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MINUTES FROM THE JJIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 27 November 2008 – RADISSON SAS HOTEL – MALMÖ – SWEDEN

1. Welcome and Opening of the GA

The Congress *was opened* at 11:45 hrs. by JJIF President Paul Hoglund. He *welcomed* all delegates.

2. President's Welcome Speech

JJIF President *read* his welcome speech and gave the floor to The President of the Swedish Budo and Martial Arts Federation, Daniel Petresson, who *greeted* all delegates, and *drew* their attention to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of ju-jitsu in Sweden.

3. Roll Call and Attendance

The JJIF Secretary General, Rossitsa Stateva, *carried out* the roll call and attendance. It was *stated that* the General assembly was attended by 30 National Federations and that there was the necessary quorum.

4. Nomination of 3 scrutineers

The President *called for* the nomination of three (3) persons who would distribute, collect and count the ballots and act as scrutineers. They should verify and undersign the Protocol of the elections. The Assembly *approved* Bruce Bethers(USA), Nuvir Proag (Mauritius) and Robert Perc (Slovenia).

5. Adoption of the Agenda

The President *asked* whether the Agenda could be adopted, or not.

The Assembly *accepted* the Agenda.

There was a proposal for discussing the revision of the Statutes. This issue was left to be discussed more thoroughly separately, as there were not enough well-

grounded proposals for these discussions.

6. Approval of the Minutes from the GA2006 in Rotterdam(The Netherlands)

The Minutes were *adopted* unanimously.

7. JJIF President's Report

7.1. JJIF Activities for the period 2006 – 2007;

7.2. JJIF Activities for the period 2007 – 2008 and Future Strategic Planning.

The President *read* his reports.

A question *was raised* whether the Board had any plans whatsoever, or follow-up decisions for its activities; whether the Board had planned in advance the travels to various countries; or had any reports after coming back; and clear ideas about the budget that was needed for these trips; whether there was a Board decision about any cooperation with the belt-wrestling federation. The President *answered* that all these remarks would be taken into consideration. The President of the Asian Union *answered* that it was too late to raise this issue about the belt-wrestling federation, as he had been presented as President of the Asian Ju-Jitsu and Belt Wrestling Union in Rotterdam in 2006. He *complained* that JJIF had done nothing for the development of ju-jitsu in Asia.

Opinion was *voiced out* that – as there was no legal threat, and as that could be for the benefit of Ju-jitsu, then things could be left the way they were.

It was *underlined* once again that there was no such official decision for any cooperation with belt-wrestling – neither of the Board, nor of the GA.

The President's Report *was accepted* by applause.

8. Vice-President's Report

JJIF First Vice-President, Heinz Lamade, had already dispatched his report. He *made* a summary, and *thanked* for the cooperation of all.

His report *was accepted* by applause.

9. Secretary General's Report

The secretary's report *was* read. Issues like lack of team atmosphere and work, planning, proper management and organization, collective decisions and acting had been *stressed out*.

This report *was approved* by applause.

9.1. Membership Applications and Acceptance from the GA of new members

The Secretary General reported the new applicants and made a short presentation of them all :

1. Korea Ju-Jitsu Federation - Republic of Korea
2. Finnish Karate Federation – Ju-Jitsu Section - Finland
3. Ethiopian Ju-Jitsu Association(EJJA) - Ethiopia
4. Latvian Ju-Jitsu Federation - Latvia

As the representative of Latvia *requested* for a postponement of the payment of their registration fee, there *was* a short discussion whether the congress should *make* an exception, or not. In the end, the discussion *was* finalized favourably, as the due fee *was* offered to be paid by the President of the Bulgarian federation. Thus a chance *was given* to Latvia, as well.

The President of the Korean federation *said* a few words to present it. This presentation *was accepted* by applause.

Finland had no representative; it *was reminded* that Finland had been a JJIF member long time ago, and this time they *wanted* just to renew their membership.

The President of Ethiopia *made* a short presentation, applauded too.

The JJIF GA 2008 *approved* and *accepted* 4(four) new members: Korean Ju-Jitsu Federation; Ju-Jitsu Section to the Finnish Karate Federation; Ethiopian Ju-Jitsu Association; Latvian Ju-Jitsu Federation.

