

## **USJF Shufu Judo Yudanshakai, Inc. - Board of Directors (BOD)**

### **Meeting Minutes (draft) - October 2, 2021, 9:00am**

#### **via hybrid meeting at The Compound and zoom due to COVID-19**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Confirmation of quorum - Welcome by President at 9:02 am.
- II. Request to record meeting - Agreed
- III. President's report
  - a. Even with COVID-19, Shufu Yudanshakai has had an impressive amount of successes  
High level dan promotions: Dick Hugh promoted to Hachidan; Karl Tamai and Diane Jackson promoted to Rodukan  
New national referees: Nick Madary (NIH), Alek Winiarski (Hui-o judo), Reza Biazaran (Hui-o judo)  
New national kata judges in Koshiki no Kata: Fran Vall (WJC), Karen Whilden (DC Judo), Karl Tamai (CPJ), Diane Jackson (Hui-o judo), Theodore Schwalm (Shufu at large)  
USJF Lifetime achievement award: Lou Moyerman  
Adaptive Judo Program: Mayer Max applied for and received grant from Department of Veteran Affairs  
New clubs to Shufu – especially George Antoniou  
Philadelphia Martial Arts Hall of Fame: Karen Whilden and Fran Vall inducted
  - b. USJF National level news  
USJF hosting numerous zoom seminars and adding video content  
Kevin Tamai clinician for a well-attended seminar on developing good judoka  
First USJF sanctioned event since start of PHE was Shufu's Koshiki no Kata clinic  
Next USJF BOD meeting on November 13; and BOE on November 14 via zoom.  
Observers welcome
  - c. Gerard Cadet announced developmental shiai on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at The Compound Judo Challenge. Novice (white to brown belts) competition start at 8am weigh-ins. And night before 8:00pm – 9:30pm. Competition start at 10:00am on Saturday.
  - d. Miki Takemori – Hilaire N collecting gently used judo equipment for judo in the Abidjan, Ivory Coast / Côte d'Ivoire. Also, collecting children's clothing for an orphanage. Information on Shufu website (Hilaire's email, contact number, etc.). collecting through December 2021.
  - e. Shufu officers – elections at next meeting  
Roy will not re-run for president  
Eric (may not) re-run as VP  
Please think about running or requesting others to consider
- IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Motion by Dick Hugh unanimously approved to adopt agenda
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve last BOD meeting minutes Motion by Fran Vall unanimously approved to adopt with corrections:
  - a. Add Brian Greene, Naval Academy
  - b. Correct Wendy and Jason's P club
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT by Gaiv Tata, Treasurer
- VII. NON-FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - a. VP – coaching and teaching at USJF working to moving to more virtual content
  - b. Miki Takemori – BOE  
On USJF Promotional Committee – there is discussion on adjustments to kata competitors' points.

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**IV. SPECIAL REPORTS**

a. Highlights from Committee chairs

Athletes' Fund - Robert Hunt – ~started with 7530. 4 requests for funds for a total \$1,100. Current \$6,430 dollars,

Coach – Eric Spears – National is refining coaching process to be on-line. October 24 Communications –

Kata – Robert Gouthro August 22, 2021 koshiki clinic. 6 new National judges (5 from Shufu: Karen W, Fran V, Karl Tamai, Diane Jackson, Theo Schwalm). 2021 World Kata Championship in Lisbon Portugal – Shufu representing USA on delegation: Rob/Lisa Kime; Theo Schwalm (team Manager). USAJUdo kata committee holds a zoom kata discussion monthly (generally first Saturday of each month).

Membership/ Registration chair Dr Medani -: Shufu Registration: ~253 (50% decrease from May 2020); 23 clubs with members; USJF.com – search for 'portal' for on-line registration at USJF level

Referee – Karl Tamai: congratulations to the 3 new National referees.

Rank Registration chair – Karen Whilden – good job by team. Follow deadlines please to.

Website –

b. Ad hoc committee approved at Spring 2019 BOD meeting – Committee to be comprised of athlete fund chair and referee and kata committee chairs to research criteria/limitations regarding use of funds

c. Motion to accept all reports (except Communications), if not already accepted – motion to accept Karen Whilden. Unanimously approved

d. Communications – George Antoniou.

Updated to black belt directory list. Please send new black belts to George and Diane. Indicate if information can be shared. Goal: updated every 6 months.

Future goal: work on 'External' communications, i.e., with other YDKs.

