

NANKA SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Keith Chu, Robert Draper, Gary Goltz, Scott Momii, Cheryl Harai, Hayward Nishioka, Jojo Aguliar, Dan Augustine, John Kelly, Artush Tavatyan, Jason Uno, Gary Takemoto, Derrick Kerr, Ken Teshima, Guest: Eddie K, Kristina, Maria Maciel

Apology from: Rob Oishi, Bill Phillips, Kenji Osugi

AGENDA: The USJF meeting is the 14th and 15th April, so it is important that Nanka has a consensus opinion on the situation.

The agenda will be to have an open discussion on the situation and determine what the consensus position at the USJF meeting our delegates shall be.

Supporting Documents:

USA Judo Announcement on agreement termination

USJF President Response

USA Judo Letter

Matsumoto and Rogan Email

USJF Special BOD Meeting (03/26) Agenda

USA Judo Safesport Policy

Keith Chu reviewed the motions that passed at the recent USJF Meeting:

1. They announced a \$35 membership for USA Judo members, only insurance- Nanka does not get any fees from this membership.
2. USJF will recognize referees, coaches, kata judges for just this year
3. USJF will recognize Dan ranks USJF/USJA

4. Discussed the USA Judo waiver for events- with no insurance. USJF insurance will not cover participation in USA Judo events.

Gary Goltz reviewed what USJA is offering .

Discussion topics:

- The Shodai program is on hold until this is sorted out.
- The Safe Sport Policy Letter from USA Judo. Requiring all adults who have contact with minors to complete the training. Safe Sport and USJF do have an agreement. The primary contact is between Safe Sport and USA Judo- still working out options.
- Q. Can we get independent insurance to allow us to keep running our events?

- **Our options:**
 1. Wait and See
 2. Go Rouge
 3. Make our own agreement with USA Judo

- USA Judo motives, desire to kill the USJF.
- Need Data on membership numbers, % of competitors vs. non-competitors, current membership status of local judoka.
- Q. What do we do about the Nanka Spring Tournament?
- Parent perception of judo and the need to appear unified. One organization without political fighting
 - **Agreement: to investigate independent insurance for Shodai and possibly extend to tournaments. Target date to have something in place, May 1. Shodai**
- We are a community serving those in judo, not just one organization. We live too much in the past. We have been servicing multiple organizations for years, not just USJF members. We must move forward and work together. We do have an obligation to our members.

- **Our Goals/ Options**
 1. Get the organizations working together and back to where we were.
 2. Potential of Dual Sanctions- make a motion at the USJF meeting.
 3. Get our own insurance.

- We need to think about the Winter Nationals as well. Gary Takemoto informed us that if we want the tournament to be a Referee evaluation and testing event, our sanction must be USA Judo.

- **Options**
 1. Drive all organizations to come back together to joint agreement
 2. Dual sanction
 3. Independent Insurance

Motion: Keith Chu, Seconded: Gary Goltz

Nanka’s Position at the USJF meetings and plan of Action

1. Push to get the parties working together again
2. Dual Sanction (USJF Meeting)
3. At the same time -Independent insurance- pursue for at least the Shodai and possibly tournaments. Nanka Spring Tournament.

Motion Passed 1 Abstained.

Keith: Thank You- Nanka is by definition a community, working together for decades to make judo grow. We may have different opinions, but we can take a leadership role and continue to work together to continue to make it happen.

Action Items:

Kristina will contact the clubs (Survey Monkey) and ask for information on number of members, which organization and competitor or non-competitor.

Keith and Gary Goltz will investigate / get a quote on independent insurance.

Keith will continue to work with the Nanka delegates to unify/ represent Nanka at the upcoming USJF meeting with our goals in mind. He will also continue to work behind the scenes to promote our position.

USJF Letters and Email thread will be posted on the Nanka Website along with these minutes, in the next couple days. **Cheryl**