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MINUTES FROM THE JJIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 26 November 2009 – Mare-Nostrum Hotel– Athens – GREECE

1. Welcome and Opening of the GA

The President of the Greek Federation, Mr. Anestis Poulidikidis, welcomed heartily all delegates and declared the GA opened.

2. President's Welcome speech

JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, wished the GA fruitful and constructive discussions.

3. Roll Call and Attendance

3.1. Present member federations with the right to vote

The roll call was duly carried out, after the List of attendance was duly signed by all delegates on entering the Conference Hall.

3.2. List of invited guests and observers

It was announced that the former JJIF Vice-President, Mr. Luis Baguena, had been invited to attend; and that he had thanked for the invitation and apologized for not being in a position to travel. Nevertheless he would be happy to be regularly informed about the activities of the Federation.

The guests from the World Pangration Athlima Federation were also introduced.

4. Election of Chairman of the GA and a Person to write the Minutes

The JJIF Secretary General asked for volunteers and proposals. After having received none, she proposed the GA to be chaired by Mr. Luc Mortelmans, JJIF Treasurer; and the minutes to be written by her. This proposal was approved by acclaim.

5. Awarding Ceremony for Luis Baguena's Contribution to JJIF

The JJIF President announced that the Board suggested Mr. Luis Baguena to be

awarded the title “Honorary JJIF Vice President” as a token of JJIF’s appreciation and deep respect to his long years of involvement and contribution to the popularization and promotion of ju-jitsu the world over. This was accepted with unanimous approval.

Another proposal was made – to present a Certificate to Mr. Mario Den Edel, ex-Sport Director, in appreciation of his 30-year-devoted involvement and contribution for the promotion of ju-jitsu the world over. The JJIF President stressed out that Mr. Mario Den Edel would continue to assist all activities in the future with his expertise and knowledge. Mr. Mario Den Edel thanked all those present who gave their appreciation to his work by acclaim.

The Secretary General of JJEU(The European Union), Mr. Robert Perc, announced the decision of the JJEU to grant the title “Honorary JJEU President” to Mr. Luis Baguena. This decision was unanimously applauded once again.

6. Nomination of two persons for verifying the Minutes and two scrutineers

The Chairman of the GA further went on, by asking for volunteers to check and verify the Minutes, and scrutineers for the elections.

The delegates approved the nomination of Ms. Dana Murgescu, Romania, and Mr. Hugo Van Os, Belgium, for the Minutes; and Mr. Robert Perc, Slovenia, and Mr. Colince Tchinda, Cameroon, as scrutineers.

7. Adoption of the present Agenda

There was a proposal from Mr. Tom Kempkens, The Netherlands, that Item 6 should be changed and become No. 8. However it was agreed that that would not be suitable and the Agenda was approved the way it had been presented.

8. JJIF Activities Report for the period 2008 – 2009

The JJIF President read the report. (*the report is attached to the Minutes*)

The Chairman of the GA asked for comments, and respectively – for the support of the delegates. The report was approved.

9. Vice-President’s Report

Mr. Heinz Lamade read his report(*attached as well*).

Mr. Tomo Borissov also read his report(*attached to the Minutes*).

Mr. Tom Kempkens voiced out his opinion that self-defence was also being developed by judo; and that JJIF, according to the Statutes, was responsible for the development of the sport of ju-jitsu; he said that the Netherlands did not accept self-defence as a sport.

There were no other comments on this opinion.

10. General Secretary's Report

The report was read out(*attached, as well*).

Then, on their request, the letters addressed to the JJIF President by the President of the Pan-American Union, Mr. Ignacio Aloise, and the President of the Ethiopian Federation, Dr. Tsegaye Degineh, were read out – thus the delegates had the chance to hear about the developments and the existing problems.

10.1. Report about the new applications for Membership and acceptance from the GA for new members; Voting

The Secretary General reported the new candidates(eighteen altogether), which will be Provisional National Members, in keeping with the new JJIF Statutes:

- Kyrgyzstan
- Georgia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Senegal
- Tunis
- Niger
- Egypt
- Libya
- Congo
- Cameroon
- Ivory Coast
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Paraguay
- Uruguay

Detailed and summarized information was being reported for the separate candidates; however, on the proposal of the Chairman of the GA, this report was discontinued, on the approval of the delegates; the information and the correctness of the documentation was taken for granted, after being approved by the Board.

