

**HUDSON JUDO YUDANSHAKAI ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2016**

*HCST (Formerly APA Recreation Center), North Bergen, New Jersey*

**MINUTES**

In attendance:

Emma K.	Brady	Camal Judo
Mathew	Brady	Camal Judo
Anthony	Camal	Camal Judo
James	Kinder	Camal Judo
Carlos	Moran	Camal Judo
Chris	Skelley	Camal Judo
Kanneth	Worflar	Camal Judo
Joseph	Ahern	Cranford
Luis E.	Bobadilla	Cranford
Anthony	Catanese	Cranford
Andrew	Jacobs	Cranford
Al	Moreno	Cranford
Chun-mon	Tsang	Cranford
Matthew	Weate	Cranford
Nicolas	Yonezuka	Cranford
Robin M.	Rosenthal	Empire Budokai
Jesus	Bonilla	Gentleway Masters
Ikuo	Komae	Gentleway Masters
Lloyd	Llamas	Gentleway Masters
Marc	Macatangay	Gentleway Masters
Billy	Martin	Gentleway Masters
Terushige	Hikomitsu	Hikomitsu Dojo
Matthew	Pettersen	ITC
Thomas	Pettersen	ITC
Anthony	Mercado	Jamie Towers Judo
Nobuyoshi	Higashi	Kokushi Budo Institute
Shintaro	Higashi	Kokushi Budo Institute
Philip	Capra	Kokushi Dojo
David	Otani	Kokushi Dojo
Joe	Ragan	Kokushi Dojo
John B.	Smith	Kokushi Dojo
Charlie	Wall	Kokushi Dojo
Yoichiro	Matsumura	Kokushikai
Celita	Schutz	Kokushikai
M. Yahya	M. Amin	MMJA
Luis E.		MMJA
Thu	Pham	Mushin Judo
Melvin	Appelbaum	New York Athletic Club

Sal	Delacroce	New York City Judo
Joaquin	Gonzalez	New York City Judo
Joseph	Henry	New York City Judo
Tim	Burklow	North Jersey Judo
Fernando	Franco	North Jersey Judo
Greg	Hernandez	North Jersey Judo
Ramon	Hernandez	North Jersey Judo
Aaron	Seymour	North Jersey Judo
Rick	Suchy	North Jersey Judo
Steve	Friedman	Oishi Judo
Jeff	Summa	Oishi Judo
Paul	Virtue	Oishi Judo
Cory	Cuomo	Princeton Judo
Mark	Hatton	Saratoga Judo
Ed	Adams	Scranton MMA
Tom	McGuire	Scranton MMA
Alex	Georgopoulos	Smithtown
Joseph	Prizzi	Smithtown Judo
Daryn	DeRose	South Mountain Martial Arts
Dayn	DeRose	South Mountain Martial Arts
Mark	Lawrence	South Mountain Martial Arts
Joseph	Cannizzo	Staten Island Judo
Michael	Arcuri	Team Combat
Alaine	Abuan	Tech Judo
Jeremy	Abuan	Tech Judo
Michael	Berhard	Tech Judo
Robert	Bernal	Tech Judo
Garry A.	Blum	Tech Judo
John	Catanese	Tech Judo
Kevin	Costello	Tech Judo
Robert P.	Crowl	Tech Judo
Ralph	DiGennaro	Tech Judo
Saman	Ebrahimzadeh	Tech Judo
Mamdouh	El Sarhomu	Tech Judo
Andrew	Griffith	Tech Judo
Michael	Lakshin	Tech Judo
Glenn	Lopes	Tech Judo
Larry	Mulling	Tech Judo
Douglas	Nelson	Tech Judo
Celestino	Paduani	Tech Judo
Daniel	Perez	Tech Judo
David	Perez	Tech Judo
Salama	Salem	Tech Judo
Pedro	Sanvinovion	Tech Judo
Diego	Scerbo	Tech Judo
Arthur	Scotto	Tech Judo
Leonardo	Subiza	Tech Judo
Inti	Toledo	Tech Judo

