

MINUTES JJEU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Almere - Netherlands, Topsportcentrum, June 5th 2015, 13.30 – 16.00,

LIST OF PRESENT COUNTRIES AND DELEGATES: Germany, Netherlands, France, Israel, Spain, Italy, Romania, Greece, Switzerland, Belgium, Montenegro, Ukraine, Russia, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Slovenia, Poland (19) – list is attached.

1. Welcome of participants

Mr Dario Quenza, president of JJEU, welcomed all delegates, observers and gest. Especially welcomed was JJIF President Mr Panagiotis Theodoropoulos.

2. Rights of vote

Mr Quenza reported that 22 countries are present at Almere championship. JJIF Treasurer Mr Luc Mortelmans reported to him that all countries have the right to vote. Present at the assembly are representatives of **19** countries.

PROCEDURAL: JJEU General Assembly has the power to decide on any item on agenda as proper quorum is provided as expected by the JJEU Statutes, article 3.1.10.

JJEU President gave the chair to JJEU General Secretary and asked to proceed with the agenda (hereinafter referred to as “Chair”).

JJEU General Secretary Mr Robert Perc asked the respected national delegates if there are any additional comments to agenda as none so far has reached him or board members. Agenda was published and send away via newsletter with invitation on February 28th 2015 and additional on May 20th 2015. No question or changes were raised.

PROCEDURAL: JJEU General Assembly accepted the agenda as sent and defined before by the JJEU Board. (full agenda attached to the minutes)

3. Validation of the Minutes of the previous Assembly in Lund, Sweden and Paris France

Chair presented the decisions from the General Assembly in Lund, Sweden on 23.5.2014 and Paris, France on 27.11.2014. Complete minutes were published at JJEU website with assembly materials. As no proposals and questions were raised the Chair asked for vote of confirmation.

DECISION 1: Minutes of JJEU General Assembly in Lund Sweden on 23.5.2014 and extraordinary General Assembly in Paris France on 27.11.2014 were accepted as they are.

4. Activity report 2014

JJEU President evaluated work done for year 2014 and from the time he has been elected to the office of the President. He emphasises commitment given at the election in Paris 2014 for developing and cooperation JJEU, JJIF and other continental unions. JJEU should become a reference structure for other Unions. In February 2015 a seminar was organised in Frankfurt, dealing with organising matters, involving board members and invitees: Michael Korn, Philippe Merlin and Rick Frowijn. Among other things the principal activity is focused on preparation of "Organisation Handbook". To avoid unnecessary tension a more stable and permanent solution must be found in ne-waza system.

An overview was given to the proposals of upgrading JJEU structure (changes of states). Special attention will be given on the Commission for International Relations Project and Events Professional composed of the President, General Secretary, Mr Philippe Merlin and Mr Igor Lanzoni. The aim of the committee is to prepare grounds for better cooperation, recognition and optimization of member work, increase possibilities to join some EU projects and develop on different areas of ju-jitsu (ethic, cultural aspect, youth program, disabilities programs, seminars, education...). President asked for comments and discussion. Formal decision will be accepted after JJIF Convention in July and attested by the extraordinary assembly till the end of 2015. He invited Mr Lanzoni to continue presentation.

Mr Igor Lanzoni, JJIF Vice President, continue the explanation and presentation of the possibilities for development and funding on many different aspect of ju-jitsu, not only sport. With better organisation and cooperation among members good projects can be prepared to ask for a support from EU (activities in "Be Active" project, Sport Week of JJEU in September 2015 etc. Conditions for support are strict and sometime rigorous. Without cooperation from members with short response time results will not come. When explaining special questionnaire for members as the first step he also presented timetable of activities already before accepted by the board (very short deadlines!). General Secretary will inform nations of required steps to take. Nations should consider to nominate contact person for this matters (no need for high ranking officials but individuals with a sense of organisation and animation).

Mr Christophe Brunet, JJEU Sport Director, presented and evaluation report of a few last championships and grand slam events – EC Aspiratn Juniors Lund 2014, European Cup Bucharest Romania 2014, WC Paris France 2014 and additional big events in Europe Paris Open, Balkan Open, German Open and St. Petersburg Open. Statistics shows that number of countries competing in ne-waza is growing, in dup system decreasing. At WC 40 countries were present, EC Lund 20, E Cup Bucharest 18.

He expressed the need for technical book for the official European competitions on which JJEU is working for the past months. In Europe we must struggle to have our events best in the world. But the most important is the coaches and athletes have to find the same organisation of competition on European big events (same standards!).

