

United States Judo Federation - Shufu Judo Yudanshakai, Inc.
Sunday, November 4, 2018, 9:00 am at Sport Judo, VA
DRAFT meeting minutes

Officers present:

Roy Englert, Jr., President and BoD Chair,
Eric Spears, Vice-President,
Rachel T. Friedrich, Treasurer
Gaiv Tata, Assistant Treasurer
Diane Jackson, Secretary
Charles Medani, Immediate Past President
Miki Takemori, Board of Examiners Chair

Directors present: Maurice Allan, Craig Agena, George Antoniou, R. Wayne Brown, Monty Burton, Lisa Capriotti, Greg Goebel, Rob Gouthro, Brian Greene, Richard Hugh, Robert Hunt, Margie Kettl, Michael Landstreet, Brad Lewis, Srgt Major Mayfield, Maisha Mayfield, James Rivera, Barry Snader, D. Eric Spears, Jeff Steel, Tad Nalls, Roy Nanjo, Edwin Takemori, Karl Tamai, Kevin Tamai, Kurt Tamai, Karen Whilden, Peggy Whilden, Dr. White

- I. **Roy Englert Jr, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10am**
Quorum confirmed (40 of 155, 15% needed for quorum)
 - Moment of silence for passing of Mark Smith
- II. **Approval of Minutes – unanimously approved, as amended by a motion by Dick Hugh**
 - Amendment: Wayne Brown, should be R. Wayne Brown
- III. **Reports of Officers and Committees**
 - a. President's Remarks – submitted written report.
Discussion:
 - **USJF meetings in May 2018 in Texas; conference call for USJF budget in August; and next week in Seattle**
 - **Diane Jackson elected secretary of USJF at August**
 - **New organization, American Judo Association (AJA), with a goal of USA Judo, USJF, and USJA working together. Defining roles for each organization is a challenge for all three organizations to support judo, especially for grass roots effort.**
 - **John Anderson elected in IJF/USJF – Hall of Fame. Award was presented to John's family at Takemori clinic.**
 - **Recent Shufu successes: Faye Allen kata championship; Takemori clinic; three Shufu teams on 2018 World Kata Team, Of those, two Shufu Kata teams made Finals at the recent World Kata Championship, which was held in Cancun Mexico: Diane Jackson and Karl Tamai (Ju no kata) placed 6th, Lisa Capriotti and Rob Gouthro (Kime no kata) placed 6th. Shufu also represented by Wayne Lifshitz and Monty Burton (Goshin jitsu).**
 - **Upcoming: Itsutsu clinic on December 2 by Fran Vall, Shufu interested in finding hosts for self-defense clinic, rules clinic, and teacher's institute.**
 - **Thank you to Rachel Friedrich for her many years of service as treasurer, who resigned effective November 3, 2018.**
 - **Rank Registration chair – one of most difficult in Yudanshakai. Appreciation to Karen Whilden who agreed to take on job. Thank you to Terence McPartland for 7 years of service**
 - b. Treasurer's report by Gaiv Tata - **Unanimously accept treasurer's report by a motion by R. Hugh.**

- c. Other Officers' reports:
- Eric Spears, Vice-President: **Thank you to Rob Gouthro of Hui-o-judo-SC and Kevin McNeely of Pure Performance for expressing interest in hosting events**
 - Diane Jackson, Secretary: **Shufu membership increased from 480 in 2017 to 530 in 2018, Top 5 Shufu clubs: DC Judo (59), Dale City Judo (57), Naval Academy (53), NIH Judo (45), Arlington Judo (43)**
 - Miki Takemori, Chair BOE: **presented -dan certificates for:**
 - **Peggy Whilden, Rokudan**
 - **Edwin Takemori, Hachidan**
 - **Calvin Sessions, Nidan**
- d. Committee Reports: Chairs were invited to share a Highlight from their report (written reports are the Shufu website)
- Changes in Chair
 - Athlete Funding – **Robert Hunt for Brad Lewis – Welcomed new committee member, Rob Winston, to committee**
 - Board of Examiners – **Miki Takemori for Tad Nalls**
 - Kata Development – **Rob Gouthro for Diane Jackson**
 - **Planning to host Spring kata clinic, interested in bringing in noted instructor**
 - **Nage no kata clinic next weekend by Edwin Takemori in Cary, NC**
 - Rank Registration – **Karen Whilden for Terence McPartland**
 - Referee Development – **Bobby Donaldson and Karl Tamai for Roy Englert, Jr.**
 - **Sharon Landstreet traveling the world. Bobby Donaldson in Europe.**
 - **At Junior Development Tournament on October 20, at least six new local and regional were certified. Some expressed interest in national certification.**
 - **February 9, 2019 is the (tentative) date for the 2019 Rules Clinic.**
 - Sanction Committee – **Eric Spears for John Morrisson**
 - **New member: Lisa Capriotti**
 - Coach development – Eric Spears
 - **Thank you for Sargeants Major Mayfield and Maisha Mayfield for on-line coaching certificate course. Brain Greene was the first to complete this regional coaches course**
 - **Jeff Steel hosted several recreational judo workouts that have been very well attended**
 - **Eric Spears coached Tiko O, who won a bronze medal, at World Veterans Championship in Cancun, Mexico in October 2018**
 - **Encourage supporting for recreational players who would like to travel more – looking for mentor/ coaching volunteers**
 - Medical – Dr. Robert White
 - **USA Judo changed concussion training requirement. Extra part for physicians, which he took. Of note: Kids are more susceptible, especially those with emotional issues. Blow to head as well as blow to body could cause concussion. Ukemi saves judoka from many concussions. Education is necessary. Person is more susceptible to a second concussion. Written clearance to return to activity (various opinions on cost vs benefit).**
 - **Motion by G. Goebel did not pass to create a committee on gather information on ukemi and correlation between practices to concussions for Shufu.**
 - **ACTION: President requested Dr. White to continue to monitor and share information with senseis.**
 - **REQUEST: Edwin Takemori requests that instructors send him information on how they teach and practice ukemi and occurrences of head injuries during practices. Contact: takemorijudo@verizon.net**