Willy	Toledo	Tech Judo
Jarrett	Tyler	Tech Judo
Leonardo	Victoria	Tech Judo
Pawel	Woelke	Tech Judo
Brandon	Worthen	Tech Judo
Clyde	Worthen	Tech Judo
Zach	Baum	Ulster Budokai
Lev	Kalyuzury	Ulster Budokai
Gregory	Liu	Ulster Budokai
Wayne	Olson	Ulster Budokai
Mark	Roosa	Ulster Budokai
Bill	Scribner	Ulster Budokai
Boris	Munoz	Victory Judo
William	Crosby	Waseda
Neldo	Angeles	At Large
Aida	Ba	At Large
Perry R.	Bakari	At Large
Marc	Cohen	At Large
Sylwester	Gawel	At Large
Israel	Gelpi	At Large
Albert	Gotay	At Large
Arturas	Lanchinskas	At Large
Jose	Martinez	At Large
Chris	Maurer	At Large
George	Pasiuk	At Large
Connie	Rosado	At Large
Sauveur	Soriano	At Large
Tom	Seabasty	At Large
Jon	Silveri	At Large
Edward J.	Snyder	At Large
Wojciech	Szulinski	At Large
Odell	Terry	At Large
Judit	Tocociu	At Large
Lillian	Tom	At Large
Jerry	Vessichio	At Large
Larry	Yakata	At Large

1. Interim President Martin called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.
2. Minutes of previous meeting distributed and read. Motion to accept minutes – Mr. A. Camal. Second – Mr. S. Friedman.
3. Announcement of USJF promotion of Mr. N. Higashi and Mr. K. Shiina to 9th Degree Black Belt. Presentation of USJF 9th Degree Black Belt Rank certificate to Mr. Higashi. Mr. Shiina was absent.
4. Elections – Distribution of paper ballots to black belts with USJF as of January 28, 2016. Registration status Verified by Ms. L. Tom, Registration Chairperson. Votes for President were counted by Ms. Tom, Mr. D. Otani and Mr. B. Munoz for fairness and accuracy. Written paper (secret) ballot vote for President.
  - Nominations for President
    - Mr. B. Martin – nominated by Ms. R. Rosenthal. Second – Mr. M. Roosa.

- Mr. R. Hernandez – nominated by Mr. A. Camal. Second – Mr. G. Hernandez  
Billy Martin is the new HJY President.
- a. Nomination for First Vice President
  - Mr. A. Camal – nominated by Mr. B. Martin. Second – Ms. R. Rosenthal  
Anthony Camal is the new HJY First Vice President.
- b. Nominations for Second Vice President
  - Mr. S. Soriano – nominated by Mr. R. Hernandez. Second – Mr. J. Gonzalez
  - Ms. L. Tom – nominated by Ms. R. Rosenthal. Second – Mr. B. Munoz  
Lillian Tom is the new HJY Second Vice President.
- c. Treasurer – Mr. Joseph Ahern
- d. Secretary – Ms. Robin Rosenthal
- e. Registration Chairperson – appointed by President B. Martin – Lillian Tom
- f. Mr. B. Martin wants to step down as Promotion Committee Chairman. He proposed making the older Japanese sensei permanent members of the Promotion Committee, to serve as long as they want to. They will approve promotions to sixth dan and above.  
Nominations for Promotion Chairperson
  - Mr. L. Llamas – nominated by Mr. B. Martin. Second – Mr. M. Roosa
  - Mr. N. Higashi – nominated by Mr. A. Camal. Second – Mr. R. Hernandez  
Mr. N. Higashi is the new HJY Promotion Committee Chairman.
- g. Nominations for members of the Promotion Committee
  - Motion to retain the current members of the Promotion Committee – Mr. A. Camal. Second – Ms. R. Rosenthal. Motion passed.
  - Additional members nominated and voted onto the Promotion Committee:
  - Dr. A. Catanese
  - Mr. J. Henry
  - Mr. D. Otani
  - Ms. L. Tom
  - Mr. Z. Baum
- h. Mr. B. Munoz will be handling the promotion paperwork, as Mr. M. Roosa will be leaving soon.

### **Hudson Judo Yudanshakai Officers**

President:	Mr. Billy Martin
1st Vice President:	Mr. Anthony Camal
2nd Vice President:	Ms. Lillian Tom
Treasurer:	Mr. Joseph Ahern
Secretary:	Ms. Robin Rosenthal
Registration Chairperson:	Ms. Lillian Tom

### **Board of Examiners**

Chairman:	Mr. N. Higashi
Secretary:	Mr. B. Munoz
Board Members:	Mr. Z. Baum
	Mr. A. Camal
	Dr. A. Catanese
	Mr. S. Friedman
	Mr. J. Henry
	Ms. S. Higashi
	Mr. L. Llamas
	Mr. B. Martin
	Mr. D. Otani

Mr. M. Roosa  
Ms. R. Rosenthal  
Ms. C. Schutz  
Ms. L. Tom  
Mr. C. Wall  
Mr. C. Worthen

