

PJI State Meeting August 26, 2007

Attendees:

Mr. Kyu Ha Kim	Kim's Martial Arts University of Pittsburgh Judo
Eugene Kim	Kim's Martial Arts
Alison Stevens	Kim's Martial Arts
Cynthia Nicholas	Kim's Martial Arts
Lisa Osmundsen	Kim's Martial Arts
Pam Russell	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
Tom Vukson	Kodokan Judo
Bill Gooding	Pittsburgh Yoseikan Academy
Ben Luffy	Pittsburgh Yoseikan Academy
Peter Benjamin	Penn State Judo
Frank Driscoll	Penn State Judo
David Dzikowski	Penn State Judo
Fred Murty	(Attended by phone)

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Call to order:

President Eugene Kim called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Delegates

Delegates at Large:

West

Ronald Johns Absent

East

Fred Murty Called in

Athlete Delegates:

Tom Vukson	Present	Tony Morelli	Absent
Sam Germana	Absent	Dan Van Ness	Absent
Jason Dignan	Absent	John Miller	Absent
Phil Farabaugh	Absent	Alison Stevens	Present
Ron Kozarian	Absent	Eugene Kim	Present
Cynthia Nicholas	Present	Tom McGuire	Absent
Jim Dignan Jr.	Absent	Dr. P-Jobb	Absent
Bob Casey	Absent	Master Kim	Present
Lisa Osmundsen	Present	David DeSimone	Present
Joe Vukson	Present	Peter Benjamin	Present
Bill Gooding	Present	Ben Luffy	Present
Pam Russell	Present	Frank Driscoll	Present
Tony Roscoe	Absent	Ron Pardini	Absent

President Eugene Kim added the following Delegates:

Chris Moore, Robert Berry, David Dzikowski

Treasurer's report – Alison Stevens

Current balance \$10,529.77

Majority of the money is held in a money market account, \$8,961.99. PA Judo receives a \$5 rebate for every registered member of USA Judo. Money was spent on copies, medals and a speaker phone. PA Judo is owed money for medals for the 2007 State Championship, \$8 each. A check was received from Fred Murty for \$700 for the medals for the state tournament and \$20 for the sanction.

PA Judo paid approximately \$1500 to athletes in 2007 for 2006 results. 2007 money will be paid at the first part of 2008.

Referee – Anthony Roscoe (absent)

No report.

Registration - Alison Stevens

247 members – 2007

Membership averages about 260 annually. There are 13 registered clubs; there were 20 registered clubs last year.

Some schools don't understand what they are getting for \$40 per year. The PA Judo website is important. Any club that has not paid their membership fee will be removed from the website. Once the clubs see they are no longer on the PA Judo website, it might trigger them to send in their membership fee. As an additional service, PA Judo could offer to put information for clubs that don't have a website on the PA Judo website.

Development – Joe Vukson

KATA Clinic – Heiko Rommelman and Jeff Guita would be available for a Kata clinic in Pittsburgh for Goshen Jit Su before the end of the year. They charge \$45/hr each for the clinic plus travel and hotel expenses. They need 4 – 5 hours; 2 hours in the morning, lunch 2 – 3 in the afternoon. If possible the Kata clinic will be held on the same day as an instructor/coaching clinic. No one in PA Judo knows Goshen Jit Su very well; need to bring in someone who knows this Kata.

Referee clinic – Master Kim will try to have Jay Kim to Pittsburgh for a referee clinic before the end of the year.

Collegiate Development – Dr. P-Jobb absent

No report.

Promotions – Joe Vukson

Peter Georgiadis – Nidan

Mark Fenner – Nidan

Costel Constantine – Shodan

Sarah Tarbox - Shodan

All promotions were passed and applications will be forwarded to the national committee.

Fred Murty asked about Tony Tenisis (not sure of spelling?) promotion. Tony didn't include the correct promotion fee and he submitted his promotion form on a USJF application. Fred asked if the promotion could go through as soon as his paperwork is in order.