- Brian Greene noted West Point did baseline concussion assessments.
- Miki Takemori noted that in a clinic by Kodokan that they decided to change the way they teach osotograi because of an increasing incidences of concussions. (Not throwing backwards, now teach lateral / rotating motion). Video may be on line.
- Senior development – Tad Nalls
 - National level now has protocol on concussions, that is, if concussion, player should be removed.
 - Current high-level competitors: Tiko; Gerald Cadet, Haitian player (sponsored through WJC) and a Shufu member
 - Noted that Ezaki went to President’s Cup; Craig in Veterans (from Afghan citizen) and Shufu member. He may have a shot for Olympics as wild card for Afghanistan (in 2020) but not for USA. He is seeking USA citizenship. Sport Judo is looking for fundraising ideas. Writing articles for Shufu website to raise awareness and fundraising was one suggestion.
 - Tad Nalls noted that WJC is arranging to have a Tokai instructor to bring someone in for 2 weeks - 2 months
- Standards Committee – Bobby Donaldson (on judo travel) – **no report**
- Tournament Recorded – Gaiv Tata – **no report**
- Teacher Development – Mike Landstreet
 - **ACTION/REQUEST: Venue(s) needed with classroom and mat space for about 24 participants (8 per instructor).- Result: Pure Performance will host**
 - **Four master instructors currently in Shufu (i.e., Miki, Eric, Diane and Chuck)**
- Website – Chuck Medani and Lisa Capriotti
 - **REQUEST: Members are requested to write news, articles or stories for website.** (e.g, Photos of clubs to highlight s club)
 - **ACTION: List of Committees will be added on website.**
- **DECISION: George Antoniou volunteered and was accepted as Chair of Communication and Social Media Committee**
- **REQUEST: Vacant Committees in need for char and/or members if anyone interested:**
 - Junior and Youth development
 - Registration Chair
 - Strategic Planning

V. Unfinished Business - none

VI. New Business

- Notice of Proposal to amend bylaws to allow non-US, legal citizens to hold Shufu office by Roy Englert, Jr.
 - Amended third sentence to include “or lawful permanent resident”**DECISION: Proposal unanimously passed by a motion by M. Allan**
- Election of new Treasurer to succeed Rachel Friedrich, who has resigned effective November 3
- Gaiv Tata nominated. No other nominations from the floor.
 DECISION: Gaiv Tata unanimously elected as Treasurer
- New business from the Floor:
 - Rob Gouthro – Started a fund for novice kata players in Mark Smith’s honor. Donations can be through American Judo Foundation, a 501c(3) organization.
 - Chuck Medani – Mark was a champion for visually impaired and Wounded warriors. Shufu members should think about how to carry on his work. John Fay taken over the veterans club at the Veterans medical center.
 REQUEST: He would appreciate help for practices, Fridays 1-3 at Veterans Administration. Contact John at yalecolcrft@gmail.com
 - Kurt Tamai noted that although there was not a junior development report. Four local or Shufu juniors on the USA team going to Pan American Games, including

Kai Hanada and Alex Tamai from College Park Judo, Eveleen Diep from Sport Judo, and a female player from Rob/Lisa's club.

- Discussion on the connection between Takemori fund and Shufu general budget. Clarified any profits or losses from Takemori clinic are assessed to Takemori fund.
- It was noted that Wexler Consulting, local firm in Alexandria supports organizations in marketing, such as updating or new website; social media (e.g., Facebook, twitter, instagram); mass email blasts; targeted ads; Infusion Soft program. Owner is familiar with Judo.
- Edwin Takemori noted that for both Juniors and seniors, kata is a good competitors for non-shiai players. Outreach would be good for recreational players.
- ACTION: Diane Jackson to create gmail account for "Shufu rank registration"; similar to ShufuYudanshakai@gmail.com and ShufuPresident@gmail.com
RESULT: ShufuRankReg@gmail.com

VI. Adjournment at 10:33am. Unanimously approved adjournment with a motion by Roy Nanjo.

Shufu Yudanshakai Board of Examiners - 2018 Fall Promotion

Miki Takemori, BOE Chair - present

- Maurice Allan MBE - present
- Mark Dantzler – absent
- Bobby Donaldson – absent (on referee travel)
- Roy Englert, Jr., Esq. – present, Shufu President
- Rachel Friedrich - present, examined
- Greg Goebel – present, examined
- Pamela Hinkle – absent
- Kevin Hobbs – absent
- Richard Hugh - present
- Diane Jackson – present, Shufu secretary
- Brad Lewis - present, examined
- Michael Landstreet – present, coordinator
- Terence McPartland – absent
- Charles Medani - present
- John Morrisson – absent
- Michael (Tad) Nalls, Esq. - present
- James Rivera - present, examined
- Steven Seaquist – absent
- Barry Snader - present
- D. Eric Spears – present, Shufu VP
- Jeff Steel - present
- Edwin Takemori - present
- Karl Tamai - present, examined
- Kevin Tamai - present, examined
- Kurt Tamai - present
- Frances Vall – absent
- Karen Whilden - present, examined
- Peggy Whilden - present
- Robert Winston – absent