



JJIF Ju-Jitsu International Federation

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Board 2020

14 th June 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		Shiela Maglalang / Joachim Thumfart						
Attendees with voting right		<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President2. Ms. Margarita Ochoa - JJIF Board Member3. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi- JJAU General Secretary4. Ms. Severine Nebie- Athletes Commission5. Mr. Trilok Nuvin Proag- JJIF Board Member6. Mr. Michael Korn_ JJEU Representative7. Ms. Medha Goodary- JJIF Board Member8. Mr. Arturo Soler- JJPAU Board						
Attendees with NO voting right		<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF board2. Mr. Suresh Gopi- JJAU board3. Mr. Rick Frowyn- JJEU board4. Mr. Zaya Zaya- Oceania5. Mr. Tareq Al Bahri- JJAU6. Mr. Tsegaye Digeneh- JJAFU board – Ethics commission7. Mr. Macode Fall – JJAFU board8. Mr. Diakite Zoumana JJAFU board9. Mr. Simon Ogden_ Oceania						
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)							
8 Members with voting rights are present and the quorum was declared as adequate. Michael Korn represents JJEU on behalf of Robert Perc Arturo Soler represents JJPAU on behalf of Miguel Percocco. The Agenda as tabled was approved unanimously:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr Al Muthafer Letter - Criminal allegations2. Ranking 2020/ Qualification3. Appointment of Mr. Peter Schouten as Head of JJIF IT Team4. EVENT - Info								

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3. Letter of Charge to Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer with temporary suspension (7 days' deadline)	
	<p>Mr. Nuvin Proag as Head of JJIF Legal Department and as member of the JJIF Board, said that there are a few points that he has taken into consideration to give his advice and make his recommendations to the Board as to what could be the possible actions to be taken in the case of Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer and that it will, of course, be for the Board to decide.</p> <p>First, it has to be considered that there was a previous matter where the JJIF President complained of certain misconducts by Dr Jaffer in relation to which Dr Jaffer tendered his apologies and then shortly afterwards he stated that he is retracting his apologies and at the same time leveled most serious allegations against the President and this time against the JJIF General Director too accusing them of criminal acts and corruption. He was given the opportunity to substantiate his allegations against these 2 persons and thereafter to give his explanations on such allegations by way of 2 letters. He was also given the opportunity of a hearing before an independent panel. He was also asked to give his explanations on usurping JJAU's authority. He chose not to respond at all. Therefore, the accusations are established to be false and malicious and it is also established that he usurped JJAU's authority. We also have it that the JJIF President has stated that the JJAU President, H.E Abdulmunem confirmed same. We also have it from certain persons who are cited as witnesses in Dr Jaffer's letter, that they are not his witnesses.</p> <p>So, the next question is what would be the disciplinary measure. Dr Jaffer has neither apologized for such serious/grave allegations nor sought for any mediated resolution of the matter. Mr Proag referred to an earlier case where a person swore at the General Director and he was banned or suspended for 2 years. That was serious but a much less serious misconduct. The Board therefore has to be consistent when dealing with such matters and added that it won't be disproportionate and it would not serve the interests of justice if expulsion is contemplated in such circumstances. As Head of Legal this would be his advice. As JJIF Board Member he would be inclined to recommend this measure. He stated that, of course, this is something for the Board to decide. Mr. Nuvin added that all this is very unfortunate as we have been together and been working with Dr. Jaffer, but when he thinks of it, what option does Dr. Jaffer leave the JJIF Board with when he makes such a serious allegation against the President himself and the General Director and then doesn't come forward either to substantiate his allegations or apologize. What would anybody have done if such attacks were directed against him personally?</p> <p>The President said that in any case Dr Jaffer did not use the right procedures either to address the matter to the disciplinary instances of JJIF or go directly to the Ethics Commission. But anyway Dr. Jaffer chose a very bad way to continue accusing him and the Director General about criminality, corruption and has involved a lot of people. The President said he believes that such kind of persons makes the same mistakes and also declares openly that they have their own dreams and own agenda on how to work in Ju Jitsu. Such persons have no place in the Ju Jitsu Family. He added that unfortunately Dr. Jaffer chooses to act like this, not anybody else. The President said that Dr. Jaffer has the right to appeal to the General Assembly because only the General Assembly can change the JJIF Board's sanctions but in the meantime he should not be involved in anywhere in Ju-Jitsu.</p>
Discussion	8 of 8 votes Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer shall be expelled from all instances of Ju Jitsu.
Conclusion	8 of 8 votes Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer shall be expelled from all instances of Ju Jitsu.

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4. Ranking 2020/ Qualification	
Discussion	<p>The JJIF President took the chance to narrate how ranking list and qualification works.</p> <p>Ranking List is based on actual events that JJIF has yearly, unfortunately due to the current situation until now JJIF don't have anything. The president says that we should wait until the end of the year if they can manage to organize some events and keep the ranking as usual. On the other hand, for the qualification since everything is postponed the 1st qualification should be on 2022 World Games or 2021 Combat Games then they proceed with the qualification based on the result of 2019 Ranking list and use the events or activities during 2020 only for the wild cards for the continental quarter which is usually they use to do. Therefore, athletes should not worry because what every they have in the ranking list will remain in the data. With the President opinion they can reduce by 25% and should be every year doesn't change the position of the ranking list or keep it as it is.</p> <p>The president also mentioned his proposal to the Board to change the way of thinking of ranking in the future and start working to implement this year but due to the current situation they are not sure if there will be enough events.</p> <p>President explained the calculation of the ranking based on the ANNEX*** Presented.</p>
5. Appointment of Mr. Peter Schouten as new IT Manager	
Conclusion	<p>The board has decided to arrange a meeting with Technical Commission, JJIF Board and selected athletes to further discuss related to this matter</p>
6. Events Information	
Information	<p>Mr. Joachim stated that he did not have any news about the prospective schedule in the last two weeks regarding their discussion with East Asia. He mentioned that he still hopes for the best and tell everybody that they are very motivated to run a World Championship or World Festival of Ju Jitsu in November but this shows again how things go up and down. He added that in Europe they already thought it is done. But anyhow East Asia is already running events, Chinese Taipei is running their local events without any problem but the Island is closed, nobody can enter Chinese Taipei or leave the country. Internally they do good competitions they heard about the fantastic example in Abu Dhabi with the national Ju Jitsu team. So it is obviously day by day it came about to talk about the prospective schedule.</p> <p>Mr. Joachim asked the members with their prospective schedules and update :</p>

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For Europe, Mr. Rick Frowyn said the first thing they discussed was regarding with the postponement of European Youth 2021 by Russia and planning to organize St. Petersburg Open. And they also asked the members of Europe to make a proposal if they are open to organize a welcome back European Open.

Ms. Severine Nebie asked on the behalf of the athletes if JJIF will still organize the world Championship on November. The President answered her that World Championship is not postponed yet and it will depends on the situation of transportation and travel restrictions and most especially with the situation in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi Stated that the situation in UAE is getting better day by day and at the moment there are already 70% recoveries and having a lower count of virus cases compared in the previous weeks, He said that they are very optimistic waiting and hoping that situation will be back to normal very soon. He added that they are ready to organize events any time. He also mentioned that they are very open and convenient when it comes in supporting the Ju Jitsu Family.

Conclusion

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

Online Meeting, 14th June 2020
Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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