

Ohio Judo, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2019

A. Roll call

President (Russ Scherer) - Present  
Vice-President (Michael Mooney) – Available by phone  
Secretary (Laura Suzuki) - Present  
Treasurer (Dominic Backowski) - Present  
Operations Director (Eric Strohecker) - Present  
Development Director (Ray Smith) - Present  
Standards & Certification Director (Mark Curry) - Absent  
Law & Legislation Director (John Shriver) - Absent  
Athlete Rep #1 (Aaron Handy) – Absent (working)  
Athlete Rep #2 (Stephanie Tomlin) - Present  
Club Representatives – Jim Linnane (Shudokan)  
Guests – none

B. Reading, correction and adoption of minutes of the preceding meeting

C. Reports of Officers

President – several area activities were reviewed including the National Team Duals hosted in Chicago by Aaron Cohen. This was the second year for this event – last year it was hosted by Josh White in Atlanta with two teams (one representing Georgia and one representing Illinois). This year it included those two teams again and a team from Ohio (under the direction of Paul Jordan) was added. This is a team event and had 20 athletes and 5 staff on each team. The format and some of the rules were different and everyone seemed to really enjoy the event. Russ is to check with Paul to determine OJI's role next year. Another potential event was discussed – a Tri-State Cup and workout between teams from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. This also would be a team event with one team from each of these 3 states. Russ was directed to follow up with Indiana and Kentucky to determine interest.

Vice-President – no report

Secretary – no report

Treasurer – the financial transaction log was briefly reviewed, noting that most of the income was derived from the mat rental program. The current balance in the checking account is \$4,676.72

D. Reports of Committees

Operations – no report

Development – Joint workouts were discussed. There is a desire to continue occasional state workouts and increase interclub workouts.

Standards & Certification – no report

Law & Legislation – no report

E. Reports of Athlete Reps – no report

F. Reports of Delegate (s) to United States Judo Inc. and others – Russ Scherer reported on a teleconference he took part in (as OJI President) between a number of Group B Presidents and several members of the USA Judo national staff. The exchange was hosted by CEO Keith Bryant and USA Judo Board Member (Group B & C Rep) Gerry Navarro. Numerous topics were discussed (including the recent survey results) with the goal of improving co-operation and support between USA Judo and its Group B members.

G. Unfinished Business

Trailer repair status – The OJI trailer is currently in Portland, IN undergoing repair and should be fixed soon. These repairs were necessitated by two separate incidents while under the care of two clubs who had rented the mats last year. Each will pay the repair costs for the damage they inflicted.

OJI High School Scholars Program – 2019 Award - Andrea Schlabach of the Legacy Martial Arts Academy achieved a GPA of 3.98 (on a 4.0 system) at Stephen T. Badin High School in Hamilton and was recognized for her outstanding academic achievement throughout her high school career. She will be given her certificate and check at her next class at Legacy by OJI President, Russ Scherer. Andrea will be attending Cumberland College (Kentucky) this Fall on a wrestling scholarship.

Report of 2019 Ohio Open Championships – participation and financial summary reviewed

Status of 2019/2020 Awards Banquet – The first member(s) of the Ohio Judo Hall of Fame will be selected later in this meeting and will be inducted during a banquet the night before the 2020 Ohio Open Championships.

Proposed Programs for 2019/2020

Coach Certification – we will try to set up a Coach Certification Clinic in late October

Referee Certification – we will try to set up a referee clinic, mini-shiai and referee certification (Local) testing at the Kettering Rec Center (Multi-purpose Room or Senior Center)

Clinics – Marti Malloy – September 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – info on the OJI website, mailings to go out soon, e-mails will be sent to Ohio clubs and surrounding states and phone calls will be made to instructors of clubs who traditionally provide significant support for such events.

Open Workouts – encourage clubs to hold open workouts and OJI to publish a list of clubs and dates of such open workouts

## H. New Business

2019/2020 Annual Awards Selections – it was decided to not make any selections at this time

Selection of 1<sup>st</sup> Group of Inductees into OJI Hall of Fame – Twelve names were submitted by Russ Scherer for consideration as potential inductees over the next few years. Additional candidates will be solicited each year and selections will be made in the summer to allow adequate time for notification and planning so the inductees can attend the banquet, which will be held the evening before the Ohio Championships. Transportation and lodging will be provided for each inductee (or his/her representative) as appropriate. All candidates were reviewed and the inductees for 2020 will be Kayla Harrison and Ryoza Nakamura (deceased – represented by a family member).

Award 2020 Ohio Open Championships – the 2020 Ohio Championships were awarded to the Kettering Rec Center Judo Club with the standard 50/50 split with OJI. The tournament will be held in the main gym at the Kettering Rec Center on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Clinics (competitors and referees) will be held on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> in the KRC Multipurpose Room. There will be a banquet and induction ceremonies for the Ohio Judo Hall of Fame on Saturday evening (1/11/2020).

2020 Budget Procedures – the budget procedures were reviewed and all officers and program directors were requested to submit plans and budget requests to Eric Strohecker (Operations Director) with a copy to Russ Scherer (President) by the end of August. A preliminary proposed budget will be prepared for the consideration at the Fall meeting.

I. Resolutions and Orders - none

J. Adjournment