The congress *voted* to decide whether Korea, as fully-paid member, could vote at the congress or not, but not to compete. The result was as follows:

In favour: 13 Against: 8 **Accepted**

It was *decided* that Finland could compete; as the membership fee of Latvia was offered to be paid by the Bulgarian President, the GA *decided* that Latvia could participate in the Championship.

The JJIF Honorary President, Rinaldo Orlandi, *stressed out* the significance of the Rules; he *pointed out* that they should always be observed. He *said* that such incidents should not happen anymore; that rules and regulations should be kept. Against the above decisions *were* Rinaldo Orlandi, Frank Furst – Denmark, Robert Perc – Slovenia.

10. Treasurer's Report

10.1. Financial Report for the Period 2006 – 2008

An objection *was made* by the German federation saying that they had not received 20 % of the sponsorship for Africa, as it was written in the report. This was not a support for the German federation, but money used for travel costs for the trainers. The German federation *wanted* that to be deleted from the financial report.

The sponsor of the African Union, Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, *made* it clear that he had never given money to the German federation and *raised* his objection that his report about the way of spending of the sponsorship money had been changed and re-written by JJIF President. He *said*, that he had all good reasons to make comments on the way of spending the money he had donated; he *stressed out* that there was a special reason why the money was not given through the JJIF Treasurer. He *specified* one bank transfer supposedly for the training seminar in Africa, which was actually payable to the African Belt-

Wrestling Association. This fact alone spoke for itself; no clear picture how the money was spent and for what purpose.

10.2. Auditor's Report

Bruce Bethers *read* the report .

A question *was raised* whether there was a decision of the Board for the expenditure Budget, as it happened to be much more.

The JJIF Treasurer, Luc Cassier, *explained* that the expenditure documents had been presented too late; for example, the expenditure for 2007 contained expenses made in 2006; that is why it was too difficult to check when exactly the certain amounts had been spent; he *pointed out* that it was really difficult to check the approved budget.

A question *was raised* if the money was spent for the development of JJIF. The Treasurer *answered* that it was difficult to say, as the documents for the expenditure had been given too late and it was difficult to check; that was the reason why that expenditure was classified as travel costs.

A question *was raised* if any money was reimbursed to the Asian, or other Unions. The Treasurer *explained* that JJEU had its own bank account; that is why they got their fixed percentage every year to come; the other Unions did not have bank accounts, due to which it was not possible to remit the due amounts.

Another questions *was raised* why the Auditors did not have all necessary documents. The explanation was that the receipts given had been loose; and that respectively – a recommendation should be given for proper handling and presenting these documents.

Another question *was raised* – was there a Board decision about these trips; what were the results of these trips for the development of JJIF. As it is the results what is of importance, an explanation *should be given* how much money was spent personally for Paul Hoglund's trips, how much for the referees, and how much for the instructors.

JJIF President *argued* that the floor was not given to the President of the Bulgarian Ju-Jitsu federation, and that he should sit down and keep quiet.

The Bulgarian President *argued* back that he was the one who paid the membership fee; that the JJIF President had not given even one Euro from his personal money; that the answer that had been given was not satisfactory. The Bulgarian President *stressed out* that we were supposed to develop ju-jitsu; he wanted to have a clear answer, and namely: if the budget for 2007 for example was 50 thousand, how much of this money was spent by the JJIF President, or by the other Board members; and how much was used for the instructors and referees. If it were not possible to give a proper explanation for 2005 and 2006, then any answer for 2007 would be satisfactory.

The Treasurer *made* some comments about 2007 and the respective budget. It *was underlined* once again that there was no plan who was going to spend how much and for what purpose.

The Bulgarian President *stressed out* once again that – as the members were

paying the fees and actually giving the money, they should be entitled to have a clear explanation and answer as to how the budget was supposed to be spent. He said that no organization whatsoever – neither non-profit, nor a private one, would afford to spend its money in such a manner. He *appealed* to all delegates to think what that meant. The expenses for the Board meetings were double. An explanation *was demanded*. He *repeated* that the delegates should make one extremely important decision. The money given by the members was not for travelling of the Board; the status of all Board members should be known; how much he was entitled to spend, etc. – as, according to the Statutes, everyone was supposed to work free-of-charge, on an honorary basis.

A question *was also raised* that some of the receipts were actually copies. The explanation given *made* it clear that the issuing of electronic plane tickets was backed up by printed sort of documents.

A recommendation *was made* that some funds should be included in the book, too.

