

**PJI State Meeting**  
**March 6, 2005**

**Attendees:**

Mr. Kyu Ha Kim	Kim's Martial Arts
Eugene Kim	University of Pittsburgh Judo
Dorothy Nicholas	Kim's Martial Arts - Cranberry
Cindy Nicholas	Kim's Martial Arts
Lisa Osmundsen	Kim's Martial Arts
Ronald Johns	Kim's Martial Arts
Sam Germana	Johnstown Martial Arts
James Dignan	Johnstown Martial Arts
Jason Dignan	Dignan Martial Arts
Tony Morelli	Dignan Martial Arts
Jason Mize	Northern Tier Kodokan Judo
Charles Caigrich	Northern Tier Kodokan Judo
Gordon P. Burgett, Jr.	Harrisburg Judo Kai
John Miller	Classical Budo Dojo
Paul Aber	Hun Clarion Judo
Dr. P-Jobb	Hun Clarion Judo
Tom McGuire	Hun Clarion Judo
Dan Van Ness	Murty's
Dean Markovics	Murty's
	South Hills Judo

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**Call to order:**

President Ron Johns called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

### **Seating of Delegates:**

13 clubs currently registered. 12 clubs registered in 2004, Classical Budo Dojo was not registered in 2004. 11 clubs represented at this meeting.

### **Delegates**

#### **Delegates at Large:**

##### **West**

Ronald Johns Present

##### **East**

Fred Murty Absent

### **Athlete Delegates:**

Tom Vukson Absent

Tony Morelli Present

Sam Germana Present

Dan Van Ness Present

Jason Dignan Present

John Miller Present

Dean Markovics Present

Phil Farabaugh Absent

Eugene Kim Present

Jean Graisoisi Absent

Cindy Nicholas Present

Tom McGuire Present

Jim Dignan Jr. Absent

Dr. P-Jobb Present

Bob Casey Absent

Master Kim Present

Lisa Osmundsen Present

Tom McGuire in the East is nominated as an athlete delegate.  
Motion, Tony Morelli. Second, Dee Nicholas. Passed.

### **Changes to minutes of last meeting:**

None

### **President's report – Ron Johns**

#### **Club Certification requirements**

1. Head instructor must be a certified teacher or coach
2. Must successfully complete criminal background check
3. Must have at least 5 active members

#### **National requirements**

Must participate in States to go to Nationals or Junior Olympics, must be a member of USJI or be on the current Junior or Senior elite roster. President can issue a waiver for anyone who can't make it to States for a legitimate reason i.e.; illness, injury or work.

## **2005 State Championships**

Standard entry and late fees

Standard weight classes: Seniors, Juniors, boys, girls - Lt M H.

## **Website**

Dave and Brad Duffan were supposed to be working on the website. They were paid 1 year in advance, nothing happened once it was posted. Nothing has gone up on the website in the last 6 months. Entire site is down. Ron Johns had asked Brad to change the map and list clubs individually. The Duffan's have sent invoices (for the website) to Sam Germana. Sam tried to contact the Duffan's regarding the invoices, website services were paid from November '03 – November '04. Domain name is current and paid until 2007 through Network Solutions.

## **Committee reports**

### **Referee – Dean Markovics**

Dean will send email regarding state requirements for referees.

National Referees: Ron Johns, Sam Germana and Fred Murty

C Referees: Sue Ohls and Dean Markovics.

### **PA Judo – Dee Nicholas**

Kim's Martial Arts is the largest: 61 members

261 registered members in PA, lowest number ever

\$40 club registration fee for PA

\$50 National Club registration fee (registration fee and application needs to be submitted through the state, Dee Nicholas)

Individual registration can go directly to USJI

### **Development – Dean Markovics (Joe Vukson absent)**

Ed Liddy, the Olympic training center coach, has been sending lots of emails mostly about Junior's; training camps, tournaments, etc.

The Judo resident program is closed but Judo players are permitted to work out at the OTC.

Jake Thuma is on 4 teams including the Pan-American team. He is ranked number one in the country and from Harrisburg, PA.

### **Promotions**

Break for Shodan and Nidan promotions. PA doesn't have enough members to promote to Sandan and above but will recommend the following to the National committee:

### **Shodan**

Shane Fuga, Kim's  
Peter Georgiades, Kim's

### **Nidan**

John Miller, Clarion – pending; USJI card, check for promotion and copy of last certificate

David DeSimone, Kim's  
Kevin Tishky, Kim's  
Anthony Roscoe, Kim's  
Ryan Minster, Kim's  
Dino Delmastro, Kim's  
John Schneider, Kim's  
Connor Driscoll, Kim's  
Chris McMann, Kim's  
Ron Kozarian, Kim's  
Dwight Brice, Kim's  
Dana Ben-Ari, Liberty Bell Judo

### **Sandan**

Charles Allen, Kim's  
Pamela Russell, Kim's

### **Old Business**

#### **Development clinic**

Pat Burris ran a development clinic at Kim's.

