

**NEW YORK STATE JUDO INC.  
MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Saturday February 2, 2008  
Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, NY**

In attendance:

Mrs. Rusty Kanokogi - Kyushu **	George Krivosta-Smithtown YMCA
Ryohei Kanokogi - Kyushu	Samir Peysakhov-Samir & Lev
Billy Martin -Kyushu**	J. Rooney-NYAC
Connie Rosado – Kyushu	Joseph Mazzariello American Legion
George Pasiuk - Biwako	David Goldberg - Kyushu **
Joseph Ahern - Cranford **	Devin Cohen- Kyushu **
Jesse Wang - Watanabe	Y. Matsumura-NYAC
Regilio Van Eer - San Yama Bushi	Tagir Syamiulin-Brighton
Lillian Tom - Kokushi Budo **	Volf Sharkansky-Brighton
Connie Halporn -Observer	Arkadiy Aronov-Spartak
Felix Sverdlin-Combat Sambo	Papuna Vardzelashuila-Gladiator
Michael Burr-McBurney YMCA	Greg Gutman-ITS of NY
Alexi Khachider - Gladiator	Jimmy Vennetti - Int'l Training Ctr.
Frank P. Colonnese -Observer	Sariber Balagezyan- Spartak
Vadim Zavlunov-Spartak	

\*\* Executive Committee

The meeting started at 2:05PM.

President Kanokogi welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and asked for a moment of silence for those we have lost in the past year from the Judo community, Military and Law enforcement.

Minutes of previous meeting, February 4, 2007. Accepted. Motion - Devin Cohen, second - Billy Martin,

NYSJI thanks Maureen Braziel for the use of the Polytechnic University meeting room.

## 1. President's Report

Congratulations to all the clubs who have placed Juniors, Seniors, Masters and Kata athletes Nationally and Internationally in 2007. There will be many New Yorkers at the Olympic Trials.- good luck to them all.

The head coach for the Olympic Games in Beijing will be Jason Morris.

Good job to Devin Cohen as he was manager for several trips last year for our Junior and Senior teams.

Congratulations to Billy Martin who passed the exam for PJU referee.

Congratulations to Lillian Tom. Great article on her on the USJF web page and will appear in the next USJF magazine.

Kudos to David Goldberg our legal counsel for his photo and story in the USJF magazine. David is teaching senior citizens how to fall at Brooklyn College. David was hit by an automobile and was hurled into the air but remembered to keep his chin tucked in as he fell to the ground thus preventing from being injured any more seriously than he was.

There has been quite a bit of fall out regarding the National and International Masters Division. One of the problems is that USA Judo does not notify entered competitors and several of them travel to the tournament only to find no one else is entered in their respective division. NYSJI supports the Masters program and has written to the National office on their behalf. The National Office, with the assistance of the Masters committee is trying to address the issues.

The Starrett Cup held on January 20, 2008 was also the NYSJI National Trials. Notification was sent out several times. If you attended the Trials that will fulfill the National pre-requisite of participation at the Nationals. The list of participants has been sent to the National office and the Tournament Director.

USA Judo sent out a flyer regarding fund raising assistance. For more information contact Angela Marino at USA Judo or phone 719-866-4730.

All forms for USA Judo can be downloaded from their site.

NYSJI club registration was changed. Last year the clubs registration was Sept. 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. USA Judo club registration is due January 2008. From January 2009, you will fill out two applications, one for NY and one for National and send both to President Kanokogi and they have to be processed by the State before National accepts them. Several of you sent them directly to the National office so President Kanokogi had double work. Please do not send to the National office. Fee is \$25.00 each.

There is a book out on the NY famous Judo twins, Bernie and Bob Lefkofker. Information on how to purchase it is available on the USJA website and is included in these minutes.

Thank you to John Bassano for his service as our webmaster.

The President of Tokai University, Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae liked the medal design very much which was used for the NYSJI Jr. Olympics and has requested that it be used as the official medal of Tokai

University for their Judo competitions. Initially Tokai Univ. granted us permission for use of the wave logo.

The Billie Jean King Women's Sports Foundation International Museum and Study Center 26 Broadway, NYC will open the first week of June 2008. There will be an induction of all the Hall of Famer's. Mrs. Kanokogi is proud to be one of them.