10.3. Discharge of JJIF Treasurer and the JJIF Board for the period 2006 – 2008

The General Assembly unanimously *discharged* the Board of Directors and the JJIF Treasurer for the JJIF accounting and financial report for 2006 and 2007.

A remark *was made* that the Board members were personally responsible for carrying out the recommendations of the Auditors; that their conclusions should be taken into consideration and kept.

10.4. Budget for the period 2008 – 2010

Accepted.

11. Continental Unions' Report

11.1. Africa – The representative of Mauritius *said* that thanks to JJIF ju-jitsu in Africa was active and alive.

11.2. Asia – *appealed* to think about Asia when the funds should be planned for the future. He *informed* about the championships and referee seminars held there.

11.3. Europe – It was *pointed out* that JJEU was only a continental Union, not the whole world. Information *was given* about the decision, made in Torino about the percentages of the membership fees, due to be left in favour of the JJEU. This money was supposed to be used solely for purposes of development.

11.4. Pan-America – *was characterized* with a certain frustration after the establishment of the Pan-American Union; that both partners involved - North and South America, differed in too many ways. An idea was *voiced out* that this Union should be split into two; thus working by far more easily.

12. Committee's Reports

12.1. Sport Director Mario den Edel

He *thanked* the First Vice-President for his support and Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos for his financial back-up. He *said* that he finally managed to

understand where the money had disappeared – not given for development, but for travelling. About the World Games in 2009 – he *explained* that the final list would be ready after the WCh in Malmo. He *reminded* of the WCh for Aspirants and Juniors – due to be held in November 2009 in Athens. He pointed out that the organizers of the Championship in Malmo tried to follow the organization and example of the organizers of the WCh 2006 in Rotterdam. They tried to take into consideration the proposals and ideas of the coaches, as they in fact happened to be in close contact with the athletes themselves.

12.2. Coaches' Committee – Bert van Haren

He *pointed out* that all those present were actually there for the sake of the fighters; the fighters are interested in a good organization, good facilities; and competent and objective referees and competition. He *voiced out* his opinion that JJIF was a body, which needed harmony in its development; that there should be balance everywhere – otherwise there would be no development. He *paid* a compliment to the technical directors; he *expressed* his belief that all – coaches, technical directors and referees would manage to find the right direction.

12.3. Assistant Sport Director – Joachim Thumfart

He *talked* about the first Asian championship in Kazakhstan; he *agreed* that the standards there happened to be quite different, but *expressed* his belief that this was a good beginning. He also *mentioned* the countries which he had visited – Kuwait, South Africa, Estonia, Slovenia, etc. He *informed* about the JJIF summer camp, due to be held in Bad Blankenburg, Germany, in 2009 – after the World Games. That is why, he *pointed out*, that this camp would be mainly for young competitors and coaches, who would train and prepare for the WCh for Aspirants and Juniors in Athens. The flyer was distributed to all; the fee – 380 Euro(Full Board) was specified; the accommodation – corresponding to 3-star hotel.

A recommendation *was given* by the President of the Canadian Federation that each nation should have a programme for biomechanic, physical training, for developing the respective muscles of the athletes practicing martial arts; he *stressed out* that this should be paid due consideration.

The Assistant Sport Director *agreed* with the above and *assured* all that the Sport Director Mario den Edel was a very sophisticated instructor and would manage to incorporate all this.

12.4. Referee Director – Henrik Sandberg

He *made* a presentation of the structure of the JJIF referees; he *stressed out* the atmosphere of friendship among all referees, the team work, and the satisfactory results. He *agreed* that the JJIF Rules could be in different languages on a national level; but they should be also studied in English, as English should be spoken on a continental and world level. He *specified* the number of referees: 39 World; and 73 Continental referees. He *declared* that all referee committees had been functioning, due reports given about their activities. He also *voiced out* his

hope that the Referee Committee would get its own budget for the next two(2) years; that the camps should not be split into two; that there should be only one official camp.

12.5. Director Media – Khalil Khan

He *pointed out* that all possible information could be found on JJIF web-site; that the whole world was accessible from there. He *expressed* his dissatisfaction with the Newsletters that had been circulated. He assured all that he was in a position to offer a much more professional version. He *briefed* all present that he had attended a Reception, hosted on November 13, 2008 in Lausanne, for all registered in Switzerland federations, where all top leaders could be seen. He *made* an appeal the office in Lausanne to be supported.

