

PJI State Meeting August 10, 2008

Attendees:

Eugene Kim	Kim's Martial Arts
Alison Stevens	Kim's Martial Arts
Lisa Osmundsen	Kim's Martial Arts
Robert Berry	Kim's Martial Arts
Dave DeSimone	Kim's Martial Arts
Chris Moore	Kim's Martial Arts
Joe Vukson	Kodokan Judo
Dave Loshelder	Pittsburgh Yoseikan Academy
Mike Ferguson	South Hills
Paul Bova	
Chris McMahan	Kim's Martial Arts

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Call to order:

President Eugene Kim called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

Delegates

Delegates at Large:

West

Ronald Johns Absent

East

Fred Murty Absent

Athlete Delegates:

Tom Vukson Absent
Sam Germana Absent
Jason Dignan Absent
Phil Farabaugh Absent
Ron Kozarian Absent
Cynthia Nicholas Absent
Jim Dignan Jr. Absent
Bob Casey Absent
Lisa Osmundsen Present
Joe Vukson Present
Bill Gooding Absent
Pam Russell Absent
Tony Roscoe Absent
Robert Berry Present
David Dzikowski Absent
Dave Loshelder Present

Tony Morelli Absent
Dan Van Ness Absent
John Miller Absent
Alison Stevens Present
Eugene Kim Present
Tom McGuire Absent
Dr. P-Jobb Absent
Master Kim Absent
David DeSimone Present
Peter Benjamin Absent
Ben Luffy Absent
Frank Driscoll Absent
Ron Pardini Absent
Chris Moore Present
Sarah Tarbox Absent
Chuck Schmidt Absent

Promotion – Joe Vukson

The following promotions were submitted for approval:

Eugene Kim Rokudan
Joe Vukson Rokudan

Joe is unable to obtain any information from USA Judo regarding both promotions to Rokudan. USA Judo has removed the promotion criteria from their website. They are making it extremely difficult for anyone to be promoted past 4th dan. They now require 15 years between promotions.

There was considerable discussion around exploring other national Judo organizations. The general consensus is USA Judo's new 15 year requirement for promotion is unrealistic, and unfair. Apparently the national organization no longer considers; Master competition, Kata, referee, teaching, coaching, or organizing tournaments, as part of the criteria for promotion. Which is a problem since almost everyone over the age of 30 participates in Judo in one of these ways. It is extremely rare that someone over 30 is competing as an elite athlete. The PA Judo membership does not have any voice or permitted input at the national level on any subjects including promotion. When a promotion fee is submitted with an application, if you aren't promoted, USA Judo keeps the fee until the promotion eventually goes through, even if it takes years.

A dual membership in JI and JF is \$70 annually. Have to be a member for a year to be promoted.

Joe received 3 promotions from Penn State to Shodan.

Dave Loshelder's application for promotion to 4th dan will be submitted when he completes and submits the promotion form, promotion fees and passport photo.

Mike Ferguson has submitted his promotion application for Sandan through PA Judo. He was promoted to Nidan through USJF.

Promotions from last meeting?

Sarah Tarbox	Shodan
Charles Allen Jr.	Shodan
Robbie McNeily	Shodan

Treasurer's report – Alison Stevens

Current balance \$9890. In account

Many athlete grants were submitted from Liberty Bell, AmCans and Junior Nationals in 2008.

There is a problem with the medals that Ron Johns supplied. Many have corrosion marks. Eugene, so far, has found about 50 medals that could not be used. There are many boxes of medals; there could be hundreds of defective ones. There should be enough medals for this year but we should start planning to purchase medals later in 2008 to be used in 2009.

Registration - Alison Stevens

274 members – 2008

Collegiate Development – Dr. P-Jobb

Not on call.

Referee Report – Anthony Roscoe (not on the call)

PA Judo may host a referee clinic in November or December. Invite Mr. Chi or Mr. Kim as instructors. The National referees are able to certify referees up to the regional level. The 3 National referees are Anthony Roscoe, Ryan Minster and Pam Russell.

New Business

Fall State tournament

The Fall state Judo tournament will be called the Kyu Ha Kim Open. Eugene Kim will be hosting the tournament in November.

Judo/Jiu Jitsu Tournament

Dave Loshelder suggested having a combination Judo/Jiu Jitsu tournament to capitalize on the popularity of Jiu Jitsu. USA Judo would not sanction the tournament. Steel City Jiu Jitsu holds tournaments we could possibly work with them to hold a combined tournament.

Judo/Jiu Jitsu/Muay Thai Clinic

If a tournament would be impossible explore a combination clinic. Possibly invite Karo Parysian or Dave Camirillo.

Mat purchase from South Hills

The state decided not to purchase mats from South Hills. There were a number of issues around transporting and storing mats.

Motion at 6:30 PM to adjourn, Eugene Kim, Dave DiSimone 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.