



Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Board Meeting

18th October 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 President 2. Ms. Margarita Ochoa - JJIF Board Member 3. Mr. Trilok Kumar (Nevin) Proag- JJIF Board Member 4. Ms. Medha Goodary- JJIF Board Member 5. Mr. Robert Perc- JJIF Board Member 6. Mr. Arturo Soler- JJPAU Board 		
Attendees with NO voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF-HQ 2. Mr. Suresh Gopi-JJAU-Vice President 3. Mr. Tsegaye Digeneh- JJAFU Vice President 4. Mr. Rick Frowyn- JJEU- Board 5. Mr. Michael Korn- JJEU- Vice President 6. Mr. Adolfo Trejo- JJPAU - Vice President 		
Observers (invited)			

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.

We discussed to motivate the athletes representatives to appoint substitutes if they cannot participate. As members of athletes commission they shall substitute with voting right.

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3. Session 2020	
Mr. Joachim Thumfart	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart (JJIF Director General) stated that the official deadline for proposals from the Federations is over for the Session 2020. He said that they have received 5 proposals from the German Federation they are mainly pointing technically about the rules and the rules set:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break time Medical Rules Jiu-Jitsu Fighting Round Robbin settlement. <p>He informed everyone that he already sent about the break time and there are discussions going on about the technical commissions. The medical commission is not in favor of the medical rules change so this will go anyway in one to have the proposal for the medical rules and the change ideas. Mr. Thumfart added that in Jiu Jitsu, its detailed in the rules and he said the Jiu Jitsu committee is aware about it. In Fighting and round robin settlement is something that they have in the agenda as well. Mr. Thumfart said that he doesn't see critical proposals and critical points in the session so far and from this point he said that they did not received proposals from continental unions. And he sought that the question is what else the JJIF has to bring in except the Anti-doping rules 2021. He also said that he followed up and there is a lot of work done by Ms. Medha and Mr. Nuvin at the moment with discussion with the WADA, ITA and GAIFS to get the JJIF in a status of valid rules for the Anti- Doping.</p>
4. Anti- Doping Update	
Mr. Nuvin Proag	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Nuvin said as regards with the Anti-Doping rules, Ms. Medha and him started to work with the new rules to be adopted in accordance with the 2020 WADA Code and they already submitted the full draft to the WADA and they are currently reviewing and have been set a deadline to review. He said that once an international Federation submitted them a document they a deadline to review within 3 weeks. Mr. Nuvin said that they don't see any problem, the only thing that they want to clarify is the only issue of the appointment of the hearing panel, as per their international standard they said that the JJIF should appoint a named person for 2 years which are renewable. Mr. Nuvin said that they have proposed that they don't want to bind their selves and name people right now since they have an arrangement with ITA. They also proposed to WADA they will appoint representative whenever its required. Mr. Nuvin added that according to the international standard they will also have the possibility to delegate to a third party agency like ITA to appoint the JJIF review panel. So as of now they proposed to do not appoint people and whenever its require they will consult ITA to recommend 1-3 person. As per the rules they have to appoint 3 people but depending with the nature of the case because the hearing panel can seat with only one person. Mr, Nuvin sought that these are the proposals they have sent and they have to revert to JJIF, the also have inquiry with the international athletes and they proposed a definition which is quite wide and they said that if it's too wide it won't be workable so they have restricted the definition of international athletes to the first ten in each category on the JJIF Ranking List. Mr Nuvin said apart from that JJIF should have the approval of WADA within their given date of deadline in 3weeks after the documents have been submitted and we should be definitely ready to be submitted in the upcoming session a proposal of our new Anti-Doping Rules 2021 as per the new WADA CODE and already approved by WADA.</p>

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5. Financials	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart stated that they have tried to get ahead with the financial reports and ask Mr. Luc Mortelmans to prepare a breakdown and even to check the account immediately with Mr. Rick and the audit can be done in one line then at first we work on the paper base what is in our documents and folders which Mr. Luc has constant access too, but the bank statements are only accessible for Panagiotis Theodoropoulos.</p> <p>2019 reports must be approved in the session and the audit to be done. It must be taken in consideration that the auditor from Thailand Mr. Chuchart is not the President anymore and there is no update from him for long time. Mr Thumfart asked the JJIF board if it's possible to appoint or name a 2nd Auditor and replacement and auditor must be elected from the session as well or Mr. Rick can do the auditing by himself alone.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Perc said that technically the board can appoint someone and explain in the session what happened and asked the session for approval.</p>
6. Membership	
ITALY	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart reported that the president and his self and the Italian leadership had a meeting last Thursday night and got another application from FIJLKAM stating that they could not get any agreement done with the JJIF member in Italy (Ju Jitsu Federation of Italy). He also stated that in January they had a meeting in Lausanne where all of them promised to be constructive to get a merger or get a joint federation in place. The statement of FIJLKAM is that they made a proposal to the president of the recognized member in Italy and he rejected all kinds of proposals that's why they saw the necessity to apply again and ask for the replacement of Federation. They have discussed with Mr. Igor and Mr. Pierro what happened and what are the situation is and they told them the story from the other side that they made proposals to FIJLKAM and the proposal they have shown is pretty logical to accepted JJFI inside FIJLKAM. A structure which is also existing, there is a grappling and MMA federation which is inside FIJLKAM recognized that's the construction they have interesting wise these federation is recognized the Sport International Ju Jitsu Federation. Mr. Thumfart said that they have discussed and would go ahead if the Board agree to send a letter to FIJLKAM and ask they what did they proposed because they just wrote that they proposed lot of things but they rejected and it is in the interest of Ju Jitsu of JJIF to have a federation which really takes care with Ju Jitsu sport and not just one to control the market and most especially if they still collaborate with federations with rivaling federation of JJIF. Mr. Thumfart also added that the NOC of Italy surprising us as they simply rejected any kind of new applications even if somebody becomes an Olympic sport they will never recognize them and they should go under one of the existing federation.</p>
Conclusion	<p>The JJIF President proposed to send letter to FIJLKAM and explain them few lines that their registration is not accepted but not rejected until JJIF gather more information on what they said just to think that Mr. Falcone that it is not a game and he cannot control everything without collaboration with the people. The president also said that at the moment they can still find a way to collaborate if it's possible. He also stated that they see that the Italian federation is in favor and actually the proposal given to FIJLKAM has been in favor to FIJLKAM. The president sought that better to ask the FIJLKAM what proposal they have given to Italian federation that has been totally rejected by Mr. Pierro.</p>