One candidate for Associated Member was also reported: the **World Pangration Athlima Federation.**

A question about the purpose of this association was raised by Mr. Frank Furst,

Denmark.

The President explained that Pangration was compatible with Ju-Jitsu, that it was based on the same popular idea of SportAccord/GAISF – many similar sports to be united and work together. Pangration, he said, was a Martial Art, not yet recognized, but could help our sport with its historical roots as a martial art.

Mr. Tom Kempkens expressed his opinion that it was not necessary to get them as our members; this might cause new problems, he said.

The representatives of Pangration presented themselves and their federation.

The President of JJIF appealed to all delegates to be more open as a sport. He said that the joint activities between the two federations would be on a case-by-case programme.

A question was raised by the President of Cyprus, Mr. Marios Kyriakides, whether an associated JJIF membership would mean such on a national level.

The JJIF Honorary President, Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi, explained that this membership would not be on a national level; as a multi-national association, JJIF could have joint events only if the events should turn out to be compatible.

Mr. Robert Perc, Slovenia, said that JJIF had many problems with belt-wrestling; he voiced out his concern that this new member might cause similar problems in the future; according to him, this vote might be a mistake.

JJIF President explained, that the World Pangration Federation had requested and applied for associated membership, while the Belt-Wrestling Federation had never applied; had never been approved, and had just moved in. By collaborating with another sport, he said, we could move ahead and further develop ju-jitsu.

The Chairman put the proposed candidates to the vote.

The 18 provisional members were approved unanimously by applause.

The candidacy of Pangration to become an associated JJIF member was approved, with 3 votes against: Mr. Robert Perc, Slovenia; Mr. Tom Kempkens, The Netherlands; and Mr. Frank Furst, Denmark.

11. Treasurer's Report

11.1. Financial report for the period 2008 – 2009.

The Treasurer, Mr. Luc Mortelmans, read his report.

There were questions from the delegate from Cyprus about the missing amounts of money, and outlined as legal questions which should be solved out.

The Treasurer explained that this would be left to the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

Another opinion was voiced out – from Mr. Frank Furst, who said that: 1/ Maybe the former President would like to pay back his due; or 2/ if the GA should decide to take legal actions, then the former President, Mr. Paul Hoglund, should not be present in the congress hall.

The delegate from Cyprus stressed out the fact that the control for the expenditure was too weak.

The Treasurer explained that in the past the GA's approved the financial results so that it was not possible to ask for a refund of those expenses. At this moment all the expenses are audited by the Treasurer and then presented to the board for approval. There are no more advances paid. The next GA will then decide the approval.

A question was asked whether the decision made by the congress would be distributed to all those concerned.

The Treasurer answered in the affirmative.

The question whether to approve the expenses made in the year 2008 or not, was put to the Vote. There were no objections whatsoever. The delegates decided unanimously not to approve the expenses for 2008.

The Balance sheet for 2009 revealed a different approach of transparency. The Treasurer explained that all income/expenditure projects for next year would be done in the same manner. Then, in 2010, the final results would be reported.

11.2. Auditors' Report

Mr. Tom Kempkens read the report of Mr. Gerard Van Bommel, auditor.

The Report was put to the vote and approved by the delegates, pointing out that it had not been signed by the other auditor, Mr. Bruce Bethers.

12. Disciplinary Measures proposed by the Board regarding the harmful and dissident-like activities and behavior of Mr. Paul Hoglund and other officials supporting his ideas and activities.