USJI is very strict on promotions. Need passport photo, application filled out correctly and the appropriate fees.

Old Business

State Championships – Fred Murty (called in)

State Championships were a problem because of the large number of walk-ins, approximately 100 people. About 130 people pre-registered. If the total number of participants had been anticipated, could have had a third mat area. The tournament ended at about 9:00pm, some participants were given a refund because there was not enough time for them to compete. The YMCA, where the tournament was held, charged additional fees to bring in personnel to cover the tournament. The tournament results and roster should be available this week.

Fred Murty made a motion to increase late registration fees, the new late registration fee would be \$40. No one seconded the motion. Motion did not pass.

Eugene Kim made a motion to increase the late registration fee to \$25. Fred Murty seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor, motion passes.

Tournament results

Kim's Martial Arts Juniors received 18 medals over the summer: 6 gold, 8 silver, 4 bronze.

Liberty Bell Classic was held Saturday, March 31, 2007 in Philadelphia, PA

Kim's Junior team placed 5th overall.

1. Salvatore DeSimone, JR Boys 7-9 <23kg
1. Tanner Kim, JR Boys 7-9 > 44
1. Charles E Allen, Male Masters 40-49 > 94kg
2. Hunter Black, JR Boys 10-12 < 50kg
3. Aleesha Allen, JR Girl 13-16 >63kg
3. Kevin Holman, JR Boys 7-9 < 30kg
3. Nicholas Cavanaugh, JR Boys 7-9 < 38 kg
3. Charles Allen, JR Boys 17 - 19 < 90kg
3. Michael Ferguson, Male Masters 40-49 < 94kg

The US Senior, Masters and Kata Nationals held April 20-21 in Miami, FL

1. Ron Pardini, Male 65-69 yrs, 81kg
2. Pamela Russell, Female 40-44 yrs, 57kg
2. Robert Russell, Male 40-44 yrs, 73kg
3. Michael Ferguson, Male 40-44 yrs, 90kg
3. Peter Georgiades, Male 55-59 yrs, +100kg
3. Joe Vukson & Tom Vukson, Men's Nage No Kata
3. Sarah Tarbox & Pam Russell, Women's Nage No Kata

AM-Can Judo Challenge held in Buffalo, NY May 26-27

1. Aleesha Allen, Girls 13-14 139lbs
1. Kevin Holman, Boys 6-8 70lbs
3. Salvatore Desimone, Boys 9-10 60lbs
3. Charles Allen, Boys 13-14 190lbs

The USJA Junior Nationals July 7-8 in Indianapolis, Ind.

1. Luke Holman, Boys Bantam Jr. 2002 19kg
1. Tanner Kim, Boys Intermediate 1 47kg
1. Salvatore Desimone, Boys Intermediate 1 26kg
1. Zechariah Cavanaugh, Boys Intermediate 2 34kg
2. Aleesha Allen, Girls Juvenile B 70kg
2. Bryan Allen, Boys Bantam Jr 2002 23kg
2. Kevin Holman, Boys Intermediate 1 30kg
2. John Kazalas, Boys Bantam 2 2000 25kg
2. Tyler Kim, Boys Intermediate 2 38kg
3. Hunter Black, Boys Intermediate 2 53kg
3. Charles Allen, Boys IJF-Junior 90kg

The USJF Junior National Championships July 14-15 at Eastern Michigan University.

1. Tanner Kim, PA Boys Intermediate 1 +43kg
1. Grant Colton IV, Boys Juvenile B 90kg
2. Alicia Nocket, Girls IJF-Junior 52kg

2. Charles Allen, Boys IJF-Junior 90kg
3. Tyler Kim, Boys Intermediate 2 38kg
3. Aleesha Allen, Girls Juvenile B 70kg

National meeting

No more general meeting (includes the states) at Nationals, which means PA Judo no longer has an input at the annual meeting for USA Judo.

