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Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Session 2019	
3rd May 2020	05:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Abu Dhabi Time) Online
Meeting called by	H.E. PANAGIOTIS THEODOROPOULOS, JJIF President
Type of meeting	JJIF Board Member Meeting
Note taker	Ms. Shiela Maglalang, Secretary
Attendees with voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President 2. Ms. Margarita Ochoa – JJIF Board Member 3. Mr. Faisal Al Ketbi – JJIF Athletes Commission 4. Ms. Severine Nebie- JJIF Athletes Commission 5. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJIF Board Member 6. Mr. Robert Perc- JJIF Board Member 7. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi- UAE
Attendees with NO voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- Germany 2. Ms. Medha Goodary- Mauritius 3. Mr. Luc Mortelmans- Belgium 4. Mr. Suresh Gopi- India 5. Mrs. Dana Mortelmans- Romania 6. Mr. Rick Frowyn- Netherlands 7. Mr. Zaya Zaya- Australia 8. Mr. Michael Korn- Germany 9. Mr. Tareq Al Bahri- UAE 10. Mr. Mubarak Menhali- UAE 11. Mr. Tsegaye Digeneh- Ethiopia 12. Mr. Macode Fall- 13. Mr. Ibrahim Madai
Observers (invited)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Cristian Wassemer (Germany) – IOC Rec. Consultant

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1. WELCOME and Speech delivered by the JJIF President

05:00 PM

Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

First of all, I hope that you are all in good health and good spirits.

Last month, our world celebrates, as we do since more than 8 thousand years in all parts of the world, the resurrection of the Nature and the Total Love. Love to the plant, the animal, the stone, the water, Love to Man, Love to the primary substance. In the harsh reality that we experience as Humans, Love (with a non-religious or sweet and sterile approach) is a tool and weapon for safeguarding our spiritual up stake, rebirth and integrity, our potential for interaction. In History of the World, we see that several times big crises were attack the humanity, epidemics, pandemics, wars, earthquakes, flooding, etc. In all cases Man find the way to survive and reborn as society. We will do the same, believing that with every crisis comes an opportunity to become better.

COVID-19 creates a big uncertainty. If we assume that 1000 viruses exist, and then we know how to be protected only from 10, we know and try to control 40 and the rest 950 are totally unknown.

COVID-19 pandemic came to our live and has affected and will affect all areas of the society.

Historic decisions that were taken by the governments around the world in order to safeguard the health of the people and control the spread of the virus, giving chances to their national health system to be able to serve the people. Unfortunately, hundreds of people passed away, and still is attacking humanity. The global spread of the virus led JJIF to postpone and/or cancel all Ju-Jitsu International activities, a decision that was taken in order to safeguard the health of the athletes and the people involved.

At this point I must thank each and every one of you for your strong support of this decision, what we must be careful are the "sirens" who are promising to continue much like before the crisis, ignoring the existing social and economic inequalities which will be exacerbated. Egoism and self-interest have not any place in our federation; they can only worsen the international relations, protectionism and political confrontation. No individual, no government, no nation can solve the big problems which we are facing. Only being united by the (our) Olympic values of peace, solidarity, respect and unity in all our diversity, we can make an important contribution to this post-coronavirus world. We are only beginning to understand the far-reaching consequences of the COVID-19 crisis around the world. At this moment, nobody knows what the realities of the post-coronavirus world will look like. What is clear, however, is that probably none of us will be able to sustain every single initiative or event that we were planning before this crisis hit. We will all need to take a close look at the scope of our activities and make the necessary adjustments to the new realities.

In this context, we must start from the prime cells of our organization, the clubs and the athletes.

Working together and in parallel with IOC and GAISF we must support the important percentage of professionals working in clubs by pressing the governments to give a financial breath to them.

We must review our priorities and budgets to protect the existence of our NFs.

Examples:

Allow Registration in JJIF of all athletes of all NFs for 2020 without fees.

No annual fees for 2020 for all NFs.

Give big importance to the National Championships.