Regarding European Club Competition activities will continue as this is also a good way to develop the sport for media and it is simpler to follow one team than one athlete. **He proposed to organise European Club finals on December 12th in Slovenia and December 10th in France.**

To increase the quality, socialising, expertise and communication between countries a plan for training camp is prepared – starting 2015 in France (Coarrazze, small town near Pau in the South of the France), 2016 in Germany and 2017 in Italy. Details will follow.

Mr Roel van Ravens, JJEU Referee Director, presented work of Referee Committee. Referee Group has been present on all big events. There were 13 events indicated in the report. He especially thanked JJIF Referee Committee Director Mr Henrik Sandberg for support, cooperation and contribution to referee work in Europe. Last activity before Almere was Continental Referee Course and tournament in Budva Montenegro in the beginning of May. The event was well visited and organised on a very high level.

Chair apologises the absence of Mr Tom Kempkens, Event and Protocol Commissioner and Mr Ronald Bartens, ECC Commissioner. Mr Kempkens is involved into organisation activities for Almere EC with the O.C. of the event. Mr Bartens is involved in the ju-jitsu event in his own country but he prepared the results for the ECC tournaments (individual and team ranking list ECC). They both do very good job.

5. Financial report 2014

Mr Dario Quenza, who was in the position of JJEU Treasurer for 2014, presented the financial report for year 2014 (Actual Balance 2014, Balance Sheet 31.12.2014, Liabilities 31.12.2014).

Approved income of the budget for 2014 was 26.144 EUR, actual 25.719 EUR; expenditure at 29.390, actual 31.056 EUR. A loss of -3.246 EUR was planned in the 2014 budget, actual loss was -5.337 EUR. JJEU has 32.901,11 EUR on the bank account and 1.837,29 in cash on 31.12.2014. Balance sheet on 31.12.2014 assets were 45.897,52 EUR, liabilities 51.234,62.

6. Report from the auditors

Mr Rick Frowijn presented a report of the audit of financial documentation and business of JJEU. A report has been also published on the website with the Assembly materials.

7. Approval of the accounts

The Chair invited delegates and guests to a discussion regarding reports and activities.

JJIF President, Mr Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, thanked JJEU for invitation to a General Assembly. It is always a pleasure to work with such a strong, well organised, democratic and transparent organisation as JJEU is. He explained the conflict which arises between Sport Accord and International Olympic Committee where all consequences of this situation will most likely affect ju-jitsu too. He expressed feeling that something good will come of the situation as some truths were revealed too. A lot of work lies ahead of international, continental and national level. JJIF is investing a lot of resources to the organisation of JJIF Convention, focusing also on the management of the ju-jitsu on all levels. For development cooperation on different levels is necessary (and among continents).

Feedback on the forum, prepared especially for the convention is poor, he expected more. It is planned to leave it open for the future need too. Regarding proposals of structural changes of JJEU he advice to wait for the Convention where similar issues will be presented (a plan to update all fundamental documents is in progress). The idea of the JJIF Board is to focus on the JJIF central Committees with people from the continents involved (to preserve the same policy and guidelines on all continents). At the end he gave a special credit to the JJEU Board for good work, positive ideas.

Thomas Meyer from Germany noticed that from 2007 through 2009 a surplus at the actual was presented, after 2010 year by year only losses were produced. He asked if Board has evaluated this situation and perhaps prepared some measures to reverse negative trend; what actions they have prepared?

Answer from Mr Dario Quenza: with acceptance of the new JJIF Financial Rules in 2010 there is no more continental membership fee which was a part of stable income every year (membership fee is paid only to JJIF). Compensation income has been established by JJIF Financial Rules, related to the international events – but it is not sufficient. JJEU is looking for solutions and already some talks has been done with Mr Michael Korn, to increase income as we believe expenditure is on the minimum level which allows organisation to work (new sponsorship concept etc.).

Referring to the discussion JJIF President, Mr Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, commented that financial situation should be better with income from the events. There is always a possibility to ask for extra money in the budget if there is a special project JJEU would like to enforce. Mrs Dana Murgescu commented that JJEU should organise more big events in Europe and with that more income will come to the Union.

As no other questions were raised following decision were accepted with unanimity:

DECISION 2: GA is approving financial management of the JJEU (with the actual income of 29.390 EUR, expenditure 31.056 EUR, loss of -5.337 EUR and balance sheet on 31.12.2014 in amount of 45.897,52 EUR).

DECISION 3: GA has accepted activity report for 2014 and first quarter of 2015.

DECISION 4: GA has discharged the Board for the year 2014.

8. Vote for the Auditors of the Accounting Committee for 2015

After a short discussion GA has accepted with unanimity

DECISION 5: GA elected Mr Rick Frowijn (NED) and Mr Ion Celu (ROM) in the Accounting Committee for the year 2015.

