

AJJF BUSINESS

American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Operations Committee phone meeting, Dec. 8, 2004.

Present: Jaya Carl, Pete St. Pierre, Prof Don Cross, JoAnn Strang, Matt Bigham, Barb Gessner

Chair: Ed Shatzen

Secretary: Nerissa Freeman

I. New School Approvals

A. Soryukan Dojo (AJJF Standard School) Sensei: Thomas DeAngelo, Shodan, Fleetwood, PA

B. Tenchi Kan (AJJF Standard School) Sensei: Anthony Carnemolla, Sandan, Eureka, CA

II. Secure location for OpsCom documents

A. There is a new location for securely posting AJJF documents on the AJJF web site: <http://www.ajjf.org/oc>

B. No content for this site yet.

III. Printing Certificates

A. Randy Schuster would like to use Kinko's to print certificates.

B. ACTION ITEM: Matt Bigham will follow up with Randy Schuster on status of printing certificates (already item #0904-01)

IV. Divisions Report

A. All Divisions are doing well except for Division 2. Have not heard from Mary Boland.

B. ACTION ITEM: JoAnn Strang is to follow up with Mary Boland on the status of Division 2 and then report to Ed Shatzen.

V. Finance Report

A. Information needed on how Regions are given money in order to complete budget

B. Matt Bigham and JoAnn Strang will discuss how regions obtain money.

C. Committed to having budget by the end of December

D. Net loss for FY 2004 will prob-

ably be around \$5,000 by the end of the year, mostly due to the National Convention

E. Insurance

1) One injury reported but no claim filed

F. BOD had asked for accident flow chart

2) ACTION ITEM: Matt Bigham will communicate with Kathie Himmah about submitting accident flow chart to the School Handbook

VI. Divisions/Regional/Manager Finance Training Session

A. Purpose is to inform regional managers on how they can obtain funding.

B. ACTION ITEM: Ed Shatzen, Matt Bigham, and Keith Thompson will set an appropriate time for this meeting, sometime at Convention.

VII. Communications

A. Webmaster/Web site

1) Anthony Carnemolla and Alex Belt will assist with web site.

2) Will upgrade ISP service to accommodate new format for web site. This will cost an additional nominal amount per month.

3) Google search has been added to the web site, to allow searching of only AJJF web pages.

4) Store pictures now online.

5) Web usage has remained steady over the past few years.

6) No feedback was received from the BOD on FAQ enhancements

VIII. Kiai Echo

A. Will be on line in the next week.

B. Proposal from Randy Schuster

1) Kiai Echo Editor should be a paid contractor position and the magazine be a monthly publication.

2) Dan Browning would not endorse a monthly edition without a professional staff.

3) Importance of maintaining the Kiai Echo has a quality publication with significant articles.

4) Prof. Cross feels the Board of Directors would probably prefer to keep

the Kiai Echo as a quarterly publication and be published by volunteer staff.

5) ACTION ITEM: Jaya Carl will contact Randy Schuster about his proposal.

Randy Schuster is welcome to apply as a volunteer to continue the Kiai Echo as a quarterly magazine.

IX. Events

A. Scott Redden is enthusiastic and ready to step into the position of Chair of Clinics and Contests.

B. The number of examinations this year should exceed what was done last year.

C. Convention 2005 is on schedule.

1) Mats may need to be brought from Northern California.

D. Ted and Kathy Himmah will host Convention 2006 in San Ramon, CA

E. Founders' Awards

1) Information on Awards will appear in Winter issue of Kiai Echo

2) Jerold Kunzman will send out another reminder to the Blackbelt list in a couple of weeks

3) In process of getting quotes for the cost of awards.

4) Perpetual award vs. individual awards.

5) There will be a perpetual award and then a small plaque or certificate given to the individual each year.

6) Each award may not be given every year if not enough people are nominated.

7) ACTION ITEM: Secretary will include Jerold's report in the minutes for distribution to BOD.

8) Proposal to not give Cahill award this year because of the limited timeframe for gathering contest information.

9) Proposal to launch the entire program in 2006 and introduce it more fully at

Convention 2005.

10) ACTION ITEM: Ed Shatzen will present proposal to the BOD on giving awards in 2006 and introducing them in 2005, so that all awards can be given at the same time.

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