New Business

State Open

Eugene is having a problem with mat rental and venue. He is trying to rent a local high school. Mats are available to rent in mid-October. Eugene will email everyone as soon as he has a firm date.

East Coast is October 7th. Many people from the East go to that tournament.

Kim's Martial Arts will host the 2008 State Championships at the University of Pittsburgh; it will have to be held on a Sunday.

Promotion certificates

Alison Stevens made a motion to order certificates for non-black belt promotions, the state has run out of them. Fred Murty seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor, motion passes.

Coaching / Instructors certificates

Pat Burris ran the Coaching certification clinic in Ohio in June. There were 5 attendees from Kim's Martial Arts: Alison Stevens, David DeSimone, Chuck Allen, Bob Seifert and Lisa Osmundsen. Next year in order to coach at a National tournament a C level coaching certification will be required. The clinic promoted everyone to E level. They were told they would be D level. Eugene will contact Pat about the problem with levels. Coaching certificates from USJA and USJF will no longer be valid at the National tournaments. This presents a real problem as no one from Pennsylvania will be permitted onto the mat area.

State meetings

Eugene made a motion to have one annual meeting in the spring, prior to state championships. If there are promotions, the promotion board will still meet twice a year. Joe Vukson seconded the motion. Peter Benjamin suggested business in between the meetings could be communicated by email. He asked that there is more communication by email; the state meetings are currently the only venue for communication. David Dzinkowski asked why only one meeting? Eugene responded there aren't enough changes every 6 months to justify a meeting. Eugene agreed that most of the information can be communicated by email. Joe

Vukson said anything could be voted on without a meeting except a bylaw change. Unanimous vote in favor, motion passes.

Coach / Instructor clinic

Joe Vukson made a motion on the coach / instructor certification. Only need to attend one seminar and be E level to be certified as an instructor. The other requirement for a club is to have 5 registered members. Joe would like to offer the coach / instructor certification clinic to the tri-state area and invite all judo clubs even those who are not USJI. Ideally both the coach / instructor clinic and the Kata clinic will be on the same day. Dave DeSimone seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor, motion passes.

Medals

Joe Vukson made a motion to change the medals. Peter Benjamin asked if the clubs could have input. Joe will present three choices for medal designs at the spring meeting. Peter Benjamin seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor, motion passes.

Mats

Eugene Kim mentioned South Hills Judo Club is interested in selling their mats, they have 3 mat areas for \$1200. It might be a good investment for PA Judo. The South Hills mats would have to be checked to make sure they are in good condition. South Hills offered to store the mats, not sure if they would charge a fee?

Discussion on how to increase membership in PA Judo

Pam Russell has looked at other state's websites on the internet. Suggested PA Judo organizes all the clubs on the state level even clubs that are USJF and USJA. Possibly work together on a regional level.

Frank Driscoll pointed out there is no strategic plan for PA Judo. Suggested sending surveys to clubs asking why they aren't members of PA Judo. Part of the problem might be the clubs don't know what they receive for their membership fee.

Eugene Kim said USJI has the most respectable ranks in Judo. They also offer insurance, funding (for competitions), coaching / teaching certification.

Joe Vukson asked about representation at the National level again? PA Judo is no longer represented at the National meeting. USJI caters to the elite players; something should be developed for the average players.

Penn State volunteered to collect ideas on how to improve PA Judo. Some ideas are; promotion, competitions and clinics. Some of the issues are the promotion process seems lengthy and it is tough for one club to host a tournament.

One of the challenges is finding a place to have tournaments; most venues don't want to have a judo tournament. Another problem is most gyms are completely booked, Penn State is not able to host because they can't find a venue. If a club can find a facility PA Judo would provide a \$500 stipend for mats and the club hosting the tournament doesn't have to pay for medals until after the tournament.

Eugene Kim made a motion to adjourn meeting at 1:00 pm. Peter Benjamin seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor, motion passes.