

European Ju-jitsu Union

Date: February 27th, 2016



MINUTES OF JJEU OPEN BOARD MEETING

in Philippsburg, Germany, starting on Saturday, February 27th 2016,

at 9.00 hours at Gästehaus Rote Tor Rote-Tor Straße 52, D-76661 Philippsburg.

Present officials:

JJEU Board members:

1. President Mr Dario Quenza (ITA),
2. Vice President Mr Stefan Badenski (POL),
3. Treasurer Mr Michael Korn (GER),
4. General Secretary Mr Robert Perc (SLO),

By invitation:

1. Sport Director Mr Christophe Brunet (FRA),
2. Mr Philippe Merlin (FRA),
3. Mr Rick Frowijn (NED).

AGENDA:

1. Statutes and organizational chart (new, with proposals from Mr Korn and Mr Frowijn)
2. Financial Rules;
3. JJIF activities and development;
4. Preparation to electoral General Assembly in Gent 2016:
 - a. EOC invitation final check (first invitation)
 - b. GA agenda (proposal attached)
 - c. Candidature Procedures and deadlines (text of electoral procedures attached)
5. Other issues raised by the Board members or present officials (JJEU ranking list etc.).

In introduction Mr Dario Quenza, JJEU President, welcomed all present Board members and invited officials. We are in a very important time of ju-jitsu with many activities worldwide with aim to be recognized as Olympic (officially request has been filed to IOC in February 21st 2016). One things on the agenda is to harmonized Statutes to be in force for new elections in JJEU in June but it is likely that some other changes would be required related to JJIF activities to come close to Olympic movements.

Ad 1

Statute and organizational chart

Discussion on different aspects of organisation and structure of JJEU. Common understanding was that some changes need to be implemented to modernize Statute but we should follow our own way, history and development with aim to the future – but in our own way.

We need to have structure with aim to reach all the targets in JJIF vision and mission but not just to copy something. We change things needed to be changed and not to create something without tradition but possibilities should be allow to all members to participate in activities and decision making process. To be Olympic is a target goal and vision to improve ourselves with wide participation and exercising excellences on all level of sport and martial art. Just copying solutions from other federations will not bring us to that goal. Statutorily text should be open enough to give the Board some space of flexibility in managing.

New structure incorporate more working members of the board to cover specific and clear responsibilities, more regional work involved. Structure is clear and simple. Job description, roles, responsibilities, tasks and knowledge base are important to be published and set before elections so candidates know exactly what is expected and demanded from position.

Related to committees Board find it more acceptable that Statutes define areas of responsibilities and leave the Board decision which committees will have certain responsibilities as described in the Statute.

At this stage of organisation the Board will invite particular Committee Director to the board meeting whenever find that appropriate. There is no need to have some extra person in between as general manager at this point. As some future changes of Statutes can be expected, let the new board decides if position of General Manager is required or not. Up to that, Board appreciate to have direct contacts with committees when necessary and General Secretary is the one to handle coordination.

Discussion about activities and poor reply with questionnaires which will help JJEU better communication with members and public, prepare promotional materials, information materials for public relations needs and sponsorship activities etc. Paragraph was moved out from Statute and should be published as separate board decision. If members will not response JJEU will start activities pursuing JJIF Statute to sanction inactive member.

DECISION 1: to avoid actions under paragraph 2.1.1 and 2.2 JJEU Members shall provide activity status report as requested by the Board with questionnaire September 16, 2015 (source: www.jjeu.eu) and prove to comply with sections 2.1.1 of this Statute in respect of section 5 of JJIF Statute (July 15, 2015) and point 11 of Minutes of JJIF Executive Board meeting 30.1.2016 **no later than June 1st 2016!**

DECISION 2: by-laws with job description, responsibilities, tasks and expected knowledge base of positions within the board are accepted.

DECISION 3: by-laws with committee description, responsibilities and task are accepted.

DECISION 4: renewed and updated JJEU Statute, version 27.2.2016, is accepted.

In the discussion structure of technical commissions was on the table too. JJEU should become involved into JJIF commission work.