The Chairman gave the floor to JJIF President. Mr. Theodoropoulos said that he

felt uncomfortable to discuss such issues, yet - it was necessary that all members should know the facts (all documents are available to everybody who should be interested) about what was being done by e-mails, by the internet, etc. He reminded that on the morning of September 2, 2005, the Asian Union was established in Kazakhstan by 5 countries – Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Singapore and Kazakhstan, although Pakistan and Iraq were not active JJIF members. And on the very same day, in the afternoon this Union merged with Belt-Wrestling, to establish the Belt-Wrestling and Ju-Jitsu Federation. This act in itself had nothing to do and does not correspond to the provisions of the JJIF Statutes. This Federation was approved solely by the ex-President of JJIF, Paul Hoglund. Then this new Federation was reported to the JJIF delegates at the GA in 2006 by Khalil Khan. The explanation for merging with another – quite different sport, both in essence and in philosophy, was the expected sponsorship from belt-wrestling, that would solve the problem with the membership fees of the ju-jitsu national members in Asia. Nothing, however, of this sort happened. No fees had ever been paid. GAISF addressed all IFs in the beginning of 2009 with an official letter regarding the problem with Muaythai and the Asian MA Games. JJIF responded favourably and supported this position, by sending out letters to all Asian NFs asking them not to participate in these Games. Then this problem was solved and GAISF let all Asian NFs participate and get involved in these Games. Then the Board was surprised to find out information that the Belt-Wrestling and Ju-Jitsu federation was going to participate with its own Technical Handbook, its own rules, etc. quite different that those of JJIF. Allthemore, with the names of the current President of JJIF and the Secretary General, without their knowledge or approval; and the name of the Honorary President Paul Hoglund. This, he said, was totally unacceptable – i.e. ju-jitsu to be developed and practiced under the rules of the AJJBWF. JJIF sent letters to the organizer, to GAISF and OCA saying that AJJBWF is a dissident organization and this event was not recognized by JJIF, and that the latter did not shoulder any responsibility ensuing from it. Actually there were 16 athletes allegedly representing ju-jitsu. Mr. Paul Hoglund and Mr. Khalil Khan sent out letters blaming JJIF for trying to destroy ju-jitsu around the world. GAISF renewed their assurances in giving their firm support to their members against dissidents. Paul Hoglund accused Panagiotis Theodoropoulos of destroying all continental Unions and making the European Union as a Protectorate. The JJIF President said that all that was simply enough. All member federations, and all delegates representing them, should make a decision. Being free and democratic, all delegates should let Mr. Paul Hoglund be present in order to listen to him – for not more than 15 minutes.

The Chairman asked Mr. Paul Hoglund whether he was willing to respond.

The floor was given to Mr. Paul Hoglund. He protested that he should first of all

be informed of what he was being accused. He said that he had not received anything from the Board. This was legally incorrect. Thus he could not discuss the statements. Otherwise, he would be able to give information and explanation in writing. By being not informed, not concretely accused, it would not be possible for him to defend himself. Some of the accusations, he said, were incorrect. And, still – he could have defended himself. He complained of being attacked every time and of not being in a position to legally respond to the accusations. This could be done for every single item, but he needed the accusations.

The Chairman of the GA suggested to have a break. This was approved by the delegates.

(After the break – continuation)

The Chairman suggested to conclude with Item 12. He asked for proposals for the formulation.

JJIF President said that this was a difficult point but that all delegates should be straight and hard. He proposed to withdraw the title “Honorary President and exclude Paul Higlund from all Ju-Jitsu activities.

The Chairman suggested to add also: to be excluded from any future positions in JJIF.

Mr. Robert Perc expressed his opinion that if a decision should be made the way it had been suggested, then this would solve the problem only half way. What about legal actions, he suggested. Many questions had not been answered. The Board needed a legal advisor – how to get the money back, or whether to undertake criminal actions? Everything should be made clear; nothing should be left behind. He summarized his arguments by suggesting legal actions to be undertaken as well.

The delegate from Cyprus suggested additionally such actions to be undertaken with regards to Mr. Luc Cassier, the former JJIF Treasurer. He should also give the money back.

The Chairman explained that Mr. Luc Cassier was not doing any harm to JJIF; that he was being silent; and that is why such actions would not be necessary for him. He also explained, that according to the new Statutes, every member of the Board should be liable for his/her actions in the future.

Mr. Robert Perc took the floor again and said that the GA was not a court. That

the Board was left with an open job – to clarify if Mr. Paul Hoglund and Mr. Luc Cassier were really guilty or not.

Mr. P. Theodoropoulos said that these financial problems were due to the bad management of Mr. Paul Hoglund and Mr. Luc Cassier. However it was Mr. Paul Hoglund, who – as President, should be held responsible. That the new Board used an external auditor for the first time; and that we should continue to do so in the future. He said that if the Assembly should decide to go to Court, this would mean to spend much more money.

Mr. Tom Kempkens made a remark, by saying that this would not mean “one should not compete, if the gold medal would not be guaranteed”.

The Chairman rounded up the discussions by saying that we should look forward to the future, that we should move forward; otherwise we should waste money and energy in vain.

Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi expressed his concern that the money was not that important; what should be paid attention to was the scale of the damage having been caused on to JJIF.

