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Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] 2020		
20th September 2020	05:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Abu Dhabi Time)	Online [recorded]
Meeting called by	H.E. PANAGIOTIS THEODOROPOULOS, JJIF President	
Type of meeting	JJIF Board Member Meeting	
Note taker	Mr. Joachim Thumfart/ Shiela Maglalang	
Attendees with voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President2. Ms. Margarita Ochoa - JJIF Board Member3. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJIF Board Member4. Ms. Medha Goodary- JJIF Board Member5. Mr. Adolfo Trejo - JJPAU – Vice president6. Mr. Robert Perc- JJIF Board Member	
Attendees with NO voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF HQ2. Mr. Suresh Gopi- JJAU Vice President3. Mr. Tareq Al Bahri- JJIF HQ4. Mr. Tsegaye Degineh- JJAUFU Vice President5. Mr. Ibrahim Mandai- JJAUFU Vice President6. Mr. Zaya Zaya - Oceania7. Mr. Arturo Soler- JJPAU Board	
Observers (invited)	Mr. Christian Wassmer - Consultant	
1. WELCOME and Speech delivered by the JJIF President		
05:00 PM	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	
JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos welcomed all the members present.		
2. Roll call / Quorum / Minutes		
	Mr. Joachim Thumfart, (JJIF Director General)	
6 Members with voting rights are present and the quorum was declared as adequate. The Agenda as tabled was approved unanimously.		

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3. IOC Recognition	
Mr. Christian Wassemer	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Wassemer elaborated the discussion he kept with the IOC on the IOC recognition process and he also mentioned that he talked to Mr. Andrew Hoffer who's in charge in the IOC side of the JJIF Recognition and at least twice a month he also talks with his boss (Ms. Elena Klotheski) on a weekly basis and they don't know how lot and do know that the COVID 19 also has infected some recognitions. He mentioned that what he do know is that at the moment the IOC has launched the process for the four provisionally recognized IF's they are from Sambo, Wako, Kickboxing and World Lacrosse and the international Federation Icestocksport. They have received them online questionnaire that they have to submit on November this year and the decision whether they will be permanently recognized or not by the IOC in the Tokyo 2020 Games in quotation mark which will be of course in the summer of 2021. He also said that he's telling these timelines because they are launching these permanent recognition process right now until November they are expecting the result aspects and then the IOC is going to evaluate timeline in the process for the next round of the IOC recognition where the JJIF certainly will be one of the few federations that are striving for a recognition.</p> <p>He also mentioned that he has been promised by Mr. Andrew and Ms. Elena that as soon as there is anything to communicate that this will be done they also assured him that as soon this is the case that a communication from the IOC with the collaboration of GAISF will be sent out to all federations how the new process is going to look like.</p> <p>Mr. Wassemer brought up that from his recent experience, it is really important that they are still talking to people and try to find out as much information whenever they have the chance because sometimes this letters are just not being sent out to everybody so he said that he will stay in top of it so if there is a start or movement for the new process he can immediately inform the JJIF Board.</p> <p>He also said that on his discussions with the IOC he always takes the opportunity to pick the grain about what they do like or exchanging and what federation should be focusing on. Regarding with three most important things if we can summarize them, no 1 will be gender equality, No. 2 would be environmental stainability, and No. 3 is athletes safeguarding. Those are the tree current things to focus on, when it comes to IOC of course the federation should analyze their own strength and weaknesses and act according to it.</p>