Ad 2 Financial Rules

JJIF did not change anything at their Financial Rules. JJEU Financial Rules as presented already at Gelsenkirchen meeting are transferred from JJIF so they are in line with JJIF and accepted as they are.

Ad 3

JJIF activities and development

The extensive discussion took place about recent activities within JJIF from Bangkok to Abu Dhabi. Many concerns were opened the way of changing the rules and general agenda of the JJIF (pure participation of members and feeling of exclusion from decision making process, what will ju-jitsu be in the future, the way how the rules are changed without respect to many other proposals, we miss discussions on on-time proposals before decision, not accepting help....).

JJEU find it extremely important that ju-jitsu keeps all systems: fighting system, duo system and ne-waza. Nevertheless which discipline (if and when) will first become Olympic, development of others must proceed as all are the essence of ju-jitsu. More countries should be involved in activities as this is the way to progress. Ju-jitsu officials should encourage all ju-jitsu. JJEU will continue with constructive work, raise questions and dilemmas, propose solutions and projects, as constructive and professional organisation, with knowledge and experience, to change and develop ju-jitsu in proven democratic way – and expects and demands the same response from all involved in ju-jitsu.

JJEU will continue to work on the step-to-step bases to mission and vision of ju-jitsu.

No special decision was made at this point. JJEU has invited JJIF President to address JJEU General Assembly in Madrid.

JJIF Development Programme

Mr Dario Quenza presented a JJIF Development Programme, sent from JJIF HQ on February 17th 2016. They requested Unions to prepare proposals for (three) members/countries to be supported by the JJIF (deadline March 17th 2016). JJIF will support with help to organise regional international tournament (competition, referee seminar and preparation day).

Extensive decision suggested options about countries (less active or non active or potential new members) they could be supported by the JJIF but also able to organise the event on expected level (with aim to have strategic view on the development, possible next championships, to invite many regional countries...) JJEU will of course assist and support activities. Many possible candidates were identified....

DECISION 5: Sport Director will ask JJIF Sport director to clarify the details of the support for better understanding of the concept and give feedback to the Board – that will help to identify and choose the most suitable candidates.

Ad 4

Preparation to electoral General Assembly in Gent 2016

The updated invitation for European Open Championship (EOC) Gent, Belgium was evaluated. Corrections were made as expected and document gives solid bases to be published and send to members.

Agenda of electoral General Assembly was evaluated and accepted as it is.

Proposal of Electoral Procedures was evaluated. Some minor adjustments were made to article 9 to make electoral procedures easier (rational). Deadlines were evaluated and they are in the line of the Statute.

DECISION 6: Electoral Procedures are accepted. General Secretary will send them out with Gent invitation and publish on the website.

DECISION 7: General Secretary shall send out invitation to EOC Gent, Agenda for Electoral General Assembly, Electoral Procedures and a questionnaire for members.

Open minded discussion took place within the Board members about future work and possible participation at elections as candidates for positions. Present officials also discussed job obligations and tasks related to different positions within the European organisation. One of the important think of board work is to create creative and positive work atmosphere where decision making process is democratic and work transparent. So far JJEU Board, Committee Directors, Commissioners and associated members managed to work as a good team and that is the expectation for the future JJEU Board and officials.

Ad 5

Others raised by Board members and present officials

Administration and public relations matters

General Secretary has informed Board members before the meeting about the problems he is having with his notebook (JJEU property) which make it impossible to use anymore. Notebook Lenovo L520 (bought in 2011) has malfunction on the motherboard. Official service company (where diagnostic service took place) calculated the repair costs 646,33 EUR.

Based on the calculated costs of repair and age of notebook investment in repair that would not be rational anymore and it is better to buy new one. General Secretary provided all documentation about the case to all present officials by e-mail before the meeting. After discussion which reflected the idea that computer is one of the tools General Secretary must have, Board accepted two decisions:

DECISION 8: the Board write-off following asset from the balance: the notebook Lenovo L520, serial number LR6Z9M7, bought on 21.7.2011, which has been in use of General Secretary – reason malfunction and impossible to be used for work.

DECISION 9: JJEU will buy new notebook for the work in position of General Secretary. General Secretary with assistance of Mr Rick Frowijn shall find most suitable option (price and performance) and inform the Board for approval of buying.

