



2015 Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 22, 2015 – 2:00PM-5:00PM – Long Beach, CA United States

I. Welcome

President, Mr. Joao Silva, welcomes attendees and states that it is his pleasure and honor to be present at the SJJIF Annual Meeting working to further develop SJJIF and the incremental goals necessary to realize the SJJIF mission of elevating Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu into an IOC recognized sport.

II. Attendance

The following attendees are present:

1. SJJIF President Joao Silva
2. SJJIF Vice President Sam Aschidamini
3. ASJJF President Edison Kagohara
4. SJJSAF President Cleiber Maia
5. SJJAF President Jildson Simoes

Non-Attendance

1. SJJIF Treasurer Patricia Silva
2. SJJIF General Secretary: Summer Casebere
3. FPSJJF President Bernard Di Rollo
4. ESJJF President Marcello Rosa
5. SJJUSF President Minol Tavares Tutida

III. Activity Report

1. The President presents 2015 SJJIF activity summarized as follows:
 - a) 42 tournaments that contributed to the SJJIF International Ranking. Participating countries were Japan, Portugal, Brazil, French Polynesia, and the USA.
 - b) SJJIF Worlds Jiu-Jitsu Tournament 2015 – November 2015 Long Beach Pyramid LB, CA USA - 2,550 participants.
 - c) SJJIF internal structure has representatives actively working to organize competitive events and national federation in North America, Asia, Europe, South America, Africa, and Oceania.
2. The SJJSAF President, Cleiber Maia, presents the development & piloting of an Adapted Jiu-Jitsu program in South America with the objective of providing individuals with a range of physical and/or cognitive disabilities the opportunity to train and/or compete in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Program is an initiative to use Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu as the facilitating tool to bridge different sectors of society, which in turn will build relationships, provide opportunities for mental and physical growth, and further embrace the idea that Jiu-Jitsu is for everyone.
3. The ASJJF President, Edison Kagohara, presents the development of relations between ASJJF and event organizers in Asia and the upcoming expansion of competitive events to be hosted in Asia in 2016.
4. The SJJAF President, Jildson Simoes, presents the development of relations between SJJAF and leaders/members of the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu community in Africa and the upcoming aligning and/or development of national federations to SJJIF in Africa in 2016.

IV. Approval of New Members

President, Mr. Joao Silva, presents the next item, which is to approve the Provisional members into Full Member status. This year, SJJIF received membership applications from Australia that has been approved and given provisional membership status as they await final approval from the executive committee. The federation is: Sport Jiu-Jitsu Australian Federation.

V. Discussion of Proposed Topics

President, Mr. Joao Silva, introduces the next order of business, which will be a discussion of proposed topics. Topics presented in order of discussion.

1. Positions of SJJIF Executive Committee (Reorganization of Titles)

Position of President, Vice-President, General Secretary, and Treasurer for the SJJIF Executive Committee are proposed for purposes of the internal organization of SJJIF. Discussion concludes with the agreement and appointment of Mr. Joao Silva for president, Mr. Samuel Aschidamini for vice-president, Ms. Patricia Silva for treasurer, and Summer Casebere for general secretary.

2. Key Objectives of SJJIF Statutes & Bylaws

Objectives of the 2015 SJJIF Statutes & Bylaws are discussed for clarification, removal, and/or addition. All present members agree to move forward with draft version (including discussed changes) of the SJJIF Statutes & Bylaws.

3. Responsibilities of Continental Representatives

Proposed that presidents of SJJIF sanctioned continental federations will have the title of Continental Council Vice President (CCVP) for purposes of the internal organization of SJJIF. Furthermore, key objectives of CCVPs will be:

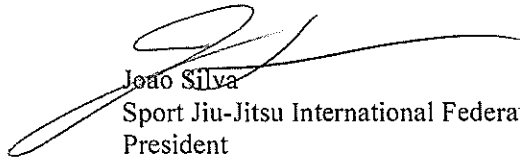
- a) Organize SJJIF sanctioned competitive events that adhere to the SJJIF Competition Rules & Regulations.
- b) Unite and/or develop national federations in respective territories that align and adhere to the SJJIF Statutes & Bylaws.

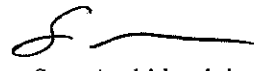
VI. 2016 SJJIF General Assembly

President, Mr. Joao Silva, presents that a key 2016 objective will be to organize and host the first SJJIF Annual Conference, which includes a General Assembly meeting to allow the SJJIF Executive Committee and the National Federations to come together to collaborate and vote on items that will further develop Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and the direction of SJJIF. All members present unanimously agree the organization of the annual conference and general assembly meeting is a key development for the SJJIF to realize its goals.

VII. Concluding Remarks and Closing of the SJJIF Annual Meeting

The President thanks everyone for their participation in meeting and expresses his excitement at the goals & objectives developed for 2016.


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