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7. Schedule 2021	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Perc stated that they had a discussion with the European Board and discussed about the program for the next year, that they need to make a plan and of course the plan is to have a kind of flexibility because for sure on what they know there is many things that they don't know at the moment and many things can change regarding with the corona virus and especially as it was stated it can change per continent differently to the other continent. He said their proposal for the next year would be like A- B- C program. Program A would be consistent to the usual way how they organize a big events and continental championships. B Program is they will try to accommodate change and be flexible as much as possible and if it will not work then they will proceed with the C program. Mr. Perc also added that they believe they need to produce some sort of the plan for next year based on the usual way of the JJIF work how they build the calendar with options that they can think about this moment what they will do on certain events that cannot be organized and of course the biggest concern is the World Championship can it be done? Mr. Perc said at least they have certain plans that they can give to the members, some sort of guidelines what is the view of the events.</p> <p>Mr. President stated that in the last board member meeting he has given the members the proposal of the program and that was not just a proposal and he believe that the World Championship will be conduct on 2021 but the president said that he is not sure about the cost of the event because until this time statistics should be lot of support such vaccination and medicines with good statistical result that the JJIF will get a lot of opportunity to organize the World Championship but he cannot estimate the cost.</p>
Conclusion	<p>Form coordination group for Plan "A" within the next weeks Plan "B" - "C" in the follow up depends on E-events and splitting events moving them in different directions .</p>
8. Prepare an online "Convention" 2021	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Perc suggested to follow the process as they have to put in the program for the schedule of next year. He said they have the usual way which is very optimistic plan A and all the rest as what they have been discussed before and the rest is up to the members from continent and technical commission to find the best solution for the board to approve. And he added that the program is a must and JJIF need to have a program even if its optimistic and doesn't concern about the COVID-19 but at least they can change depend on the situation.</p>
9. The World Games athlete of all times - Nomination	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart detailed to the board that the World Games is asking for the nomination for the athlete of the year and should be as well at the same time the best athlete at all times. He informed the board that they have placed it into the athletes group in Facebook as a poll and they have received some proposal of athletes. Mr. Thumfart added that the athletes they proposed is someone who has a very good social media representation because it they will be elected based on the social media votes inside the world games. Mr. Rob Haans has double or three times vote compared to the other proposed athletes.</p>
Conclusion	<p>Rob Haans shall be the IWGA athlete</p>

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10. JJIF Webpage	
Discussion	Mr Thumfart informed the board that they are currently working on the update and corrections of the new in the new web page and he also discussed with Mr. Toli that the JJIF website will be launched first in the on JJIF.sport, they have these domain under GAIFS so they have the transition time, so they can have it as a better version running and keep the jjif.org especially to assure email functionality.
11. Participants in the Sports for Climate Action Framework	
	Mr. Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	<p>JJIF joined the indicative of Sports4Climate after Mr. Christian's point that for sure sustainability and ecology will be a requirement in future IOC recognition process. Joachim Thumfart stated that he participated on the sport for the climate action online conference. There are projects to implement to follow the sport for climates frame work activities.</p> <p>Mr. Tsagaye addressed the board to propose to have a JJIF tree planting, he said that this is also for the contribution of JJIF and good image of JJIF in order to be also recognized by other international organization.</p>
12. World Championship 2018 - Final Agreement	
Discussion	<p>After two years finally they received the final agreement with the Swedish Ju Jitsu Federation about the World Championship 2018. Mr Thumfart said that some sanctions and penalties according to the contract on JJIF Rules had been imposed but balanced as well to not harm the federation today. The Swedish Ju Jitsu Federation apologized for the mistakes in a letter. Most of the involved persons did not care at all to solve the situation. The good cooperation of SJJF president Isabelle Safrati must be acknowledged.</p>
13. UTS / AIMS Virtual Youth Challenge Information	
	Ms. Meggie Ochoa
Discussion	Ms. Meggie stated that so far the Max Fit and the Talent Show are the two events where people actually participated, for Aero Fit no body registered. Overall there are only 4 countries that actually participated. She also mentioned that she thinks that this could have been a huge opportunity for the kids to stay active during this time.
14. International School Games	
	Mr. Suresh Gopi
Discussion	<p>In the JJIF application of School Games they tried to find out which national federations are link to the school and at the moment JJIF receive few replies and as well something if they want to get ahead, Mr. Thumfart said that he remembers about FISU that he is running single by single to push everyone to get the FISU recognition.</p> <p>Mr. Gopi said JJIF need to target the International School Games Federation directly and give them an offer that they can't refuse.</p>

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15. World Police and Fire Games Netherlands 2022

Discussion

Mr. Rick delivered a good news to the JJIF Board regarding with the World police and fire games in Netherlands on 2022. He mentioned that they had the final meeting with the Organizing committee of World Police and Fire Games and finally Ju Jitsu has been confirmed its inclusion in the aforesaid event.

NEXT MEETING 8th November 2020

Conclusion

The JJIF President addressed the Session He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Online Meeting, 18. October 2020
Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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