



ATJA BOD MEETING MINUTES

June 24th, 2016, 5:30pm

respectfully submitted by
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ATJA BOD Meeting, 6/24/16, start 5:30pm; at *Socrates Academy/The Greatest Judo Camp on Earth*.

MEETING OPEN:

5:30pm

Mike Muender acting Secretary in Brian Mills' absence

CALL TO ORDER:

BOD attending:

Peter Contardo (President), Dick Cooper (Vice President), Tom Ryan (Finance Officer), Gene Fodor (Adviser), Ben Bergwerf, Ken Nazemetz, Tom Reiff, Tony Zimkowski

BOD Absent:

Brian Mills (Secretary), Aaron Blackwell, Barry Stebbins, Hal Zeidman

Those ATJA members in attendance:

Carl Hayes (Parliamentarian), Chris Collins, Gary Monto, Mike Muender, Dana Rucker, Pat Szejter

Guest:

Ed Szejter

MINUTES:

—Minutes of 2015 annual meeting read (Tom Reiff will post on website): Peter Contardo, President

Motion: Tom Ryan

Seconded:

Vote: unanimously approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Treasurer Report (see below): Tom Ryan, Finance Officer

- Balance in January (First Citizens Bank): \$1,772.09
- DEBIT: USA Judo -\$1,750.00
- Balance - after all expenses: \$3,809.17
- Note: Can make withdraws without limit now.

2. IT Services Report: Tom Reiff, BOD Member

- forms/documents available online
- working on interface features
- ATJA store:
 - (1) membership online (1 or 5 years memberships available (Jr. & Sr.))
 - (2) promotions on line
 - (3) ATJA patches
- upcoming ATJA & AJJF National Judo Championships in Sommerville, SC (YMCA, August 13th).

3. Promotions Report: Tom Reiff, BOD member

- 1 Shodan
- 1 Nidan

4. Judo Division Report: Ken Nazemetz, ATJA Judo Director (Chairman)

- Class “A” Status in Judo (ATJA)
- ATJA seeking to be inclusive to all Judo organizations; and to show the connection of Jujutsu & Judo

5. President’s Report – ATJA and USA Judo: Peter Contardo

- (1) ATJA now has Class “A” Status in Judo; members of ATJA can attend USA Judo tournaments. Now on Website of USA Judo: USJF, USJA, AJJF, ATJA (in order). Note: only two are .org (AJJF and ATJA) on USA Judo website-some state of opportunity there.
- (2) No Attempts to approach USJA; USA Judo not happy with current states of USJA. Seeking to be inclusive in insurances of all Judo Class “A” clubs with USA Judo. Need arrangement where ATJA can attend USA Judo sanctioned events – still unable to attend National events without USA Judo national membership [note: Tom Reiff (BOD Member) and Dana Rucker (ATJA member) will pursue this issue].
- (3) ATJA most involved and inclusive organization in cooperation with USA Judo.

Motion to accept all Reports: Tom Reiff

Seconded:

Vote: unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS:

ATJA Store: Dick Cooper, Vice-President

- Need to add more to the store; esp. T-Shirts

Motion to spend \$400 to set-up a stock order: Tom Reiff

Seconded:

Motion to postpone discussion till next meeting to research cost of project: Peter Contardo

Seconded:

Vote: unanimously approved

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointments: Ken Nazemetz, ATJA Judo Director (Chairman)

- Pat Szejter to serve on three committees - Kata, Referee, Judo promotion Board.
- Tom Ryan, BOD member, to serve on Ethics Committee
- Dana Rucker to serve of referee committee
- Tony Zimkowski, BOD Member, to serve on Judo Promotion Committee
- Mike Muender to serve as the assistant to ATJA Judo Director Chairman (i.e., Ken Nazemetz)

Motion to Approve: Ken Nazemetz

Seconded:

Vote: unanimously approved

2. Additional Appointments and Recognition: Peter Contardo

- Recognition:** Chris Collins, Cary Judo and Pat Szejter (CAJA) - both clubs moved entire membership to ATJA
- Appointment #1:** Chris Colin to help Tom Reiff, BOD member, on IT Service Committee put SAFE SPORT into ATJA form [Tom Ryan, BOD member, commented that it is free; simply sign-up and certificate is emailed to you].
- Appointment #2:** Debbie Rucker and Joy Rucker to serve on Marketing Committee. [Note: Debbie has declined the appointment].
- Appointment #3:** Need committee to screen/review backgrounds for volunteers/applicants for BOD: Tom Ryan, Tony Zimkowski., and Tom Reiff accepted (all BOD members)

Motion to Approve: Peter Contardo

Seconded:

Vote: unanimously approved

3. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: Submitted by Peter Contardo, President; with assistance from ATJA member and Parliamentarian Carl Hayes:

—ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

1. The Bylaws of the ATJA may be altered, changed or amended in whole or part, by motion at a BOD meeting at which BOD members are physically present and all members of ATJA are allowed peaceful observation. Such a motion must receive the affirmative votes of at least 2/3 of the **whole membership** of the BOD. A motion to change the bylaws must be proposed in writing and include a statement of its purpose and rationale.

2. If prior notice is given to every member of the BOD at least 15 days in advance of the start of the BOD meeting, or 10 days if the notice is part of the Call of the meeting, and all members of ATJA are allowed peaceful observation, the Bylaws may be altered, changed or amended in whole or part via motion. Such a motion must receive the affirmative votes of at least 2/3 of those BOD members physically present and voting. Such a motion must be proposed in writing and include a statement of its purpose and rationale. The prior notice to BOD members shall specify the exact wording of the changes proposed, and no modifications may be made to the wording during the meeting; else the rule of Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be followed, requiring the affirmative votes of 2/3 of the **whole membership** of the BOD.

—ARTICLE XII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Note: Discussion on implementing a BOD rotation:

(1) Volunteers to rotate off in 2017: Ben Bergwerf, Tony Zimkowski, Tom Reiff

(2) Volunteers to rotate off in 2018: Ken Nazemetz, Peter Contardo, Tom Ryan

(3) Rest will naturally will rotate off in 2019 (these will actually expire): Brian Mills, Hal Zeidman, Barry Stebbins, Dick Cooper, Aaron Blackwell.

—Members rotated off in 2017 & 2018 will remain on any committees they were appointed to.

—Volunteers to rotate off are eligible to run for the Board of Directors again after one year.

Motion to accept both Amendments: Tom Reiff

Seconded:

Vote: unanimously approved

4. **Multiple Judo memberships:** Tony Zimkowski, BOD member

—Why not have a reduced rate for joint organization? (e.g., dual membership for AJJF and ATJA)

NOTE: directed to discuss opinions via e-mail

MOTION FOR MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Peter Contardo, President

Seconded by:

Vote: unanimously Approved

Meeting adjourned 7pm 6/24/2016