Board of Examiners Advisory Committee:

Mr. M. Eguchi  
Mr. R. Kanokogi  
Mr. Y. Matsumura  
Mr. S. Oishi  
Mr. K. Shiina  
Mr. K. Watanabe

5. President's Report – Mr. B. Martin

a. Hudson Athletes Fund

- We need to encourage our students to attend a Hudson Athletes Fund event. High-level champions teach at these clinics.
- We ended 2015 with just under \$20,000 in the Fund. Tell your students to apply for funding. To qualify, they must be Hudson members and attend HAF events. All you have to do is participate in HAF events and then ask for money. We want to fund our athletes!
- The HAF is a grassroots organization set up to give money to judo athletes who are coming up. We do not fund elite athletes; we do not have the money to do this. USA Judo should be funding the elites.
- The maximum we usually give is \$400 to \$500. Masters usually get less money.
- We raised \$2,000 on Long Island from May through November. Team Combat and Gentleway Masters hosted \$10 workouts, with the proceeds going to the HAF. Staten Island Judo is hosting Saturday evening HAF workouts through the end of the year. You can announce and host HAF workouts at your dojo. Charge whatever you feel is appropriate and send the money to Mr. J. Ahern, along with the names of the student participants, who will get HAF credit. Thank you to Mr. M. Arcuri, Mr. J. Cannizzo, and Mr. L. Llamas for the use of their dojos.
- Mr. Martin got the HAF a \$5,000 grant from USJF.

b. Referees

- Our referees are getting older and the calendar is full. Mel Appelbaum suggested that junior referees practice in the dojo, as they do in California. Mr. C. Worthen is already doing this at Tech Judo. Mr. Martin is willing to travel to any dojo that needs his help with this on a Saturday.  
Discussion – Parents who are judoka can referee. You can start training judoka as young as 10 to 12 years old. Ask Mr. Martin or other referees to help train new referees. We need to replenish our referees.
- New referee shirts – to be worn at local tournaments.  
Motion - “Hudson Judo Referee” polo shirt will replace white shirt and tie at local shiais. – by Mr. Martin.  
Second – Mr. A. Camal. Motion passed.

- c. Motion to accept President's Report – Ms. R. Rosenthal. Second – Mr. A. Camal. Motion passed.

6. First Vice President's Report – Mr. A. Camal

- a. Thank you for showing up. We have a strong yudanshakai that is doing a good job. We have one of the best promotional systems in the country. What just happened (the election today) is for the good of the yudanshakai, so let's move forward together and stick together as a yudanshakai for the good of judo.
- b. Hudson Athletes Fund – We fund our young athletes and we hope to develop the 14- to 20-year-old kids who can't get to the Nationals. When they become A or B level, USA Judo has to take over funding them.
- We will list the names of recipients of HAF funding on the web site, with written parental consent.
- c. Yonezuka Cup was a great success.
- Motion to pay the expenses for the Yonezuka Cup, including referees, venue rental, medals and plaques and also the expenses for other HAF events from the HJY General Fund – Mr. B. Martin
  - Discussion.

This year, the Yonezuka Cup medals will have an image of Mr. Yonezuka on them. Mr. M. Arcuri recommended the medal maker.