Support the JJIF e-events.

Offer common e-seminars to our members, enriched with analytical videos and continue the e-open discussion with all interested members.

We know that perhaps most low cost tool for a healthy society is sport and social activity; therefore, in the post-coronavirus society where public health will play a very important role, sport will make a great contribution.

Welcome to all.

Let's start a fruitful discussion.

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2. Brief Report of Activities	
05:30 PM	Mr. Joachim Thumfart, JJIF Director General
<p>Mr. Joachim has mentioned that during the lockdown, they are doing their best to continue with the operations in different way. He mentioned that they are handling online conferences, online lectures and online referee seminars with the support of the JJIF head referees. And he recommended for a regularly online communication with the recognized members on this way. And he also added that with this they have learned very fast that it works, so from that point of view things are fine.</p> <p>Meanwhile, he also stated that World Games and Green Games are postponed.</p> <p>Mr. Theodoropoulos announced that following various Online Conferences and meetings JJIF will organize Video Meetings with all JJRA in the next months. The meetings are designed to elect or confirm the members of JJRIC and to keep a good contact with all friends of the Ju-Jitsu Family. President and General Secretary of the respective Union are invited and shall be present in these meetings if possible.</p>	
2. Report of the current situation in Europe (COVID-19)	
	Mr. Robert Perc
<p>First of all, he thanks the JJIF President how he reacts and approach our current situation due to the COVID 19. He has mentioned the most affected countries by COVID 19 in Europe, (Spain, Italy, United Kingdom, France) where there are more than 20,000 deaths reported. And those countries they are having from 100,000-200,000 people are affected by this pandemic.</p> <p>He added that he just like to emphasize the initiative from the President to somehow adopt the current new normality that at least for the time being we introduce the online lectures, seminars etc. in a way we keep our operation running.</p> <p>He also mentioned that for the point of Europe, they have discussion two weeks ago with their members to see what kind of difficulties they are facing in their own countries. At the moment, the biggest problem issue is that they cannot open dojos because it is not allowed to any indoor sport at the moment in the majority of the countries. And then again, the countries under the sport and physical contacts in Europe are now big disadvantage because they never know when they can continue their trainings and in this case they are just also basing from recommendations of the government and the experts and actually permission from the government. So till September they are stuck where they are.</p> <p>He said that they do appreciate the idea to have an online activity to keep our officials, referees and athletes together because we are all aware that we don't have any opportunity to meet personally.</p>	

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3. Report of the current situation in Asia (COVID-19)

Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi and Mr. Mubarak Menhali

Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi elaborated how they unite and connect their members in Asia using online communication to discuss general things about Ju Jitsu and how this pandemic affects their respective countries. He also mentioned that the Asian Ju Jitsu Championship that supposed to held in Saudi Arabia has been postponed due to the health risk causes by the COVID -19. They have also received a noticed from OCA that there are no changes with the dates for the Asian Beach Games in China. They are also trying their best to find ways how their athletes in Asia can continue with their trainings for the preparation of the future events. He added that, hopefully in the next 2-3 months' things will be more clear for everyone that they can make decisions for the continuation of the activities and events in Asia. For the Asian side, all activities and events are postponed and they will wait until the lockdowns will be lifted and hoping for a vaccine to solve this pandemic.

Mr. Mubarak Manhali explained how they handle and face the current situation. Following the instruction of UAE Government, they have organized the 1st National Team Close Camp exclusively for their national team. But first and foremost all the athletes undergo with the COVID-19 test. Despite of this pandemic, they believe that nothing is impossible that even this virus cannot stop them from training and doing things they usually do. He added that they are looking after the needful of their athletes and most especially the medical support.

4. Report of the current situation in Oceania (COVID-19)

Mr. Zaya Zaya

Mr. Zaya Zaya took the chance to talk and explain what is the current situation now in Oceania specifically in Australia, he said that they have the same situation in Europe.

He added that unfortunately due to the COVID-19 the 1st Ju Jitsu Oceanian Championship that should be held in Australia last April has been postponed.

