las Vegas. October 26-27 followed by USJF Fall National Championships on October 8.
2. Endowment Trust – Created an Investment Strategy Group (Sheehan, Spears, Matsuoka and Acopan, Jr). working with a fund manager for short/long term investments for scholarships and grant for higher yielding accounts.
3. Digitizing Forms - Rome Acopan, Jr. and Chris Reid are digitizing the Yudanshakai application form. Will have other forms digitized in future.
4. Webinars – Coordinator Dr. Chuck Medani

- a) September 24, 2023, 1:00 PM pacific. Dr. Anthony Catanese. Topic: SafeaSport and Heads Up – A judo physicians perspective.
- b) October 15, 2023, 1:00 PM pacific. Jennifer Badertscher. Topics: Part 1. Strategic Instruction: Teaching through the Ranks. Part 2. Results Instruction: Assessing and Designing for Success.

B. Smoothcomp Tournament Management Software • Rome Acopan Jr. –

1. USJF negotiated a discounted fee \$0.75 per credit in lots of 50 for \$37.50 with a maximum of 2,500 credits at a time. Regular cost \$1.35 to \$1.40 (converted from pounds).
2. Rome created a QR code to get to the USJF SmoothComp Credit page. USJF needs 3 days to notify SmoothComp and SmoothComp needs a day to add your credits. Get credits as a USJF club or a yudanshakai.
3. For a club to register with SmoothComp there is a \$12.50 fee.
4. Palacio recommends if you have kata to create a separate event for shiai.

C. Executive Director • Robert Fukuda – Event Excess Accident Medical Coverage.

1. For USA Judo members participating in USJF event. Cost is \$4 fee per participant.
2. Reporting requirements – Insurer wants a one week advance notice of USA Judo members participating in the event to prevent USA judo members from purchasing insurance after an injury after the event. Robert said this is not reasonable because judo tournaments allow walk up registration.
3. Options –
 - a) Tournament absorbs the \$4 fee per USA Judo participant. You need to submit a list of USA judo participants.
 - b) You have a discount code on SmoothComp for USJF members that takes off the \$4 fee.
4. Robert is speaking to the insurer to work out more details. Should have an announcement at the end of the week.

VI. BOARD RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE CORPORATION SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Executive Committee Appointment - Jennifer Badertscher: Teacher Committee Chair. MSP

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion:** Purchase the USJF National Office for \$215,000 MSP

1. **Rational:** Rational: With a generous donation of \$108,000 and the utilization of \$107,000 in cash assets, the acquisition of a building bestows upon our nonprofit organization an enhanced ability to shape its financial future and safeguard an appreciating asset for the long term.
2. Bob Brink offered ½ of purchase price. Building is 4,400 sq ft. Commercial land 7,660 sq ft (64x120 feet). Market Value of \$340,000.00.
3. The family that owns the building is interested in keeping Japanese culture in the area.
4. Building will be the property of the endowment trust. USJF organization will pay the trust for the rent of the building.

B. **Motion:** Release \$110,000 from cash assets for the specific purpose of purchasing the National Office. MSP

C. **Motion:** To amend Trust Agreement as following:

- THIRD: Sub-Section 6. (b) Trustee Powers. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Endowment Trust Bylaws (“Bylaws”), Trust shall not engage in making loans from corpus including lending funds to Donor. - MSP

Rational: To allow the Endowment Fund to purchase real estate.

D. **Motion:** Approve the USJF National Office Lease Agreement

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. USJF National Meetings

- a. October 26-27, 2023 – San Francisco
- b. Thursday night CCSF beginner class, open to instructors.

B. USJF National Championships

- a. October 28, 2023 - City College of San Francisco
- b. Smoothcomp Training Program at tournament
- C. 2024 USJF National Open for bid at October meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – MSP. 1:46 PM (Pacific)

X. REMINDERS

1. All committee members and other interested USJF members are welcome to attend USJF committee and board meetings. USJF meetings are open. Committee Chairpersons and Yudanshakai Presidents should, as a matter of course, routinely communicate all USJF meeting schedules and related National Office information/notices to all dojos.
2. In accordance with the USJF by-laws, the deadline for member agenda item requests is 45 days prior to the meeting.