9. Budget 2015-2017

Mr Dario Quenza presented approved budget for 2015, reviewed budget for 2015 and a budget for 2016. Approved Budget of income 13.444 EUR is revised to 18.340 EUR (additional income from championships is expected); expenditure was planned at 22.390, revised at 26.730 EUR. Total loss expected at -8.390 EUR. In year 2016 planned loss is decreased to -2.490 EUR (as income has increased because of planned high ranking events).

No special discussion was raised at this point as it has been already done at the activity report and financial management on previous item on the agenda. With the unanimity following decision was accepted:

DECISION 6: revised budget for 2015 with income of 18.340 EUR and expenditure 26.730 EUR was accepted. Budget for 2016 with income of 27.640 EUR and expenditure of 30.130 EUR was confirmed as presented.

10. Election of the JJEU Treasurer

Only one candidate has presented his candidature for the position in the Board for the office of the JJEU Treasurer – Mr Michael Korn from Germany. His candidacy and German Federation support were published on the website. Mr Korn has already made a presentation of his vision at extraordinary assembly in Paris 2014 in the run for JJEU President.

Chair recognized his contribution and motivation for help and development of ju-jitsu. Elected Treasurer will stay in the position up to the electoral GA in 2016 (like last year newly elected JJEU President).

Mr Korn pointed out a need to change negative trend of financial situation in the Union and asked for cooperation. He noted that some plan for sponsoring projects are already in motion.

In pursuance of article 3.1.13 of the JJEU Statutes vote has been done by warm and positive acclamation.

DECISION 7: Mr Michael Korn from Germany was elected to the office of the JJEU Treasurer, member of the JJEU Board up to electoral GA in year 2016.

11. Updating organisation structure

The Chair presented and explained proposals from the Board to upgrade JJEU Structure. Materials have been published at website.

Additionally only one comment has arrived to the Board on the proposed changes, from Mr Linus Brulin from Switzerland – he proposed that only one disciplinary committee and one DAN accreditation committee should exist, the one under JJIF (to insure same rules, standards and policy on those issues). Mr Dana Mortelmans from Romania seconded that proposal.

Mr Wouter de Kruif from the Netherlands noticed that from the organigram no development activities are presented (per example like development committee for ju-jitsu etc.). The Chair explained that in the past there was Development Committee but in principle development is a synergy of all departments, all committees and in the end also a prime directive for the Board. For that reason special committee for “development” is not indicated. But on the other hand Board has recognized the need for special committee for EU and international affairs, compost from people of different areas. And this is the way the Board would like to do it. There are principal committees which we need as organisation to work but also there will be ad-hoc or project committees for certain task.

Mr Dario Quenza summarized discussion with information that Board will wait for JJIF Convention as some structural changes are also expected and revision of JJIF fundamental documents. But there is a wish to confirm changes in year 2015 in order that election 2016 follows and reflect new structure. Most likely that will happen in the extraordinary assembly.

12. Presentation of organisation standards

Mr Dario Quenza evaluated project of preparation organisation standards with aim to increase quality of events and services provided to participants. JJEU Boad invited Mr Rick Frowijn from NED, Mr Michael Korn from GER and Mr Philippe Merlin from FRA last year to contribute with expert

knowledge and experience in the work. In February working group weekend was organised in Frankfurt.

13. Activity plan for 2015 - 2017 and technical matters, update on JJEU Calendar – presentations of next EOC (Belgium) and EC 18-21 (Russia)

Mr Anestis Poulidakis informed that Balkan Championship and JJIF World Cup U15 will be organised in September 2016, from 25th to 27th (it is also on the JJIF Ranking list for seniors).

Planning of future EC will be postponed to the time after JJIF Convention. As some changes of world and continental events are expected – which will influence to JJEU big events too – Board see no other option as to wait for JJIF Convention results and JJIF General Assembly decisions. To reduce cost of participation on big events harmonization of JJEU activities with JJIF is necessary.

14. Latest information on the EC Almere from the O.C.

Nothing special was raised up.

15. Other Sport and Technical subjects (information from JJIF etc.)

Has been already presented before.

16. Any other subject requested if agreed by the Assembly

Nothing was raised up.

17. Decision on next JJEU GA meeting (also electoral congress)

DECISION: Next JJEU GA (extraordinary) will take place in October during German Open in Germany. It is expected that two items will be on the agenda: proposal to change statutes and organisation structure of JJEU and organisation handbook. JJEU Board may relocate Assembly but should take place in the year 2015.

Almere, Netherlands, 5.6.2015

Recorded by

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General Secretary

Attested by

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President