He also mentioned that there are major thermal Ju Jitsu issues in Oceania to be solve.

5. Report of the current situation in Africa (COVID-19)

Mr. Nuvin Proag

Mr Nuvin Proag took the floor and started to detail the situation of COVID- 19 in Africa, he informed everyone that they are facing the same problem everywhere in Africa. He said that in Africa they have less medical infrastructure compared to other regions of the world. In Mauritius, unfortunately they have 300 cases with 10 reported deaths but for the last days there had no new cases so things are looking positive, there are no lockdown orders but for the curfews they need some requirements to go out. Curfew has been extended until 30th of June.

He mentioned that they are on the middle of discussion regarding with the Ju Jitsu African Championship with Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco but nothing has been set yet since we are on the middle of uncertainty but at least hopefully from next year we can start organizing championships.

He also mentioned that they are now organizing online lectures and seminars as per recommendation of the JJIF President. He also extended his appreciation to the initiatives of the Online Seminars and Lectures hosted by the JJIF head referees.

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6. Opinions about the health concerns of the Athletes	
	Ms. Nebie Severine
	Ms. Severine stated that, in view of the current and global health situation, we talked and the general idea is to act for the safety and health of all. She said that their final proposal is to wait until January 2021 in order to resume our sports calendar in better condition for the sake of everyone.
	Mr. Faisal Al Ketbie
	Mr. Faisal shared his challenging experience with their lockdown training camp and encouraging other federation to do the same and push beyond the limit. And he added that, as international federation we should push our limit to be unique if we want to be at lead of the sport.
7. Nomination for new JJIF Board Member)	
Discussion	JJIF President introduced Ms. Medha Goodary from Mauritius: (her roles in JJIF especially in Anti-Doping). He also asked the Board regarding with the acceptance of Ms. Medha Goodary as new JJIF Board Member.
Conclusion	The JJIF Board unanimously voted for Ms. Medha as a newly elected member of the JJIF Board. (7 out of 7)
8. Postponement of the JJIF Election	
Discussion	Due to the current situation, the JJIF President proposed to move the JJIF and JJCUC election in to the next year.
Conclusion	Out of 7 present JJIF Board member (with voting rights) 6 are in favour and 1 is against this proposal.
Comments	In the following discussion the decision was confirmed but should be reviewed if the situation is back to "normal"
9. TWG 2021 - 2022 - Format of 2 Bronze Medals	
Discussion	The different points of view were discussed under the aspect of quality and credibility and the positive effects of more medal winners in The World Games.
Conclusion	As Severine Nebie can only give her personal opinion and like to discuss the case first with the athletes committee before representing a final position of "the athletes". Decision will be postponed until board meeting 17.May.
10. Financials	
Discussion	Mr. Luc Mortelmans asked the President for all the materials/Scanned documents of 2019 and 2020 for the JJIF Financial forecast to see how it will affect the budget.

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Conclusion	Mr. President promised to try to present the document in the next board member meeting
11. IOC Updates	
	Mr. Christian Wassemer
	<p>Mr. Christian Wassemer quickly informed all the members present regarding the feedback and current situation from IOC and International Federations. Firstly, he mentioned the impact on the athletes who are facing lack of trainings and travel restrictions. In this context he highly recommended to work on basically guidelines for organizers and he mentioned that there are already existing once out there basically this would be specific guidelines in this current environment situation "Corona virus guidelines" a guideline that we can give to the organizers of an international championships that can cover all the basis on what needs to be considered.</p> <p>He added that other hot topic is the financial stability of the international federations and the national federations, that there is a fund proof when there is concerned in to the uncertainties.</p> <p>He also mentioned about the situation of national federations, how many numbers of federations are working on, to set a minimum standard on what does it mean in a sport to have a world championship how many active members participating in a world championship.</p>
<u>Conclusion</u>	
The JJIF President addressed the Session. He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.	

Online Meeting, 3rd May 2020
 Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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