

PJI State Meeting February 17, 2008

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
Sarah Tarbox	Kim's Martial Arts
Robert Berry	Kim's Martial Arts
Dave DeSimone	Kim's Martial Arts
Chris Moore	Kim's Martial Arts
Tony Roscoe	Kim's Martial Arts
Chuck Schmidt	Kim's Martial Arts
Joe Vukson	Kodokan Judo
Tom Vukson	Kodokan Judo
Bill Gooding	Pittsburgh Yoseikan Academy
Ron Pardini	Pittsburgh Yoseikan Academy
Dave Loshelder	Pittsburgh Yoseikan Academy
Frank Driscoll	Penn State Judo
David Dzikowski	Penn State Judo
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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 Absent

Athlete Delegates:

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

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

President Eugene Kim added the following Delegates:

Sarah Tarbox, Dave Loshelder, Chuck Schmidt

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the last meeting, Tony Roscoe. Dr. P-Jobb 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Promotion – Joe Vukson

Congratulations to:

Ron Pardini Promoted to Shichidan in October 2007

The following promotions are being submitted for approval:

Eugene Kim Rokudan

Joe Vukson Rokudan

Sarah Tarbox Shodan

Charles Allen Jr. Shodan

Robbie McNeily Shodan

Promotion certificates were received from the national office for the following:

Peter Georgiades Nidan

Mark Fenner Nidan

Costel Constantin Shodan

Treasurer's report – Alison Stevens

Current balance \$11,379. In account

Received a lot of club fees today, February 17, 2008. Account balance has been staying around this level.

Athlete fees still have to be paid from results in 2007.

Fred Murty owes for 20 – 30 medals @\$8.50 each, \$170 - \$255.

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.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Dr. P-Jobb. Cindy Nicholas 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Referee – Anthony Roscoe

ABC level referees are still registered and active; Ryan Minster, Tony Roscoe and Pam Russell are the only National referee's in PA. Two tournaments; Nationals and Ocean State have offered compensation for referees. They offered a hotel room and another one offered stipend for food.

No rule changes.

There is a proposal to remove Wazari, difficult to distinguish between Ippon and Wazari.

Registration - Alison Stevens

231 members – 2008

Membership has remained around 230 – 250.

Alison has emailed registrations to any clubs that have not responded. She also mailed the clubs registration forms. The most effective way to get clubs to register is to remove their information from the state website. All registered clubs are on the PA Judo website.

Collegiate Development – Dr. P-Jobb

No changes from last year. Same colleges and universities have judo programs.

Old Business

2007 PA Open – Eugene Kim

There were 185 competitors. The Junior Development Division was very popular; up to 12 years old, white and yellow belts. They would fight 2 minutes without stopping, at the end of the match scores are added up.

The State Championships will again include a Junior Development Division. We need to do a better job at promoting the funding for competitors, most people don't know about it. We need to try to attract more competitors to our tournaments.

Information about the competitors fund is on the website. Total available funding is: \$1000 Juniors, \$1000 Seniors, \$1000 Masters and Kata. The competitor must participate in the State Championships to be eligible. There is a form on the website that needs to be filled out and submitted to the PA Judo President.

The PA Championships will be held at Marshall Middle School in March.

National Meeting

Dr. P-Jobb and Fred Murty went to the National meeting. They had been offered compensation for one night in the hotel in return for attending the meeting as PA delegates. The president approved the expense, the treasurer will reimburse them. The National meeting should be open to PA delegates next year, 2009. The national committee allows delegates from each state in alternating years. Dr. P-Jobb has volunteered to be a delegate.

Certificates

We had discussed a PA Judo certificate for promotions below Shodan. Joe Vukson said we can issue anything we want; the National committee won't recognize any rank below Shodan.

World Masters

The World Masters Championships are in Brussels, Belgium summer 2008. The European Judo Union wants to separate from them. They want to change the age for the Masters, participants must be over 35 and under 65. The current age restrictions are over 30 and no upper limit.

New Business

PA Open 2008 and State Championships 2009

Lou Moyerman may host the states in 2009 and combine them with the Liberty Bell Tournament.

Eugene was in Ohio for their State Championships, they permit competitors from other states. States are beginning to open up their championships to anyone, in order to increase participation. PA started having 2 tournaments 1) because there aren't a lot of tournaments and 2) one was an open tournament. There are possible negatives to opening up our state championships. Our championship loses prestige; the winner is no longer the PA state champion. We might become just another tournament to other states.

Motion to change the State Championships to the PA Open State Championships, Joe Vukson. Eugene Kim 2nd motion. 1 decline, the rest in favor, motion passes.

Kyu Ha Kim Cup tournament

Dr. P-Jobb will investigate hosting a tournament in the fall 2008, possibly first weekend in November. It would be a third tournament, Kyu Ha Kim Cup tournament.

Motion For a third tournament. Registration with a national organization, for insurance, \$10 for pre-registration, \$35 for registering day of tournament for state residents and \$35 for out of state residents, Ron Pardini. Dr. P-Jobb 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally it was suggested the state offer prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in a few divisions. It would be cost prohibitive to offer prize money for all divisions.

Tournament Committee

Motion to develop a committee to put together a tournament. Trial this approach with the PA Open in the Fall. Ideally participants would come from multiple schools, and hopefully have the Eastern part of the state involved. Lisa Osmundsen volunteered to lead, Tony Roscoe. Dr. P-Jobb 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Pardini suggested we all work together to promote Judo, for example demonstrate at the local high schools or advertise Judo. Emphasize the application of Judo in the very popular MMA.

Purchase Mat and Mat Covers

Motion for PA Judo to purchase mat covers, mats and scoreboards, the tournament committee will look into this. If the decision is made to purchase, Eugene would have to authorize the expense, Dave DeSimone. Dr. P-Jobb 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Medal design

Joe Vukson showed his preliminary medal design. Joe is going to proceed with developing a new medal for PA.

Strategic Plan

Frank Driscoll discussed strategic plan. One of the aspects was communication. Potential forms of communication; internet bulletin board and how do we manage it. Frank has collected comments and complaints;

- think the organization is too political
- PA Judo doesn't do anything for clubs.
- try to determine what clubs want and what we can offer them.
- approach MMA clubs that we can provide useful training.
- Judo my-space!

Motion for Frank to move forward with projects, Tony Roscoe and Dave Dzikowski to work with Frank; Dave DeSimone. Ron Pardini 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Referee Attire

Tony Roscoe has received complaints about our referees officiating in gi's and ratty street clothes. Our referees should dress in the proper attire; black jacket, white button down shirt, black tie and grey dress slacks. If not, at least polo shirts and khakis or dress slacks.

Ron Pardini said referees should wear the proper attire; tie and suit. Unfortunately we would not have enough referees if the dress code is enforced.

For the next meeting Tony Roscoe will look into developing a PA Judo polo shirt or button down shirt that could be worn as a referee uniform.

Motion at 2:20 PM to adjourn, Tony Roscoe. Tom Vukson 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.