Board members agreed that for the reason of serious work, presentation towards third parties, better overview and better response time all approved officials within JJEU should use official e-mail based on the Google Apps for Work and not webmail based as it is case at the moment.

That would bring certain quality to work and rational some procedures for the future. Costs per months vary to max 40,00 EUR per months for 10 e-mails (but actual need at the moment is 7 e-mails).

DECISION 10: General Secretary with assistance of Mr Rick Frowijn shall find most suitable service conditions on Google Apps for Work (Gmail based) for official JJEU e-mails. Proposal is to be confirmed by the Board before action.

Official seat and bank account

President encourages thinking of the new official seat of the JJEU after General Assembly and new bank account. Official seat have legal consequences and implication related to fiscal and tax control and rules (pursuing also paragraph 1.4 of the new Statute) – it is easier to have official seat and bank account in the same country.

Ju-jitsu in Italy

President explained recent reorganisation and joint activities of ju-jitsu organisations in Italy (Ju-jitsu Committee of Italy, recognized by national Olympic Committee, President Igor Lanzoni, Vice-president Dario Quenza). They have a lot of work to do in Italy.

JJEU ranking rules

In order to be part of the European Games (and maybe the European Championships, as mentioned in press release sent by Joachim about : 'European Sports Championships') it is necessary for JJEU to have a decent ranking method. From each participating class the numbers 1 till 8 are invited to participate at the games. For getting this list clear and open Europe must to have some well thought ranking methods. JJEU will work with JJIF to harmonize activities on the best way for the athletes. Further discussion will be in place in during months. JJEU shall start using it from January 1st 2017!

General Secretary opened discussion about club competition (Champions League) as development is at stall (only Adriatic League is performing with constant quality). After discussion the idea will be spread that Netherlands, France and Germany will try to find clubs for one division in Europe (additional to Adriatic) in 2016 for finals on December 10th 2016.

DECISION 11: JJEU Ranking rules are accepted as proposal to work on. In order to enforce the system fully all organisers of the events in the ranking list shall use the JJEU authorised computer software. The new board should conclude decision making process on the documents.

European Championship U-18 in Germany – venue problem

The venue in Germany for German Open on October 1st and 2nd is not big enough to host German Open international tournament and European Championship juniors U-18 at same time. The charge for the venue Schalke arena planned originally changes drastically and will not allow German Federation to organise EC on the proper level in the same weekend in that venue. For that reason German Open will be organised in Gelsenkirchen Sport Arena which can be used as a venue for European Championship U-18 as well. Possible date for EC is following weekend, October 8th and 9th 2016.

DECISION 12: Mr Rick Frowijn shall check options with Mr Patrik Wendt from German Ju-jutsu Federation and provide feedback information to inform members.

European day of ju-jitsu

Development of idea from previous meetings. A programme to increase recognition of ju-jitsu within members and public. JJEU is supporting the idea. Mr Michael Korn will prepare some promotional materials for GA in Madrid.

Ju-jitsu Masters Tournament

Development of idea from previous meetings. Idea to have ju-jitsu tournament for masters, proposed above 35 years of age. Discussion which part of the year would be the best, possible locations, rules should be adopted, start at 2017... Mr Rick Frowijn and Sport Director will present detailed project and some basic facts for presentation at GA in Gent.

Organisation Handbook

General Secretary shall prepare a presentation of Organisation Handbook at GA in Gent.

Anti-doping issues

Mr Christophe Brunet, Sport Director, reported that issue about doping rules breaking from one of the French athlete is still without solution or feedback information about possible sanction (the athlete at EC Almere in June 2015 did not informed about medical exception on time). The French Federation did not allow athlete to participate so far. As there is no answer officially received and based on the time from the event, they will allow participation. The case is closed for JJEU.

Next board meeting

Next JJEU Board meeting will be at the Paris Open international tournamen, April 30th – May 1st 2016. French federation will send more information in a few weeks.

As no other question and proposal was raised Mr Dario Quenza thanked all for constructive work, discussion and proposals. The meeting was closed at 17:55 hours.

Recorded by:

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