12.6. Marketing Development and Commercial Activities – Frank Furst

A presentation *was offered* to reveal the necessity of such activities, aimed at guaranteeing financial funding for JJIF.

13. Rewards

This item *was skipped* by the presiding JJIF President and disregarded by the delegates.

14. Elections

14.1. JJIF President

14.2. JJIF Second Vice-President

14.3. JJIF Treasurer

JJIF President *authorized* Khalil Khan to further chair the meeting. This was not put to the vote. Khalil Khan *started* to preside.

Rinaldo Orlandi, in his capacity of Honorary JJIF President, *appealed* to the delegates to proceed intelligently, as all had been flooded with paper and correspondence lately. He *said* that it was his duty to calm down the atmosphere, although he *agreed* that all issues should be duly addressed. He *suggested* that personalities should be selected; that the newly-elected should be given mandates to sort out the problems, prepare and solve them. Old and new members could work together. He *offered* his experience. He *said* that it was up to the new Board to decide who could be used and how; good guidelines for management to be found.

The candidates were announced once again:

For President: Paul Hoglund & Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

For 2nd Vice-President: Tom Kempkens and Tomo Borissov

For Treasurer: Luc Mortelmans, Lic Cassier, & Viljar Jaamu

All candidates *were given* 5 minutes to present themselves.

Paul Hoglund *talked* about the aim of JJIF, the development, etc.

Panagiotis Theodoropoulos *said* that he had expressed himself through the new Draft-Statutes; thus tabling down his concept for good management.

Tomo Borissov *outlined* the main problems he would be willing to solve.

Tom Kempkens *stressed out* the necessity of team work.

Luc Mortelmans *presented* himself; working as an accountant having his own company; *underlined* the necessity of budgeting all projects – to definitely know in advance how much money would be needed and spent; to who the money would go; the necessity of absolute transparency.

Luc Cassier had not received the support of his National federation, which was reminded by the Belgian President; this fact made him step back.

Viljar Jaamu was not attending the congress, so he could not speak for himself.

The election *was carried out* simultaneously for the three(3) positions. Each federation was supposed to vote for one of the candidates. The election was secret – by ballots, done one by one in alphabetical order. The two newly-elected JJIF members *were* included in the election: Latvia, and Korea.

Thus the total number of delegates, entitled to vote *was 32*, and namely:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, Germany, Iran, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK, USA

The results from the voting were as follows:

Paul Hoglund –	In favour: 11
Panagiotis Theodoropoulos –	In favour: 20
	Abstention: 1
Tom Kempkens –	In favour: 15
Tomo Borissov –	In favour: 17
Luc Mortelmans –	In favour: 31
Viljar Jaamu –	In favour: 1

Thus, the newly elected members of the JJIF Board are:

Panagiotis Theodoropoulos(Mr) – JJIF President

Tomo Borissov(Mr) – JJIF Second Vice-President

Luc Mortelmans(Mr)– JJIF Treasurer

The new JJIF President *thanked* Paul Hoglund for his friendship and for what he had done for this federation. The former President *was applauded*.

Tomo Borissov *thanked* all for their support.

Luc Mortelmans *declared* that what he had said would be materialized into practice.

Khalil Khan *handed over* the chair to the newly-elected President.

14. Membership Issues

A discussion *followed* about the status of irregular members and their membership. It *was* unanimously *decided* that they should be given a 6-month gratis period for settling this issue.

A proposal *was made* that certain countries should pay only 25 % of their membership fee. The new President *pointed out* the necessity of equality – that all members should have equal rights and obligations. He also *stressed out* that regular payments of membership fees would not automatically mean regular membership; i.e. that federations should be supposed to participate in the events, not only appear at congresses to vote.

A decision *was made* that the new Board should consider this issue carefully and report back to all members.

JJIF President *called for* proposals from the national federations.

16. Motions received from JJIF Member Federations

The Bolivian representative, Theo Roncken, *informed* the delegates that too many things happened in the Latin American countries, which had not been known to Europe. He *called for* adapting the JJIF policy to the needs of Latin America. He *said* that, naturally enough, that would take a lot of time; that Latin America needed JJIF, and vice versa – JJIF needed Latin America. That is why their needs should be listened.