#### **Promotions**

Cindy Nicholas's promotion to Godan is pending. Ron Johns will try to get an explanation on why it did not go through.

Jason and Jim Dignan promotions did go through for Sandan.

Don Chesnur and Mr. Quabib are not able to find their Shodan certificates. Ron Johns will request these from the National office. If verification is received, their Shodan certificates will be re-issued.

Sam Germana passed out new promotion forms from the USJI to replace the existing ones.

## **Website**

Tony Morelli wants a refund on the website for services we never received. Brad Duffan contracted to put 2 hours a month toward the website, Brad told Ron Johns he was putting in more time than that. Consensus is he put no time into the website once it was launched.

A request will be made to the Duffans for a monthly accounting of work performed from Nov '03 – '04, have an attorney send the letter to the Duffans. Motion, Tony Morelli. Second, Dan Van Ness. Passed.

We need physical addresses for: Dave Duffan, Brad Duffan, G-Force Web Technologies.

## **Tournament results**

South Hills held a developmental tournament; modified matches (ran the entire time allotted). Coaches were allowed to call two time-outs at Matte's. Officers Jim Dignan, Dr P-Jobb. Tournament started 15 minutes late (didn't have a scale). Tournament made \$1000 net. Expense statement is available if another club would like to use this format.

## **Feb 24, 2005, Mr. Kim is 70 years old!!**

## **State Championships**

Weight classes need to change. Tony Morelli would like to use the same weight classes used for Junior Nationals and Junior Olympics. The weight classes should be the same because participation in the State championship is required. Keep weight classes as they currently are listed on the entry form for States. Motion, Dean Markovics. Second, Dee Nicholas. Passed.

For all future State and Open championships use the same weight classes as Junior Olympics, Junior and Senior Nationals. Motion, Tony Morelli. Second, Dean Markovics. Passed.

The tournament director has discretion for all State Championships to make safe and equitable weight class changes for people who have no one to fight, with the consent of coaches and parents. Awards (medals) for someone who enters and has no one to fight; 1) receive 1<sup>st</sup> place medal 2) or register for weight class above 3) or make a second entry register 2 divisions, receive medal in division didn't fight and receive medal if they place in 2<sup>nd</sup> division. Motion, Dean Markovics. Second, Chuck Caigrich. Passed.

## **Budget**

Proposal for changes to budget from last meeting, nothing has been done.

## **New Business**

### **Macabea Games support**

Lou Moyerman is requesting financial assistance from PA Judo. He would like support to help send 3 kids to the Macabea Games in Israel. Participation is limited to Jewish people. The Macabea Games hosts an International tournament in Israel. It was suggested they qualify for money by participating in the State tournament. It was also suggested there might be potential legal difficulties by supporting a tournament that is restricted based upon religion.

### **Financial aid from PA Judo**

PA Judo requires individuals to physically attend the State Championships (cannot use elite status) in order to be eligible for money. Once they are eligible, must submit a request for a specific amount of money toward their expenses. PA Judo will decide if the request should be granted.

Motion, Tony Morelli. Second, Dean Markovics. Passed.

### **Budget committee**

Ron Johns formed ad hoc budget committee. Committee members: Dean Markovics – Chair, Sam Germana - Treasurer, Cindy Nicholas – Women’s Development, Joe Vukson - Development and Jim Dignan. The committee will develop a general budget prior to the next meeting.

### **Development Tournament**

Ron Johns asked if anyone would like to sponsor a Developmental Tournament. Dean Markovics volunteered for the West. Tony Morelli will possibly have one in the East.

### **State Championships**

Ron Johns asked if anyone would like to sponsor the State Championships (in the West) next year. State Championship must be held at least 45 days prior to the National meeting. Ron Johns volunteered Johnstown as host for the 2006 State Championships. Jim Dignan will host if Ron can’t.

### **National meeting**

Ron Johns may not make it to the National meeting on April 21, 2005, in Virginia Beach, VA. It will be an all day meeting. Ron will send notice if he is able to make it. Dean Markovics and Dr. P-Jobb will attend if Ron Johns is unable to.

### **Website**

Not sure which company hosts website? Tony Roscoe contacted Network Solutions; they said PA Judo is paid until 2007 for the domain name. Tony, Sam, Dr. Book will be in charge of getting the website up and running by end of the week.

**Upcoming tournament**

Keystone State Games, July 31, 2005.

Motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm, Dr. P-Jobb. Second, Dee Nicholas.

\*\*\*These minutes are subject to final approval at the next Board of Director's meeting\*\*\*