



2021 Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation General Assembly Minutes
Saturday, January 14, 2022 – 3:30 PM Central Time - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

I. Welcome

President, Mr. João Silva, welcomes attendees and states that it is his pleasure and honor to once again be present at the General Assembly (GA) meeting. The President states that he believes in the importance of the GA meeting as it provides members with the opportunity to come together and have discussions at the international level, learning about one another's culture and the unique needs that each national federation may have and how those needs fit into the bigger, international picture of SJJIF. He believes this is important for the continued growth of the organization.

The president wishes everyone a successful GA and indicates that he will be jointly conducting the GA with the General Secretary, Summer Casebere.

The President requests that all attendees briefly introduce themselves. Attendees present themselves, indicating what federation/country they represent and their respective positions.

II. Attendance

The following attendees are present:

SJJIF President	IJJF Representative (Israel)
SJJIF General Secretary	BSJJF Representative (Brazil)
SJJSAF President (South America)	SJJFNZ President (New Zealand)
ESJJF President (Europe)	FRMSJJF Representative (Morocco)
SJJHF Representative (Hungary)	SJJUKF General Secretary (United Kingdom)
	SJJFH President (Honduras)

III. Approval of Agenda

The SJJIF General Secretary, Summer Casebere, asks the GA to approve the proposed agenda. The GA unanimously agreed.

IV. Approval of 2020 GA Minutes

The SJJIF General Secretary, Summer Casebere, asks the GA to approve the 2020 General Assembly minutes. The GA unanimously agreed.

V. Reports

A. President's Report

The President opens the President Report by stating that 2021 was an interesting post-COVID year with limitations on many normal activities still in place, however, it seems that people are eager to return to normalcy and that is a positive thing.

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President's summary of activity is as follows:

- a. New event formats & rulebooks are implemented providing SJJIF event organizers with more opportunities & flexibility in the type of events they host while still having a governing body and established rules.
- b. SJJIF Software implementation in progress and available to all members to use with automated ranking in place. Federation wide use of the software is necessary to ensure that data, records, and rank monitoring is in place. In addition, software is available to independent event organizers and provides a tool for national federations to organize and bring together their respective BJJ communities. Idea of software calendar noted with pros of organization and control of event saturation within close proximity BJJ communities with multiple event organizers. SJJIF software's user friendliness and versions discussed.
- c. COVID-19 continued impact on international conferences noted with minimal opportunities to participate in in-person events. It is noted that the TAFISA conference was held virtually and more of a presentation of sports.
- d. The 2021 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship was hosted in Texas due to ongoing restrictions in California as it relates to these types of events.
- e. Grant and projects still under development.
- f. 2022 Objectives:
 - i. Full implementation of SJJIF software.
 - ii. Acquire grants and 501(c)(3) funding.
 - iii. Additional Event Rulebooks implementation.
 - iv. Development of Jiu-Jitsu World Day to promote growth of the sport and unity across the global community
 - v. 2022 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship tentatively schedules to return to California (Long Beach Arena)

The President notes that this concludes his presentation with some topics addressed going into further detail at later points of the GA meeting. The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

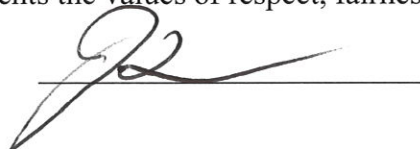
B. Vice President Report

Vice President Tawfiq Jaunbocus to provide a report at a later date due to unforeseen events that affected his ability to attend the GA meeting.

C. General Secretary Report

General Secretary Summer Casebere reports on activity as follows:

- a. Review of number of SJJIF events data from 2013 to 2021 with continued impact of COVID-19 noted.
- b. Review of 2021 SJJIF World Championship & Adapted BJJ data reviewed with continued COVID -19 restrictions noted as adversely affecting the event location, attendance, and ability of athletes to travel.
- c. Review of SJJIF Gender Policy and the complexity of establishing one firm policy due to varying national and state level laws. Informs board that gender policy templates are available for review and regardless of gender policy adopted at national levels to meet legal requirements the values of respect, fairness, and safety must be abided by.



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- d. Review of World Bidding procedure with a brief discussion on previous year's events and their use for financial stability for SJJIF and need for future events, regardless of organizer, to continue providing financial stability. World Bidding procedures will have guidelines, regulations, and hosting expectations to ensure a continuity of presentation, integrity, and participant experience. Noted, prior to COVID-19 SJJIF was financially strengthening and preparing to launch social programs and financial support to CFs and NFs. However, COVID-19's financial impact on SJJIF led to inability to offer cash prizes and postponement to launching projects therefore financial stability of SJJIF has to be a key component to successfully implementing the World Bidding procedure.
- e. Review of World Tour concept presented with fee to SJJIF at 50/50 profit with a \$30,000 cap fee regardless of respective nation's profit margin. Discussed:
 - i. Importance of quality control
 - ii. NFs having the necessary time to prepare sufficiently
 - iii. Pros and cons of an open event or national team only
- f. 2022 Objectives:
 - i. Acquiring grants
 - ii. Finalizing World Bidding procedures
 - iii. Organization Jiu-Jitsu World day
 - iv. Organization of SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship

The General Secretary notes that this concludes her presentation. The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

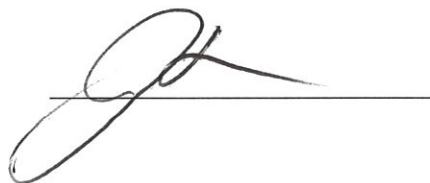
D. Finance Report

SJJIF Treasurer, Patricia Silva, is unable to attend the GA meeting therefore the GS presents financial reports informing the GA that updates have been made to how expenses are documented and how the report is generated with the goal of providing more transparency. GS presents financial reports sharing overall income and World championship generated income. Question posed if future World championships will be hosted in Texas and President Silva presents options and the uncertainty of moving back to California regardless of intent due to that state's continued COVID-19 restrictions.