Mr. Linus Bruhin, Legal Advisor, explained that JJIF would lose money if a decision should be made to undertake court proceedings. Besides, nobody knew any good lawyer in Sweden, as the court proceedings should be carried out there.

The Chairman summarised the formulation of the GA’s decision, on the grounds of the additional formulations suggested by the delegates:

On the grounds of :

- *the dissident activities of Paul Hoglund, while acting as President of JJIF, and still carried out afterwards, resulting in the creation of a dissident structure and federation in Asia, having nothing in common whatsoever, implemented in cooperation with his colleague Khalil Khan, former representative of the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union, and leading to grave hindrances set in front of the national ju-jitsu federations in Asia;*
- *as well as the involvement of the new management of JJIF in useless disputes with the Olympic Council of Asia;*
- *and activities that damaged the image of JJIF the world over;*
- *as well as his bad management and abuse of power, and namely: actions having not been planned or approved by the Board of Directors, as renting an office in Lausanne; constant trips around the world;*

*presenting copies instead of the original invoices and receipts for his expenses, resulting in financial loss of the Federation,
The GA of JJIF, held on 26 November 2009 in Athens, Greece, made unanimously the following decision:*

- *Does not approve the expenses made in 2008;*
- *Declares Null and Void the title “Lifetime Honorary President of JJIF” of Paul Hoglund, former JJIF President, granted to him at the GA held on November 27, 2008 in Malmo, Sweden. ;*
- *Expels Paul Hoglund from the ju-jitsu community and restricts him from any positions within JJIF in the future.*

The Chairman asked the delegates to vote either in favour, or against. The above decision was made unanimously; there was no vote against.

Mr. Tom Kempkens pointed out that special attention should be paid to the rank of the delegates – whether the delegate was the Federation’s President, or if somebody else – whether this person had a valid proxy or not; also, whether the NF was a full member, or not, which presupposed its right to vote.

13. Approval of the Minutes from the GA 2008 in Malmo(Sweden).

The Chairman of the GA asked the delegates for their approval of the Minutes. They were approved unanimously.

14. Rounding-up the discussions for the Draft-Statutes and Draft-Rules

Mr. Linus Bruhin rounded up all considerations, suggestions, etc.

Mr. Tom Kempkens drew the attention of the delegates to a hypothetical situation; if somebody should have a problem with the Board, and the Board was the one to appoint and elect the Disciplinary Committee, then this would not be correct.

Mr. Linus Bruhin suggested then to amend the text in the Statutes, concerning the Disciplinary committee as follows:

“The members of the Disciplinary Committee are to be elected by the General Assembly”.

Another amendment was also suggested, but it’s already part of the draft:

“Every National Federation should feel obliged to send its national delegates to the General Assemblies”.

“The Board Members should not influence the decisions of the National Federations”.

Mr. Joachim Thumfart suggested the following addition to the text in the Statutes, reading: “JJIF is to organize the sport of ju-jitsu”, to be further added: **“the sport of ju-jitsu, Martial arts, and self-defence”**

The JJIF President answered a question raised regarding the technical directors. He explained that the two technical directors would be elected by the Technical Congress, BUT approved by the General Assembly(added to the corresponding article of JJIF Statutes).

Mr. Robert Perc asked whether there was any deadline for the Unions and NFs to harmonise their Statutes with the new JJIF Statutes.

The JJIF President answered that there was no deadline but the sooner this was to be done, the better.

15. Putting the Draft Statutes and Draft Rules to the vote for approval.

The Chairman of the GA explained, that changes, improvements and amendments were possible to be made always; after a few years the Statutes having been discussed at present, could be subject to new changes and approval. However, once being approved, they should be effected immediately. He asked the delegates to vote in favour and give the power to the Board to finalize the definitive wording of the Statutes. The Statutes were approved unanimously. No votes against.

The Chairman proposed the members of the Disciplinary Committee to be approved, and namely:

- Mr. Linus Bruhin, Switzerland – Chairman
- Mr. Dario Quenza, Italy – Member
- Mr. Michael Korn, Germany – Member

There were no votes against. This proposal was unanimously approved.

The Financial Rules were put to the Vote and unanimously approved, as well.

16. JJIF Committee’s Reports and Proposals

16.1. Sport Director

Mr. Joachim Thumfart thanked Mr. Mario den Edel for his continued cooperation and readiness to cooperate in the future. He spoke about the JJIF Summer camp in 2009 and assessed it as a big success. Besides the regular training sessions, there were self-defence discussions, Board meetings; etc. He advertised the next year’s camp. He pointed out the necessity of having joint discussions between coaches and referees. In his capacity of TD for the Combat Games, he gave some information about the facilities in China and the preparation for JJIF’s participation.