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4. Schedule 2020 (Information)	
	Mr. Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart mentioned that there are 3 events going on, as test event organized under a club label we have duo online event and to create from this in JJIF online event in the duo system because that is the closest idea that they can do directly and can run on. Two people can train together to make a video which is now possible in the most countries, but to run an event we are many people gather and join together is most like impossible.</p> <p>More information as follows: Duo online event: https://www.sportdata.org/ju-jitsu/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=247#a_eventhead</p> <p>St. Peterburg Open: https://www.sportdata.org/ju-jitsu/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=246#a_eventhead</p> <p>Colombia Open [TBC]</p> <p>Mr. Tareq Al Bahri (Director of AJP) stated his impression how big the chances that the World Pro will happen in Abu Dhabi on November he said that with the recent situation in UAE they are still assuming that it will happen and there will be no changes with their plans. But due to the unstable situation of COVID-19 the UAE authorities are having some new rules depending with the new cases of COVID19, lot of Rules are changing every two weeks but hopefully they can get over it soon and make the World Pro happen as what they have planned,</p> <p>Mr. Thumfart said, for the 2020 they just have to collect information and pass them on. He also sought that he thinks as the board decided last August there is no world ranking points, no qualifications but if somebody can do something regional he believes that everybody in Ju Jitsu community is happy. He also added that they will resume the online events later on in the meeting agenda which is United Through Sports (UTS) neutral challenges with a small team where Ms. Meggie Ochoa and Mr. Suresh Gopi are involved.</p> <p>Ms. Meggie Ochoa added that there is also an option to have internal competition in JJIF where they can have qualifiers, the qualified participants will be forwarded to the UTS for their main event in November. She also mentioned that it's still up to the sport if they just want to select participants from their national federations or they will do a kind of qualifying events with in the sport.</p> <p>Mr. Thumfart suggested that it's still nice to run a qualifying event that they can engage and commit to much more people that relies to the national federations and continental unions to support and spread this idea down to the federations.</p>
5. World Combat Games (Information)	
	Mr. Joachim Thumfart
	<p>Mr. Thumfart said that he had a phone call with Mr. Stephan Fox this week saying that the Sportaccord World Combat Games definitely will be postponed in 2022 and they are now checking in the dates to avoid collusion with The World Games, so the Sportaccord is totally aware that The World Games is for some of us is pretty important and they are now checking dates most likely will be after the World Games in Birmingham. Sportaccord and GAIFS is trying to get a small event in 2021 maximum 4 days from SportAccord "combat games group" in another country not in Kazakhstan.</p>

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6. Schedule 2021	
	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
Discussion	<p>The JJIF President said that its their duty to prepare a scenario how JJIF move to the next year even though they don't have any idea when corona virus will let them proceed with their pending programs but at least they have the guidelines how things move and work for the next year's events of Ju Jitsu. He sought that from the beginning of this crisis causes by COVID19 it is much more important to concentrate in the events based in the national federations because in that way they can see the policies and the way of national nations are acting towards the events of martial arts and specially to Ju Jitsu, unfortunately Ju Jitsu don't have the same system around the world on defending to corona virus and that is logical because there is a different peak depending to the countries and there is no way to have a unique system, the reaction of the countries are almost the same all over the world with restrictions and guidelines of protection by using mask, gloves and sanitations to keep everyone from the virus and stop spreading the virus.</p> <p>The President suggested, for the certain time push a bit the national federations to organize a national championship and based on that national championship they can have a kind of qualification to proceed to the continental and world championship.</p>
7. International School Games Update	
	Mr. Suresh Gopi
Discussion	<p>First of all, Mr. Suresh Gopi Thanked the JJIF Board for giving him the responsibility to proceed further for securing the recognition for the Ju Jitsu and inclusion of Ju Jitsu in the International School Games. On his part, he has written to the members asking them to proceed further with this matter by approaching their national school games federation or their ministry of education and find out what are the procedures for granting and admitting Ju Jitsu into the curricular of the national school games. He also worked with Mr. Thumfart and the Youth department of German Ju-Jutsu Federation and actively pursuing this matter. They also collaborated with the UAE national federation/Palm Sport to disseminate Ju Jitsu across UAE, they have said that they will fully support this adventure and the will keep in touch with the representative of the national school games in UAE. Meanwhile JJIF also written to every JJNO informing them regarding with the decision to pursue a recognition with the International School Games Federation [ISF] as well as the continental school games federations, that each national federation can work with in the national level. JJIF also written to the ISF informing them about the interest and the structure on how JJIF working towards the recognition by ISF. Mr. Gopi added that he will coordinate the same with the JJIF, during this coming week he will work with Mr. Thumfart and prepare a letter for the ISF informing them of the stages of the JJIF members across the world, what are they doing and what they proposed to do in the near future and a kind of support they need from ISF and perhaps enter an MOU with them as same as has been done by the other federations. He mentioned the he will keep the board updated on the progress and he consider this as his priority because with the inclusion of Ju Jitsu at across this level such as junior schools and High Schools we do not have a way to sustain roof in several countries where Ju Jitsu is something new.</p>
8. Membership	
	Nepal
Discussion	To accept the membership application of the new representative of Nepal, Nepal Ju Jitsu as JJIF Provisional member.
Conclusion	The board unanimously voted 6 out of 6 votes

