

United States Sumo Federation

July 25, 2023

Virtual Regular Meeting

Agenda Prepared by:

USSF Board of Trustees and Executive Officers

Minutes Prepared by: Kellyann Ball

I. Call to Order: 7:36PM

II. Roll Call

- A. Ed Suczewski (President)**
- ~~B. Ryan White (Trustee & Vice President)~~**
- C. Andrew Freund (Trustee)**
- D. Daniel Avila (Trustee)**
- E. Kelly Gneiting (Trustee)**
- F. Ramy Elgazar (Trustee) - Partial Attendance**
- G. Kellyann Ball (Secretary) - Partial Attendance**
- H. Americus Abesamis (Treasurer) - Partial Attendance**
- ~~I. Marky Naas (Webmaster)~~**
- ~~J. Tom Zabel (Executive Director)~~**

III. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- 1. Minutes still pending approval**

IV. Reports

- 1. None**

V. Unfinished Business

A. SWC and WCG

- a. Compiling all paperwork for SWC and WCG - (USSF's version of the consent form)**
 - i. Andrew to create a USSF version of consent form and to send out an email reminder to athletes regarding required information. Including payment information for deposit and accreditation.**
- b. Uniforms**
 - i. Danny to head uniforms, contact athletes for sizing and work with Justin Kizzart.**
- c. Finalize Delegation**
 - i. Coaches**
 - 1. Andrew motions that the travel allowance only goes to athletes, additional delegation members (i.e. coaches, officials etc) would not receive a travel**

allowance. Andrew makes a motion to table the current motion with the goal to vote on it within the next 2 weeks.

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED - 3 in favor, 1 abstained

- ii. Backups (Fill Jenni Crook's spot both SWC and WCG)
 - 1. Notify Natalie Jones to fill the SWC spot, Contact Holly Espedido to fill the WCG spot
- iii. Deadline for athletes who have not responded
 - 1. Andrew made a motion for the Board to immediately contact in any way possible by 7/26/2023 and ask her to confirm her participation in WCG by 7/29/2023. After the 7/29/2023 deadline the board will notify Zhariyah of the possibility of her taking that spot. If no response is received by Logan by 8/12/2023, the board will officially offer the spot to Zhariyah (next athlete in line for that position). Motion Carries
- d. Athlete Deposits, Accreditation/Room & Board
 - i. Prepare instructions for Athletes, Americus to provide payment information (Zelle, Venmo, Paypal)

B. 2024 Nationals Bid extension

- a. Announcement, Email?
 - i. Ed to provide Kellyann with access to the distribution list. Kellyann to send out a reminder email regarding the 2024 USNC bid extension.

VI. New Business

- 1. Andrew moves to acknowledge that the trustees accept Ed Suczweski's resignation and that Ramy Elgazar has been selected to replace Ed's trustee position for the duration of his term of roughly 7 months.
MOTION CARRIES - Unanimous support
- 2. Andrew moves that any USSF board member or other appointee posting or replying with official USSF email and/or official social media pages must include their name and position in those communications.
MOTION CARRIES - Unanimous support

VII. Adjournment: 8:34PM