GS presents the 2020 balance sheet with details, and the profit and loss account via shared documents. Treasurer indicates that this is an updated report that includes information unknown at the time of the last general assembly meeting.

The floor is open for questions and comments and SJJISAF President asks for clarification on the PPP loan/grant which is explained. The floor is open for questions and comments again; however, there are no further questions or comments from members. The General Secretary asks the assembly to accept the financial reports for 2020. The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2020 financial reports of the SJJIF.

The Treasurer presents the estimated 2021 financial reports and indicates that the profit and loss report is as realistic and as skeptical as possible to present realistic data. The Treasurer indicates that the estimated report includes accurate information from January through December 2021.



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The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no further questions or comments from members. The General Secretary asks the assembly to accept the estimated financial reports for 2021. The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2021 estimated financial reports of the SJJIF.

E. Continental Council VP Report North America Report

CF President Mr. Sam Aschidamini of the NABJJF will report at a later date.

Honduras - NF President reports that activity is very limited due to COVID-19 restrictions with no events.

Africa Report

SJJIF VP Tawfiq Jaunbocus will report at a later date.

Morocco - NF President reports that the country is now open for events and they are planning to host an event in the coming months, currently at the sponsorship & funding stage of planning.

Asia Report

CF President Edson Kogahara of the ASJJF reports.

Israel - NF President reports that activity is progressing with increased vaccination rates allowing for 5 events having been held in 202.

Europe Report

CF President Marcello Rosa reports that things are improving as they relate to COVID-19 in Europe and BJJ activity is beginning to increase. There are events tentatively planned however it is subject to ordinances of their respective health departments which continue to impose restrictions based on COVID-19 data.

South America Report

CF President Mr. Cleiber Maia of the SJJSAF reports that in 2020 they were able to host 6 events as they recover from COVID-19 restrictions and it has affected financial results. However, it is noted that the climate with other BJJ event organizers is very competitive.

Oceania Report

Oceania representative reports that the beginning of the year began very promisingly as they hosted the first Oceania event with participation from Australia and Tahiti which was an amazing event with positive feedback. Shortly after Tahiti encountered COVID-19 related difficulties that impacted BJJ activity. It is noted that Australia has stalled in its development and the potential of bringing on board a new team to build traction. Brief discussion ensues regarding the current state of Oceania's leadership and the need to have new leadership. Options are presented with how the continental development can move forward with new leadership and it is decided that this issue will be further addressed outside of the GA meeting and include all members of Oceania. It is noted that Mr. Paulo Oliveira of New Zealand is willing to step up in leadership if a transition of leadership does occur.

New Zealand - NF President reports in 2021 that were able to run half of their calendar of events before they encountered local COVID-19 lockdowns which stopped event activity until nearly the end of the year. It is reported that 2022 seems promising as the high vaccination rate and country guidelines allow them to host events as



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long as protocols are followed. In addition, they are close to receiving state funds that they believe will significantly benefit their ability to grow and host more events.

The floor is open for questions and comments. Question arises regarding SJJIF offices and membership processing and the board is informed that SJJIF offices are running with limited office hours but nonetheless processing all requests, memberships, certificates, etc. There are no further questions or comments from members.

F. Approval of New Members

SJJIF President informs members that there were multiple inquiries and NF membership applications at the beginning of 2020 which are currently on hold due to COVID-19 impacts to their development. President emphasizes the belief that we get stronger through each other and the goal is to always grow and bring people to our team therefore he encourages members to invite members of the BJJ community to join our organization and mission.

G. Discussion Topics

1. Membership Duties

The importance of membership duties and fees is noted.

2. Social Media

Strategies to promote each other's events is discussed with the importance of tagging each other or using #sjjif noted to simplify our ability to share and promote each other's activity and highlighting the work we are doing.

3. Oceania Federation

Brief summary of previously noted discussion and outcomes.

4. New Event Formats & Rulesets

Comments & brief discussion on members excitement of new options and opportunities it provides to grow the sport.

5. Open Q & A:

Q: What is the process of validating belt rank?

A: A practitioner requesting membership has to provide professor information to validate belt rank and if the professor is not in the SJJIF software then that professor has to provide their lineage / belt verification. It is noted that this is why the use of the SJJIF software for all SJJIF NFs and CFs is important because it will create a more thorough database and provide tools for fraudulent individuals to be flagged. It is also noted that if a case is brought to SJJIF's attention it will be investigated. Difference between membership and certificates is discussed with the rigor of validation and importance is discussed.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

H. 2022 World Championship

The SJJIF President informs members that information on the 2022 World Championship will be provided as soon as possible as location and date options are still being finalized. The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.



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I. 2022 SJJIF General Assembly


The SJJIF President informs the GA that the 2022 General Assembly meeting date and location is still unknown with the high possibility of holding a virtual meeting as it allows for the participation of many members. Time options are discussed. The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

J. Concluding Remarks and Closing of the General Assembly

The President notes that today's meeting began very informally but thanks everyone for his or her participation in the meeting, stating that SJJIF's endeavors have always been hard but the last two years have almost felt longer and harder in respect to the hardships COVID-19 brought to our activity and development. Recent challenges have demanded that we all mindfully push forward, oftentimes reinventing ourselves, goals, and roles and he truly appreciates everyone's continued efforts and commitment.



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