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	Macau
Discussion	Approval upon the request of Macao Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Association to change the name of organization into Macao China Ju-Jitsu Federation
Conclusion	The board unanimously voted 6 out of 6 votes
	Australia
Discussion	Granting a Provisional Membership to Australian Ju Jitsu Federation INC. (AJF) according to the Memorandum of agreement with the Ju Jitsu Sports Australia Ltd.
Conclusion	The board unanimously voted 6 out of 6 votes
9. World Police and Fire Games Netherlands 2022	
Discussion	Mr. Thumfart sought that with in the lasts meetings with Mr. Rick Frowyn, he realized that they are working so hard for the inclusion of Ju Jitsu Program in the World Police and Fire Games in Netherlands on 2022. And as these games as well postponed by 1 year but the chances are much better now. The Netherlands is an old good standing federation of Ju Jitsu and Mr. Rick is extremely angry about the referee where they actually discussed with a disciplinary action for simply informing the World Police and Fire Games that there is no Ju Jitsu federation in Netherlands and the rules are too complicated that's why JJIF cannot work with the referees and just don't do it. He also mentioned that it was until now with some effort possible to change the picture and for the moment they are working with the committees. Mr. Rick is heavily involved, he can answer more question if it's coming up and he also said that they understood that from officials in the world Police and Fire Games many people are over lapping to USIP from the international organizing side, he brought up this question in August, that they don't have contradicted activities on the police sector, the world Police and Fire Games is actually a private initiative but it became pretty big. From the Police Games it is a biggest one while the USIP Games are under the recognition of IOC, these is the big difference now from there two organizations, but it is nice if JJIF can place our sport inside. They had Ju Jitsu in the Games in China and USA as he understood and in China was our sport of International Jiu Jitsu Federation and it is pretty important if we take over the slot.
10. Doping Free Status	
Discussion	Mr. Nuvin took the floor and update the board with the status of the Anti-Doping cases, he sought that after the board meeting they had in August where they had sort out the courtesy of the cost to be covered from the federations, after having received the information that has to be a cost of Anti-Doping Test, there are some decisions that has been ready and few has been issued. Following cases as follows: 1 Case from Sweden 2 Cases from Mexico 2 Case from Brazil 1 Case from Colombia 1 Case from Iraq 1 Case from Bahrain 2 Cases from UAE 1 Case from Kyrgyzstan Cases from UAE and Kyrgyzstan are being handled by International Testing Agency (ITA), Mr. Nuvin said that after sometime they are in the point of finalizing all the cases, where they already been sent a proposed sanctions if not replied to the letters will be deemed to the agreed sanctions and that can be the end of the matter. Until now Kyrgyzstan haven't replied and has given 14 days' deadline to response. For the UAE athlete, they are expecting the one athlete to reply soon and accept the proposed sanction but with modification and the other one will be accepting the propose sanction as soon as this is done ITA will be able to clear this matters. Four Decision has been issued, Columbia case cannot be finalized right now because they have been asked for additional information with regards with the alleged medical condition of the athlete and her lawyer.