16.2. Chairman Referee Committee

Mr. Henrik Sandberg reported the proposals of the referee discussions, having been made at the Technical Congress in Romania, and during the World Games in Taipei.

He stressed out the necessity to change the rules, i.e. that the nationality of the referee on the mat should not be specially paid attention to and should be disregarded in the future.

(Note: the summary of the referee report will be attached separately).

Mr. Joachim Thumfart suggested that the new Rules should be effected in August 2010 – starting with the World Combat Games 2010.

Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi underlined the necessity of the simplicity in the wording of the Rules; that there should be simple explanations, so that the spectators could easily get an idea what was going on; what were the criteria for the judging actually.

The congress approved the new rules and gave the power to the referee committee to do the changes in the new rules.

16.3. The Committees' Proposals approved by the Board

Medical Committee – Dr. Arnold Brons reported his proposed version of the necessary documentation(*already dispatched to all NFs in advance*).

The President of the African Union, Mr. Colince Tchinda, informed all delegates about the GA of the African Union, about their elections and new managements. He informed also about the division of the African Union into zones, about their willingness to actively take part in all events of JJIF. The problems they had been trying to solve were also pointed out: offices, not sufficient training, etc. He concluded by saying that their final goal would be participation in the Combat Games in Beijing.

The President of South Korea, Mr. Youn Induk, shared his visions for a marketing plan; he voiced out his desire and readiness to host an international event of JJIF in South Korea. He requested for technical guidebooks especially for the fighting system, which could be used for their future training sessions.

17. Future World Championships

17.1. Vienna – Austria – the delegate of Austria made a short presentation about the preparation of their federation for the World Championship in 2012.

Sanct Petersburg – Russia – World Championship in 2010 – the Russian delegate mentioned about the support of the Russian government and their

activities for the preparation.

17.2. Candidates for future Championships.

As there were no candidates, it was decided that this could be done by e-mail, addressed to the General Secretary. It was stressed out, that the candidacy should also be accompanied by a financial back-up, so that to highlight the financial conditions.

There was a proposal made by Mr. Tom Kempkens: all reports to be sent out in advance and not to be read at the congress. Thus time could be saved, and only issues of importance would be discussed.

18. Closing the GA

The Chairman announced the GA closed, as all issues had been duly considered and there were no more pending issues to be discussed.

The JJIF GA 2009 was closed down.

Verified by:



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Minutes written by:



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LIST OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Country	Delegate	Representative
Austria	Wilhelm Erber (proxy)	Christian Beisteiner
Azerbaijan	A. Jafarov, 1 st Vice-President	M. Seidov
Belgium	Hugo Van Os, President	Nick Goemaere
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Radislav Jovicic, President	Natasa Papic

Bulgaria	Tomo Borissov, President	
Cameroon	Colince Tatsa Tchinda, President	
Cyprus	Marios Kyriakides, President	
Denmark	Frank Furst (proxy)	
Ethiopia	Colince Tchinda (proxy)	
France	Eugene Domagata	
Greece	Anestis Poulidikidis, President	
Germany	Herbert Frese, President	Michael Korn
Israel	Edmond Bouzaglo, President	
Italy	Dario Quenza, President	
Kazakhstan	Anuarbek Bainazarov, President	Kanat Tleumbetov
South Korea	Youn Induk, President	
Mexico	Adolfo Trejo, Vice-President	Enrique Nolaxo
Montenegro	Nikola Asanin, President	
The Netherlands	Tom Kempkens (proxy)	
Poland	Stefan Badenski, President	
Romania	Ion Chelu (proxy)	Dana Murgescu
Russia	Georgi Kukoverov, Vice-President	
Slovenia	Robert Perk, President	
Spain	Eusebio Sanchez (proxy)	Francesco Gomez Serrato
Sweden	Gunnar Hoffsten, President	
Switzerland	Gerhard Tscherter, Vice-President	Linus Bruhin
Ukraine	Victor Malyutenko, President	Konstantin Pavlenko
Total: 27 NFs		

Note: There were 420 athletes competing at the World Championship for Juniors and Aspirants 2009 in Athens, Greece, from 23 countries.