

USSF Conference Call Agenda

April 11, 2020

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USSF Board of Trustees and Executive Officers

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NOTE: These meeting minutes have been appropriately redacted to protect USSF members' private information.

I. Call to Order: 6:08 PM

II. Roll Call

- A. Helen Delpopolo (Trustee)
- B. Andrew Freund (Trustee)
- C. Mariah Holmes (Trustee & Vice President)
- D. Justin Kizzart (Trustee)
- E. Ed Suczewski (Trustee & President)
- F. Ryan White (Secretary)
- G. Americus Abesamis (Treasurer)

III. Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Minutes prepared by Ed Suczewski ([linked here](#))

IV. Reports

- A. Americus Abesamis updated financial report (linked here)
 - 1. \$150 disbursed to Nationals Travel Grant recipients
- B. Update on Women's Committee
 - 1. President asked for committee members no one has accepted thus far
 - 2. President will send out applications again
- C. Ed Suczewski's report on the formation of U.S. National Team
- D. Ed Suczewski's report on Impact deal
 - 1. Deal with Impact is agreed upon, but we are waiting to move forward until coronavirus-related cancellations are behind us.
- E. Ed Suczewski's report on print-to-order merchandise store ([price list and product mock-ups attached](#))
- F. Helen Delpopolo's report on bulk-order merchandise store

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Make a decision about merchandise store going forward
1. MOTION: Move forward with Printful print-to-order merchandise. Collect feedback on prices by Wednesday and go live with the store by Friday.
 - a) Approved by unanimous vote
- B. MOTION: Appoint Mariah Holmes as unofficial webmaster (not as an official executive board position).
1. The Webmaster must be a trusted USSF member, as they will be given access to our online profiles as well as content editor's access to our web site.
 2. The Webmaster does not need a great deal of technical skill but must be comfortable writing, editing images, and working with social media. The Webmaster must also be willing to put in the time needed to improve our online presence.
 3. Policies for social media pages?
 - a) Ex. Moderator privileges on facebook.
 - b) Follower ratio on Instagram, for example.
 4. Helen is also interested in the position
 5. Idea of a webmaster committee was suggested
 6. MOTION: Appoint single webmaster
 - a) Approved by unanimous vote
 7. Vote on webmaster nominees: Mariah Holmes and Helen Delpopolo
 - a) Mariah approved by unanimous vote
- C. MOTION: Allocate \$350 to print 50 2021 USSF Calendars later this year. We will accept submissions from members and vote on the best twelve for inclusion. Calendars will retail in our online store at \$25 each.
1. We need to sell 17 or 18 to break even.
 2. If we sell all 50, we'll profit \$650.
 3. Motion tabled until next meeting due to coronavirus
- D. Ethics Committee vs. Standards Committee
1. MOTION: In order to comply with the bylaws, combine the Ethics Committee and Standards Committee and add Justin Kizzart.
 - a) Approved by unanimous vote

- E. Due to coronavirus, the USSF has offered a 60-day extension to some members owing money.

VI. New business

- A. MOTION: With regard to selecting U.S. national team coaches, adopt the following policies:
 - 1. Any coach for the Sumo World Championships or an equivalent competition (e.g. World Games or World Combat Games) must have previously served as coach at the Sumo World Championships or an equivalent competition OR must have attended the Sumo World Championships as a delegation member or athlete and successfully completed the [Coach Training Program](#) OR must have demonstrated a comparable level of administrative experience at World Championships prior to 2020.
 - 2. Each year, the trustees may select up to two individuals to complete the Coach Training Program. A Coach Trainee must attend the Sumo World Championships as an unpaid delegation member or athlete and shadow that year's coach. Coach Trainees are expected to closely observe all aspects of the coaching process (aside from handling athletes' sensitive medical information). With careful oversight, the team coach should delegate certain responsibilities to the Coach Trainee.
 - 3. [Motion tabled until next meeting](#)
- B. Mexico Sumo Federation
 - 1. [Some individuals in Mexico are interested in reviving their national federation.](#)
 - 2. [We will reach out to the interested parties and advise them.](#)
- C. Policy on contacting IFS
 - 1. [To be discussed further via email](#)
- D. Date for next meeting?
 - 1. [First week of May](#)

VII. Announcements

- A. World Games postponed ([see letter](#))
- B. Status of 2020 Sumo World Championships TBD by end of April ([see letter](#))

VIII. Adjournment: 8:03 PM

