

OHIO STATE JUDO INC.
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 4, 2003
GAHANNA BRANCH LIBRARY
310 GRANVILLE STREET, GAHANNA, OHIO

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RUSS SCHERER, PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS.

I. MEMBERS

A. President - Russ Scherer	Present
B. Vice President - Joyce Edwards	Absent
C. Secretary - Eric Schwartzhoff	Present
D. Treasure - Hannah Starcher	Present
E. Operations - Mark Hunter	Present
F. Development - Michael Mooney	Absent
G. Law & Legislation - Gary Monto	Absent
H. Standards & Certification - Paul Jordan	Absent
I. Athlete Representative - Lorey Edwards	Present
J. Athlete Representative - Steve Wolery	Absent

II. GUESTS

- A. Membership Chairman - James Starcher
- B. Promotion Board Chairman - Bill Doyle
- C. State Coach - Dan Doyle
- D. **Also present were Percy Elie, Timothy Terrell, Ronald Terry, Frank Herzog, Aaron Handy, Colin Fletcher, Robert Bonner, and Dion Barth.

Motion was made to accept OSJI "Blue Sky" Minutes by Dan Doyle, seconded by Bill Doyle, motion passed unanimous.

Russ Scherer read the minutes of the January 5, 2003 OSJI Board Meeting. Motion by Dan Doyle to accept minutes, seconded by Hannah Starcher. Motion passed unanimously.

Motions to approve action items from the January meeting.

1. Meeting should be held in Columbus
2. Review budget every quarter
3. To pursue 501-3C status.

Motion Hannah Starcher, seconded Bill Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Russ stated he wants everyone active in OSJI affairs, even if they are not a member of a committee.

Vice President: Joyce Edwards - Absent

Secretary: Eric Schwartzhoff asks that all written reports be turned in, so that communications are clearer.

Treasurer: Hannah Starcher reports for the 1st 6 months of 2003 income of \$5185.00 expenses of \$6444.17 for a deficit of \$1299.17 of which \$1112.00 is debt from the Senior Nationals in 2002. Motion to accept Dan Doyle, seconded Bill Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

Operations: Mark Hunter asks that any information that people want on the OSJI website be sent to him via email: Markjudo@aol.com

Asks that all board members send him a picture to be posted on the website.

Development: Michael Mooney - Absent

Super Saturday will be held June 28, 2004 at the Kettering Recreation Center. This is an OSJI Event with Ohio Coaches teaching the latest techniques and Kata.

Dan Doyle reported on state team travel to Chicago there were 5 clubs, and 20 competitors that participated in this event.

Standards and Certification: Paul Jordan - Absent -no report.

Law & Legislation: Gary Monto - Absent

Athlete Representative: Lorey Edwards gave an in-depth report on tournament results: Junior, & Senior National rankings, & training opportunities.

To All Ohio Athletes:

I am your athlete representative to the executive board of Ohio State Judo Inc. This is your opportunity to begin strengthening your judo careers through the use of OSJI programs and other available resources. In order to do this effectively, I would ask that all interested athletes contact me by email, phone, or personally at a competition with any suggestions, training requests, and/or questions. I will provide the board input gathered to better produce programs that will address the needs/wants of our state athletes.

Contact information is as follows:

Lorey Edwards
6669 Albany Pond
New Albany, OH 43054

Home # (614) 325-2402 Work # (614) 794-7320

Email: ledwards@ryoder.com Or loreyanne@aol.com

Please provide me with your email address or phone numbers so I may distribute information, such as team trips, training days, etc.

Athletic Representative: Steve Wolery - Absent

III. Report of the OSJI Representative to the USJI National Meetings

- A. Russ Scherer reported that in order to have an OSJI recognized club you must be Shodan and a level C teacher, or level E coach or higher. Certification can be from USJA, USJF, or USJI
- B. There is an open tournament agreement that you only need one of the National Organization cards to participate in any event. Any event can only be sanctioned from one organization.
- C. Girls 10 and under can compete in boys divisions at local and regional tournaments, if there are not enough girls in their division.
- D. Hannah Starcher received the Adrea Bregman Award for Support of Judo. She is the 8th person to receive this award.

Registration Chairman: Jim Starcher reported there are 11 clubs and 202 members registered with OSJI.

Promotion Board Chairman: Bill Doyle reported there were not enough members of the promotion board for a quorum. No official action could be taken at the promotion board meeting.

Until an official promotion board meeting can be held we will stay with the November 2002 promotions system. If changed back to previous promotion system at the next meeting, we will refund the difference in money.

IV. MOTIONS

- A. Submitted by: Lorey Edwards, seconded by Dan Doyle. Vote unanimous.
Beginning with the Senior Nationals 2004: An athlete who is considered a qualifier in a specific weight category may change his/her weight category at the Nationals and still remain eligible for state funding provided that category is not represented by its actual qualifier 1,2,3.

Example:

Joe competes at states in 73kg – 1st place winner

Bill competes at states in 81kg – 1st place winner

Bill competes in 73kg division at Nationals, Joe does not compete.

Bill is therefor still eligible for funding.

Bill and Joe both compete in 73kg division at nationals.

Only Joe, the 73kg state champion, receives funding.

Rational: The Ohio State Championships, even as an “Open” event, does not give our athletes large enough divisions to adequately train for national and international level events. If an athlete chooses to compete in a different weight category to get more matches we should not penalize them

B. Submitted by Russ Scherer, seconded by Lorey Edwards. Vote unanimous.

“That the current budget be amended to increase the budget for the competitive travel team by the amount of the OSJI profit for the June 2003 “Super Saturday”

C. Submitted by Russ Scherer, seconded by Dan Doyle. Vote unanimous.

“That since the majority of effort to put on a “Super Saturday” is to be accomplished by the OSJI, that the profits from these events will be split 10% to the host club, and 90% to the OSJI.”

D. Submitted by Russ Scherer, seconded Hannah Starcher. Vote unanimous.

“To add the annual Rock and Roll Classic (Cleveland, Ohio) and The Flag City Open as events to receive both junior and senior points towards OSJI competitive team travel.”

V. OLD BUSINESS: Hannah Starcher stated that she does not know what the hold up is on club charters from the National office. On Russ Scherer’s direction, they will give out OSJI club charters.

Russ Scherer would like to post the code of conduct, OSJI By-laws, and a summary of actions taken at OSJI Board Meetings on the OSJI website. Motion by Russ Scherer, seconded by Robert Bonner. Passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: Hannah Starcher proposes we give Lorey Edwards \$300.00 for International competition, seconded by Bill Doyle. Vote unanimous.

Russ Scherer requests everyone provides their email address to him, for future correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT: Proposed by Dan Doyle, seconded by Hannah Starcher. Vote unanimous.