

UNITED STATES SUMO FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

June 9, 2006: Miyako Hotel, Los Angeles, CA (corrected at August 17, 2007 meeting)

Present: A sign-in sheet was passed around, and the following members were listed as present (* = Life member):

Harry Dudrow* (SCSK), Yoshisada Yonezuka* (JKC), Brian Condon (GSS), Andrew Freund* (CSA), Doug Cochran* (GSS), Jeff Riddle (GSS), Dan Kalbfleisch* (CSA), Albert Lee (CSA), Bob Engel (CSA), James Goudreau (JKC), Rene Marte (JKC), Steve Shiflett (OSK), Troy Collins* (CSA), Shawn Dostal (CSA), Art Morrow (SCSK), Ernie Hunt (NCSK), Jim Lowerre* (SCSK), Lamont Campo (unattached), Trent Sabo* (OSK).

Meeting opened at 7:28 PM.

The minutes of the 2005 meeting were dispensed with due to reliability factors (or lack thereof).

Trustee election results were announced as follows: Brian Condon, Troy Collins and Harry Dudrow were declared to be elected.

Sensei Yoshisada Yonezuka stated (in his capacity as vice president of the International Sumo Federation) that you can compete in non-sanctioned events, but that you will lose the right to compete in ISF-sanctioned events if you do so.

In regards to selection for the Worlds team (NOT the individual winners): the selection should always be based on actual performance and not on personal opinions. If a selection needs to be made, it should be made by the coach(es) and not by any other person (including a USSF trustee or officer).

The question of whether we continue to pay the North American Sumo Union, Inc., dues (\$25.00) was raised. It was M/S/C to drop this payment.

New officers: Troy Collins was elected USSF president without opposition. Trent Sabo was elected USSF vice-president without opposition. Brian Condon was elected USSF treasurer without opposition. Jim Lowerre was elected USSF secretary without opposition. There was concern expressed from the floor about two Trustees also holding positions on the Board, but it was explained that this was legal under the applicable New Jersey statutes.

Sensei Yonezuka was re-appointed as Executive Director.

Harry Dudrow wishes to relinquish the Registrar's post, so a new one is needed. The Registrar's duties were explained: ideas regarding dues payments were put forward. Douglas Cochran was appointed as Registrar.

Tomorrow's US Nationals entries were announced by weight and age divisions, and by gender. Formats were proposed based on the number of entrants in each division. Moved/seconded to use the "Wrestle-back" (modified double elimination) format in all men's standard weight division competitions. Moved/seconded to amend motion to limit this format to comps with 6+ competitors. Amendment carried. Moved/seconded to amend motion to decide that this will be the format used for the future for the next two years. Amendment carried. Original "WB" motion finally carried.

We will have access to the Rains Center (Pomona College, Claremont, CA) at 10:00AM. Late weigh-ins: 10:00AM to 11:00AM. Doors open for spectators at 11:30AM, and matches will start at 12:30PM.

Next meeting: prior to the 2007 US National Sumo Championships (location TBD).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Jim Lowerre
Secretary
UNITED STATES SUMO FEDERATION