- Motion passed.
  - d. We will post the HAF ledger on the web site. The recipient's dojo will be posted, but not necessarily the student's name, depending on parental consent. – Mr. B. Munoz. Second – Mr. A. Camal. Motion passed.
  - e. Motion to accept First Vice President's Report – Mr. B. Munoz. Second – Mr. B. Martin. Motion passed.
7. Second Vice President's Report – Mr. R. Hernandez
- a. HJY website
    - Current Registrant is John Bassano. Mr. Bassano has moved to Pennsylvania. Mr. Hernandez is working to become the new Registrant.
    - Hosting by Joe Cannizzo using GoDaddy.com which costs \$50 per year.
    - URL (website name) is paid until 2019.
    - Email web service is done with aweber.com which costs \$120 per year.
    - Email subscribers as of January, 2016 is at 179.
  - b. Motion to post the Agenda of each HJY Annual or Semi-annual meeting on the HJY website with the concurrence of the HJY Secretary. – Mr. Hernandez. Motion passed.
  - c. Motion to accept Second Vice President's Report – Mr. A. Camal. Second – Mr. B. Munoz. Motion passed.
8. Treasurer's Report – Mr. J. Ahern
- a. Treasurer's Report distributed and read. Discussion.
  - b. Over the years, we have received grants totaling \$26,000 to \$28,000 from J.P. Morgan Chase. They discontinued the grant last year, but we will have to try again.
  - c. We didn't pay the US Kodokan Committee in 2014, so the total we paid in 2015 was \$6,363.40.
  - d. HJY had a deficit of \$340.68 in 2015.
  - e. CD balance is \$65,517.59.
  - f. HJY total current assets on December 31, 2015 were \$108,459.73.
  - g. It is very important to manage money prudently.
  - h. Athletes Fund
    - Started 2015 with \$21,895.58
    - Balance on December 31, 2015 was \$19,692.83.
  - i. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Mr. A. Camal. Second – Ms. R. Rosenthal.
9. Secretary's Report – Ms. R. Rosenthal
- Motion that the HJY Minutes not be transmitted or published electronically until they have been approved. Second – Mr. B. Martin. Motion passed.
10. Promotion Chairman's Report – Mr. M. Roosa
- a. During 2015, HJY tested and/or recommended 23 people for black belt ranks: 18 to shodan, 1 to nidan, 2 to rokkudan, and 2 to kudan.
  - b. Spring and fall promotionals went smoothly, with only a few minor glitches.
  - c. Thank you to Cory Cuomo and his table crew for their hard work at the promotionals.
  - d. The judges at the kata exams are doing a more consistent job of scoring kata.
  - e. The backlog of Kodokan certificates caused by the confusion on the Kodokan Committee after the passing of Mr. Yonezuka has been reduced to only those people promoted in 2015. Most of those certificates should be arriving before June, 2016.
  - f. The new Promotion Committee Secretary as of today will be Boris Munoz.
  - g. Instructors can help Boris by notifying him of all brown belt promotions with the Hudson recommendation form. There is no longer a fee for promotions below the rank of shodan.
  - h. I would like to thank all the instructors, Lillian Tom, Billy Martin and Boris Munoz for making the Promotion Secretary's job a bit easier during my tenure.
  - i. Motion to accept Promotion Chairman's Report – Mr. B. Martin. Second – Mr. B. Munoz.
11. Registration Chairperson's Report – Ms. L. Tom
- a. We have 30 clubs registered as of January 15, 2016.

- b. We have 784 members and with on line registrants, a total of about 810.
- c. Signing up on line is great. But unless you follow up by sending in your signature, the application is invalid.
- d. Last year, Ms. Tom rode in the Memorial Sloan-Kettering national team cycling event, Cycle for Survival. She is riding again on March 12, 2016, raising funds for fighting rare cancers.
  - There is a \$500 prize for the participant with the greatest dollar amount of donations. If Ms. Tom wins this prize, she will donate 80 percent of it (\$400) to the Hudson Athletes Fund.
- e. Motion to accept Registration Chairperson's Report – Mr. B. Martin. Second – Mr. A. Camal. Motion passed.

12. Old Business

- a. Mr. C. Cuomo – Please send people from your dojo to help at tournaments.
  - Mr. B. Martin – Table worker is a very important job.
  - Non-competitors can get points towards promotion by being a table worker.

13. New Business

- a. Mr. B. Martin – Motion for HJY to spend \$500 for NY Open journal ad. Motion passed.
- b. Mr. B. Martin – Motion to hold a second, short meeting at noon on the day of the October, 2016 Promotional. At that time, the minutes of this meeting will be approved, so that they can be distributed and posted on the HJY web site. Motion passed.
- c. Mr. A. Camal – Motion for HJY to donate \$500 to Cycle for Survival for Lillian's March 12, 2016 ride. Second – Mr. S. Friedman. Motion passed.
- d. Mr. S. Gawel – Motion to coordinate the calendars of HJY, NJJI and NYSJI by creating a Calendar Committee that will meet twice a year (in June and December) for this purpose. Second – Mr. A. Camal. Discussion – The committee members shall be the President of HJY. The President of NJII, the President of NYSJI and Mr. Chris Skelley. Motion passed.
- e. Mr. R. Hernandez – Motion that he handle the calendar function on the HJY website because he has access to the Google calendar, instead of through Mr. B. Martin's address. Second – Mr. J. Kinder. Discussion. Ramon will continue to send emails regarding HJY events to members on the aweber list. Motion passed.
- f. Mr. J. Smith would like to see an invitation function on the HJY facebook page.

14. Motion to Adjourn – Mr. Daryn DeRose. Second – Mr. W. Crosby. Mr. B. Martin adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robin M. Rosenthal  
Secretary  
February 29, 2016

Approved at the January 21, 2017 Hudson Judo Yudanshakai Annual Meeting.