



JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Board Meeting		
17 May 2020	05:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Abu Dhabi Time)	Online via Zoom (recorded)
Meeting called by	H.E. PANAGIOTIS THEODOROPOULOS, JJIF President	
Type of meeting	JJIF Board Member Meeting	
Note taker	Ms. Shiela Maglalang, Secretary	
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. Faisal Al Ketbi – JJIF Athletes Commission 4. Mr. Adolfo Trejo- JJPAU Board 5. Mr. Nuvin T.K Proag- JJIF Board Member 6. Mr. Robert Perc- JJIF Board Member 7. Ms. Medha Goodary- JJIF Board Member 	
Attendees with NO voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- Germany 2. Mr. Suresh Gopi- India 3. Mrs. Dana Mortelmans- Romania 4. Mr. Rick Frowyn- Netherlands 5. Mr. Zaya Zaya- Australia 6. Mr. Tareq Al Bahri- UAE 7. Mr. Mubarak Menhali- UAE 8. Mr. Tsegaye Degineh- Ethiopia 9. Mr. Arturo Soler 	
Observers (invited)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Cristian Wassemer (Germany) – IOC Rec. Consultant 	
1. WELCOME and Speech delivered by the JJIF President		
05:00 PM	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	
<p>The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis welcomed all the members present for the second edition of the online JJIF Board Member meeting and reopened the meeting to proceed with the open subjects in the agenda which has not done during the 1st online board meeting on 3rd May 2020.</p>		
2. Roll Call/ Open Agenda		
	Mr. Joachim Thumfart, (JJIF Director General)	
<p>Mr. Joachim Thumfart (JJIF Director General) took the opportunity to roll called members present. He also mentioned one by one the open subjects in the agenda and asked the members for new proposals.</p>		

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3. Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer's Letter	
Discussion	<p>The President asked the members present about their awareness with the letter sent by Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer dated 11th May 2020 addressed to H.E. Abdulmunem Al Hashimi and to all the JJIF Board Members regarding his complaints and accusations to the President and Mr. Joachim Thumfart.</p> <p>JJAU president H.E. Abdulmunem Al Hashimi had declared that this letter is a private and a personal statement of Dr. Al Muthafer. Even if written on JJAU letterhead signed in function of Dy. General Secretary and validated with JJAU stamp the letter is not reflection of the position of JJAU. The board discussed the content of the letter. Mr. Theodoropoulos and Mr. Thumfart were questioned about the mentioned allegations by JJEU President Robert Perc which pointed out that as well it must be considered both sides of the case. Dana Mortelmans mentioned that she was targeted by similar accusation before but want to have clarity of all the background of the accusations mentioned in the letter. Messrs. Mubarak Menhali and Tareq Al Bahri said that their names are mentioned as Dr Al Muthafer's witnesses but pointed out that they are not witnesses in his favor concerning the allegations. Slanders of JJIF officials and damaging the reputation by false accusations cannot be tolerated, especially when done officially in written form.</p> <p>A transparent investigation is needed and there is urgent need to ask Dr. Al Muthafer for more explanation of the allegations and the mentioned evidence needed to be hand over. None of the present persons has any idea about the facts behind the accusations.</p> <p>The president sincerely asked the JJIF legal department for their advice how the situation must be handled to protect the JJIF, but for sure action must be taken, possibly against himself and Mr. Thumfart or against Dr. Al Muthafer if the accusations cannot be proven.</p> <p>Robert Perc pointed out that for the moment no actions must be taken to protect everybody rights, the possible whistleblower and the possible offenders.</p> <p>Tsegaye Degineh offered the involvement of ethics commission to get clarity about the case. Nuvin Proag explained that the method of issuing this letter unfortunately skipped all possible processes of internal dispute resolution including the ethics commission.</p>
Conclusion	<p>The JJIF Board has decided with unanimous decision (7 out of 7 votes) to send a letter to Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer and asked to submit more detailed explanation and his evidences and witnesses' statements within 7 days of receipt of the letter to substantiate his very serious allegations as a result of which the JJIF Board will decide on the actions to be taken.</p> <p>Nuvin Proag in function of the legal committee shall write the letter and report in the next board meeting.</p> <p>The JJIF Board must be ready to investigate based on the evidence and witnesses statements and shall consider that if Dr. Al Muthafer have no such evidence and witnesses statements to support his very serious allegations and that these allegations are false and malicious accusations if he fail to submit such evidences and witnesses statements within the 7 days imparted to him.</p>
4. Continental Statutes	
Discussion	Mr. Nuvin Proag presented and briefly explained the content of the draft of Continental Statutes proposal (Annex***)
Conclusion	The President proposed to finalize and discuss the JJCU Statutes in the next JJIF Congress. And suggested the unions to have a meeting to discuss and share the content of the proposed JJCU statutes and give chance to each unions to drop their suggestions and proposals.