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	<p>For Iraq athlete, they have sent an explanation letter which has to be prove further, Mr. Nuvin already prepared a reply which has to be approved by the board and ask for additional information before he conclude this matter. And finally they had the case from Bahrain, the athlete has been sanction and one of his coaches is also been sanction, the athlete who has been banned for 4 years and who violated the prohibition by participating in the last world championships after two years has been banned for another 4 years after the expiry of the initial 4 years. The coach has been banned for 2 years and he also said that they have to deal with it whether they will impose some sort of a sanction on the federation which can early to be financial one. Mr. Nuvin said that all in all he would say that by next week they should be able to close a lot of cases, with perhaps pending with the case of Columbia where they are wait for information, Iraq which has been given until next week, Monday to reply, if he doesn't reply then they can close the case and Bahrain as well will be able to close.</p>
11. Session 2020	
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Mr. Thumfart finally sent out the invitation to all National Federations with the approval of the dates by the President, that at least JJIF have a finalized one decision making meeting. Before end of the year they can close the account of 2019 which must be approved by the Session 2020. He also said that they see a good chance that they can run this event online if there are no objections that somebody claim that they want secret voting but normally in the session they haven't encounter this cases in the previous years. He also added that they don't have too many cases it is somethings on the agenda with the sporting code things that have been forgotten or missing in the big change of last year. On the 12th of October 2020 they would have the deadline for the proposals from the federations. Final Agenda must be sent out on the 12th of November 2020.</p> <p>Mr. Perc took the opportunity to speak and said that it is a very good idea to conduct the session online, he said that he is not afraid very much of the request of secret votes because if that will be the case the least quarter of the member's present would need to require that so by the statutes will be on the safe side. And he also said that it is a good way that they show that as an organization they function and work whatever the situation, He said that he is very in favor of the motion and he see no reservations and not afraid of quarter of member's present will complicate with something that will decretive their initiatives.</p>
12. JJIF Electoral Congress & JJCJ Elections	
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Mr. President said that they have a discussion two weeks ago with AIMS because they have the same problem, he said that they can have a congress by electronic form but they cannot vote. There was a proposal from a Swiss company that they guarantee that the system can work but they are charging 50,000 CHF. The president believe that they can postponed all the continental and JJIF congress for the next year because there is no solution for that. And since they can at least solve the technical part not necessary to push too much on this way. The president said that in the other hand there are couple of people asking for election but this is not possible and nobody can guarantee the votes. He also added that they also need time to prepare the congress and give time to people to candidate for the positions.</p> <p>Mr. Thumfart said that they can go back with the idea of Online Convention, so he said try to get an online convention with the total of different agenda but in the beginning of 2021 when they hopefully get more information or if the vaccination works in the countries, but he said that it is very obvious that the situation they cannot run an electoral congress at the moment. He also mentioned that they have decided long ago that they will postpone it in the next year and they can take this decision back if the situation comes back to normal much earlier. Mr. Thumfart said he just want to keep it up that they can be aware of the things moving.</p>

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13. Online Seminar Ethics Commission	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart said technically they had an online seminar with the ethic commission and they have received a good feedback. They have immediately share information and presentations they got pretty sophisticated and good feedback from New Zealand Ju Jitsu Federation, obviously they have some really good partners. Mr. Thumfart said that he sent this to the committee and the board, in general he said that it was a very good point, they have a delegate, they have a representative from ethics commission in the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Tsegeye thank Mr. Thumfart for organizing the seminar and gave a special thanks to the President for proposing to hold an online seminar. He said that they are very glad and thankful to the attendees and he said that he wish to have more board members and national federation representatives to the aforesaid seminar.</p>
14. Use of JJIF Logo	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Perc suggest that Mr. Nuvin and him will prepare something that base on the document which was already circulated and something to put in the agenda for the next meeting</p>
<u>Conclusion</u>	
<p>The JJIF President addressed the Session. He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.</p>	

Online Meeting, 20th September 2020
Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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