The Asian Union's President *made* a comment that the draft-Statutes should be finalized.

The delegate from Canada *proposed* to introduce Medical Passports.

It *was pointed out* that all proposals should be summoned up.

P. Theodoropoulos *underlined* that Khalil Khan's version of new Statutes was a result of a great job; but that it would be necessary to start all over again; to have a working committee; to gather all proposals, and study carefully and summarize the essence of all in 3-4 months; then there should be an extraordinary congress for discussing and approving the new Statutes; he also *pointed out* that all technical people should clearly table down and express what they needed for the development of ju-jitsu; that traveling *was not* necessary; that changes should be made not by voting alone, but by thinking things over; that the work should be started from tomorrow.

18. Future World Championships

- It *was announced* that the German federation requested to cancel their commitment for organizing the WCh 2012, due to certain problems with the host-city.

The Secretary General *announced* that Belgium was a candidate for U18 & U21 - in 2011, and in 2012.

The World Championship for U21 would be in Athens in November 2009.

19. Next General Assembly – location and date

Otherwise the GA and WCh 2010 had been decided to be held in Pakistan . The delegates *left* this issue to be considered by the Board.

19. Election of Auditors

The delegated *elected* the following auditors: Bruce Bethers, Didier Menu, and Bomel.

20. Presentations

The President of Montenegro *announced* that the European Championship in 2009 would be held in Montenegro, as Serbia resigned. He *invited* everybody to Montenegro.

The President *declared* the JJIF General Assembly 2008 closed.

Verified by:

Minutes written by:

Panagiotis Theodoropoulos(Mr),
JJIF President

Rossitsa Stateva(Mrs),
JJIF Secretary General

LIST OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Country	Delegate	Representative
Austria	Michael Takacs, President	Wilhelm Erber
Belgium	Hugo Van Os, President	Francine Leleux
Bulgaria	Tomo Borissov, President	Roussalin Roussalinov
Canada	Dimitre Antonov, President	
Cyprus	George Tzourroy	
Denmark	Lisbeth Hansen, President	Frank Furst, Helge Hansen
Estonia	Igor Gribovski(Proxy)	
France	Christian Blareau	Eugene Domagata
Greece	Aristi Tselentis	
Germany	Herbert Frese, President	
Iran	Mr. Rostamian, President	
Israel	Edmond Bouzaglo, Vice-President	Vidal Bibas
Italy	Dario Quenza, President	
Kazakhstan	Anuarbek Bainazarov, President	Rakhat Nuralinov
Latvia	Oleg Kranga	
Mauritius	Nuvir Proag, President	
Mexico	Adolfo Tiejo, Vice-President	Alfredo Sanchez
Montenegro	Nikola Asanin, President	Rajko Jankovic
The Netherlands	Tom Kempkens(Proxy)	
Norway	Ashild Stenevik, Dept. Leader	
Poland	Stefan Badensky, President	
Rep. of Korea	Youn In Dik, President	
Romania	Florentin Marinescu, President	Robert Manole Sano Murgescu
Russia	Georgi Kukoverov, Vice-President	Vladimir Kukoverov
Serbia	Boyana Merdovic(Proxy)	

Slovenia	Robert Perc, President	Stane Preskar
Spain	Eusebio Sanchez	Paco Luis Gomez
Sweden	Daniel Petersson, President	Gunnar Hoffsten
Switzerland	Gerry Tscherter, President	
Ukraine	Victor Malyutenko, President	Konstantin Pavlenko
United Kingdom	Michael Player	
USA	Bruce Bethers, President	
JJIF OFFICIALS		
Paul Høglund		
Rinaldo Orlandi, Honorary President		
Heinz Lamade		
Luc Cassier		
Rossitsa Stateva		
Panagiotis Theodoropoulos		
Khalil Khan		
Colince Tchinda		
Mario den Edel, Sport Director		
Henrik Sandberg, Referee Director		
Joachim Thumfart, Assistant Sport Director		
Dana Murgescu, Assistant Sport Director		
Bert Van Haren, Coaches Committee		
Ola Johanson, Development Committee		
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Germany	Gerhard Schröder	
Germany	Sina Frese	
Norway	Hans Petter Skolsegg	
Ethiopia	Tsegayo Degineh	
Bolivia	Theo Roncken	
Pakistan	Nadir Khan, Sport Ministry	
Denmark	Helge Hansen	