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5. JJCUC Activities	
Africa	Mr. Nuvin stated that the report of Africa is updated as per the Annex*** and there is nothing to add.
Pan-America	Mr. Adolfo Trejo says that they completely agreed with all the points that has mentioned in the proposed JJCUC Statutes and in the idea to revive the statutes. He mentioned that he is going to speak directly to the Pan American Union President Mr. Percoco to inform all the relevant information that has discussed in the JJIF Meeting.
Europe	Mr. Rick Frowyn has reported about their recent JJIF meeting of South Europe Region, they discussed about their needs for the region to be fulfilled with their possible members who has right to vote in the JJIF Session, he mentioned that during that meeting they had a small election because there are only 2 people elected during the last election they had in Greece. So during the mentioned meeting they have elected Mr. Eli Popplinger and Mr. Igor Lanzori as a new member for the JJCUC South Europe to complete 4 votes from South Europe for the JJIF Session. He added that it was quite interesting session and he was happy to be part of that meeting.
Asia	Mr. Suresh Gopi has reported about their previous meeting with the members of South Asian region initiated by the JJIF President and JJIF Director General. He mentioned that they have openly conducted election for the administrative party of South Asian region as well as for those who will represent the region in the JJIF Session. They have elected three members including one woman so that they have gender equality, the tree people out of 7 nations will be representing in the JJIF Session. They also conducted a fighting system zoom seminar for mainly South Asian Nations but it is open for everybody who's interested.
6. PHAS	
	Ms. Margarita Ochoa (Meggie)
Discussion	Ms. Meggie presented her proposal for the approval of role of Safeguarding Officer and Capacity Building documents. (Annex***)
Conclusion	The JJIF Board unanimously voted for the proposal as per (Annex ***). (7 out of 7 votes) To be disseminated to JJNOCs so they can assign Safeguarding Officers each JJNOC and JJIF can start working with them to implement PHAS in all JJNOCs)
7. Ju Jitsu for Good	
	Ms. Margarita Ochoa (Meggie)
Discussion	The proposal as per Annex*** Ju Jitsu for Good was presented by Ms. Meggie Ochoa. This is mainly for the umbrella program for Ju-jitsu-based social responsibility/sport for development projects
Conclusion	The JJIF Board unanimously voted for the proposal as per Annex*** (7 out of 7 votes)

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8. Appointment of JJIF Coordinator for Technical Commission	
Discussion	Appointment of Mr. Rick Frowyn as JJIF TC Coordinator.
Conclusion	The JJIF Board unanimously voted for Mr. Rick Frowyn as new JJIF TC Coordinator. (6 out of 6 votes)
8. Membership	
New Zealand	
Discussion	Approval for the membership application of New Zealand Ju Jitsu Federation (NZJJF).
Conclusion	The JJIF Board unanimously voted and granted the New Zealand Ju Jitsu Federation (NZJJF) a Provisionary Membership. (6 out of 6 votes)
Malta	
Discussion	Approval for the membership application of MSFA – Malta Sport for All.
Conclusion	The JJIF Board unanimously voted and granted the MSFA – Malta Sport for All a Provisionary Membership. (6 out of 6 votes).
9. E-Tournaments	
Mr. Joachim Thumfart	
Mr. Joachim Thumfart took the floor and start to take a brief update regarding with the JJIF E-Tournaments/online tournaments. He mentioned that they are already working on it and had an online meeting recently, the duo committee is the first one involved to say that this might be first thing we can start. Colombia is working on duo event as e-tournament which might link to the JJIF activities. Greece, Italy and Germany are currently running e-tournaments together with our partner Sportdata which has been set up a huge amount of e-tournaments, possibilities and software. He mentioned that they can start e-tournaments hopefully in the next few weeks. Mr. Joachim kindly asked the JJIF Board for the possibility to move on with the e-tournments.	
10. Anti-Doping Report	
Discussion	Mr Nuvin quickly presented the Anti-doping update accordingly (Annex***)
<u>Conclusion</u>	
The JJIF President addressed the Board. He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.	

Online Meeting, 17th May 2020
 Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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