

D. Eric Spears, VP Shufu, 2017 Spring Meeting Report

Please acknowledge the passing of John Anderson and Dr. Fitzsimons.

I assume all of you saw the video of Kayla Harrison explaining she is breaking up with judo. She clarified later that this was a function of USA Judo's internal dealings and inappropriate transactions.

I believe Judo is in trouble when our icon athletes are rejecting judo. I realize she was unhappy with USA judo while this is a meeting of USJF but I hope we take this as a wake-up call.

Shufu has taken fire for being too strict on its financial reporting, and even I have previously concluded we were doing too much but now I see how important financial clarity really is.

I ask all of you to decide what you can do to help improve judo. Whether it's volunteer to work or host events, start a club or teach or coach others. Think of our Senseis that are no longer with us and how much they did for us. Pay it forward. You can make a difference. Please don't expect others to do it for you...

Approved at USJF National Meeting

- A. The USJF shall review and adjust the Annual operating budget for the fiscal year prior to the semi-annual meeting based on the interim operating income.

- B. The five star dojo certification program was passed and includes
 - 1 instructor certification
 - 2 coach certification
 - 3 referee certification
 - 4 kata certification
 - 5 super star certification or a 5th specialty certification

You must identify the individuals with certifications to the national USJF office and request the club banner.

- C. Reduced the time and grade and point requirements for USJF promotions up through Shodan.

- D. The life membership fees will increase effective September 1st 2017 to \$400 from \$250 at the base level life membership and the base level president life membership to \$600 from \$500.

E. Adoption of requirements for safe sport and background checks for certification maintenance every two years

F. President Medani gave a pediatrics presentation on youth participation in martial arts.

Agenda at the next meeting

A. Hall of Fame

I will be submitting an application to request John Anderson be included in the USJF Hall of Fame.

B. There is a proposal for the referee development program to include a junior referee program and a regional referee program with certifications thereon.

C. What are the criteria of a Judan promotion? Please give your input.

Teachers Committee meeting

A. Teaching is about creating new leaders

B. Teaching is broader than coaching

C. Create leaders by making incentives:

There will be a five star certification for five star Dojos.

Ask for letters from school principals to give awards for Citizenship.

Ask your new black belts to teach a 4 week intro to judo program.

Note to all the judo in the John Wick movies.

Coaching meeting

A. Shufu online intro to coaching is up and running. Thank you Sensei Sargent Major Mayfield.

B. Please give feedback on the lack of interest in Shufu coaching clinic?

C. National approved action to improve communication between the three organizations concerning coaching and certification.

Self-defense committee

A. We are working with Hudson Yudanshakai to have a joint self-defense class to begin certifying self-defense instructors on the East Coast. Lloyd Llamas has agreed to head up this effort.

- B. For insurance purposes we should begin to refer to judo as a Martial way rather than a martial art.
- C. The manual for self-defense has been approved by our USJF insurance company.