Social media:

Shufu webpage (admin: Dr. Medani),

Shufu Facebook. (admin: George/Eric/Brad)

Shufu communication FB group (anyone can post) – George

Want Hootsuite request (\$40.00 /month) – will discuss with Shufu executive committee

Start Tweeter, Instagram, and others (admin: George/Eric/Brad)

a. Motion to approve by Diane Jackson. Unanimously approved

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. R. White's proposal to consider a track / allow use 'traditional' Shufu judo criteria for promotions  
Miki: concern is that USJF guidelines have changed. Some techniques have been added to USJF standard. Kata requirements different.  
return to discussion for future meeting

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Development and support to new clubs – George Antoniou – How to grow judo?

i. What needs to be done to start a judo club? Black belts willing to start clubs.

ii. What is need to grow a club? Mats, venue, black belt

iii. Thank you to Kevin Tamai for donating mats to new club in elementary school (k-8) in Virginia

iv. Four clubs (cross train with other marital arts) being recruited for Shufu, and a Catholic school. Biggest Needs: mats and black belts

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- v. Request to YDK President to consider creating Ad hoc committee to grow judo / develop new clubs: George Antoniou, Tim Redden, Brad Lewis.
  - vi. How can the quality of instructor be assured?
  - b. Announcements of upcoming or in-planning events – from the floor
    - i. Jimmy Takemori clinic – Tentatively - 2/5 or 6 at Sport Judo. Clinician: Jason Morris
    - ii. USJF zoom seminars: Sunday, October 17 (possibly 4pm ET) by Krista Tsetsui on social media; Larry Tsetsui October 24 on coaching. Nov (TBD date) by Mitchell Pallicio – on physiology of training. They are recorded. Dr. Medani to check on availability status on recordings.
    - iii. Developmental October
  - c. Roy – if a BOD member thinks that any item should have been discussed today, or discussed more. Please contact Roy. Will consider a special BOD meeting via zoom else, try to consider agenda items early.
- X. ADJOURNMENT – motion to adjourn – motion to adjourn – Fran Vall. Unanimously approved. 10:42

**Shufu Executive Committee**

**Roy Englert, Jr.**, President and BOD Chair

**Eric Spears**, Vice-President

**Gaiv Tata**, Treasurer

**Diane Tamai Jackson**, Secretary

**Miki Takemori**, Board of Examiners Chair

**Charles Medani**, Immediate Past President

In attendance:

Last name	First	Club (25)	State (9)	
Antoniou	George	Dale City Judo	VA	In person
Brown	R. Wayne	Hui-o judo	MD	Virtual
Caban	Miguel Naygy	Naval Academy	MD	Virtual
Cadet	Gerard	The Compound	MD	In person
Champy	Bob	Shinzen Judo	NH	
Englert, Jr.	Roy	WJC	DC	In person
Goebel	Greg	Naval Academy	MD	Virtual
Greene	Brian	Naval Academy	MD	In person
Hinkle	Pam	Blue Dragon	CT	Virtual
Jackson	Diane	Hui-o judo	MD	In person
Kettl	Margie	Hui-o judo	MD	Virtual
Landstreet	Micheal	Arlington Judo	VA	In person
Landstreet	Sharon	Arlington Judo	VA	Virtual
Lewis	Brad	NIH	MD	In person
Lifshitz	Wayne	College Park Judo	MD	
McPartland	Terence	DC Judo	DC	Virtual
Medani	Charles	DC Judo	DC	Virtual

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Last name	First	Club (25)	State (9)	
Menzel	Lorenzo	unattached	SC	
Mitchell	Cheryl		DE	Virtual
Nalls	Tad	Georgetown Judo	DC	
Nanjo	Roy	Yama/Villanova	PA	
Nsheuko	Edmond	CPJ +	MD	
Redden	Tim			Virtual
Pietroniro	Wendy	Shinzen Judo	NH	Virtual
Pietroniro	Jason	Shinzen Judo	NH	
Redden	Tim	FUMA/Charlottesville Judo	VA	
Spears	Eric	College Park Judo	MD	In person
Johnson	Percy			Virtual
Takemori	Miki	Toshi BudoKai	MA	
Takemori	Edwin	Naval Academy	MD	In person
Tamai	Karl	College Park Judo	MD	Virtual
Tamai	Kurt	College Park Judo	MD	
Tamai	Kevin	Hui-o judo	MD	In person
Tata	Gaiv	Arlington Judo	VA	In person
Whilden	Karen	DC Judo	DC	In person
Hugh	Dick		PA	In person
Vall	Fran	WJC	DC	In person