Mrs. Kanokogi spoke about the USA Judo National Training Centers plus her conversations with the National Office. There are several USA Judo designated Training Camps in operation. e.g. Jason Morris Training Camp. Pedro's camp, Colo. Springs, Texas, Florida and San Jose CA. They are funded by USA Judo. She has also been in communication with the CEO of USA Judo, Jose Rodriguez about several points of use re: up and coming athletes, eg. Cost etc. If anyone in NY is interested in attending any of the Training Centers please contact me.

Mr. & Mrs. Kanokogi participated at the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. dinner representing NYSJI and they interacted with the children. They loved it and all want to see more Judo.

The Radomir Kovacevic Fund awarded \$16,000.00 to 16 junior athletes 2007. In 2008 \$25,000. Will be available for awards via our criteria.

Billy Martin has the applications and criteria. Contact him at [Godan6161@aol.com](mailto:Godan6161@aol.com)

Mrs. Rusty Kanokogi showed a photograph of a recent presentation in the sponsors office where Mrs. Savka Kovacevic presented the checks to the Jr. Athletes.

NYSJI Jr. Olympics will be held on May 3 and May 4 2008 GREENBELTS and up (Sat) May 3<sup>rd</sup>-----  
WHITE-YELLOW and ORANGE May 4<sup>th</sup> (Sun)...

2007 over \$2000.00 was awarded to NYSJI Juniors that competed and placed at the USA National Junior Olympics

Sensei Yasuhiro Yamashita, 8<sup>th</sup> Dan will be conducting a clinic on Saturday Feb. 23, 2008, 11:00am-5:00pm at Georgetown University in Washington DC. The clinic is arranged by Ambassador Ryoza Kata and the Embassy of Japan, Georgetown University and the Washington Judo club. Rank Sankyū or higher. Fee \$60.00. No spectators will be allowed.

The NY Open has requested a journal ad. Barbara Corcoran of Corcoran Realty will purchase an ad on behalf of NYSJI to honor NYSJI

President Rusty Kanokogi received an invitation to speak at the United Nations on the subject ."Women 2000 and Beyond: Women, Gender Equality and Sport" on February 28, 2008.

President Kanokogi made a motion that Lillian Tom serve as Treasurer of NYSJI. She has been the interim Treasurer. Motion Devin Cohen, second Billy Martin.

An article was written in the Utica, NY-The Observer-Dispatch newspaper about Dan Brown and some of his students. (Enclosed)

The NY Open will be held on March 9, 2008, its 25<sup>th</sup> year. It will be a high level event .....do not miss it!

2. Vice Presidents Report  
Tony Grisanti

Tony was excused but his report is enclosed.

NYSJI Annual Meeting Notes-February 2, 2008

My apologies to you for not being able to attend the NYSJI Annual Meeting on February 2, 2008, as we are having a tournament at our club that day.

The changes made in the composition of the Board of Directors seem to be moving along. The national and international programs are developing nicely. Our young teams are getting the exposure needed to compete on an international level.

New York has a very good representation with Parnell Legros, Jason Morris and his collaboration with Jimmy Pedro, Buck Wessell (U-21) and Ed Liddie, as well as Canadian cross-trainings (Nicholas Gill and Hiroshi Nakamura).

The changes internationally, however, are cause for concern. Internationally, there is no longer Japanese influence on the Ex-Committee.

I continue to be working to keep the grass roots of Judo at the regional level moving along, trying to expose more people to the principles of Judo.

Throughout the year, I urge all clubs to redouble their efforts to attend as many events as possible. Especially the Empire State Games and Regional Tournaments to help our sport grow.

Walter Ing will be missed in the Judo community but his spirit lives on.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve as VP.

Tony Grisanti

### 3. Treasurers Report

Lillian Tom presented the Treasurers report as follows:

#### ***NYSJI, Report for Fiscal Year 2007***

Submitted by Lillian Tom, acting Treasurer.

Acct. opened at North Fork Bank on 6/21/07	40,431.70
Office Supplies, copies, printing, and postage (As reimbursed to the president and committee chairs)	(1,661.12)
Misc. fees paid to USA Judo	(3,220.00)
Bank fees	(30.00)
Reimbursement for an outstanding check on old acct.	(325.23)
Purchase of CD on 8/8/07	(13,000.00)
Athletes' travel & training stipends *	(1,500.00)
NYSJI 2008 Dues Paid	(100.00)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<hr/> <b>(19,836.35)</b>
Rebates received from USA Judo	1,565.00
Other income	3,350.00
Total of acct. on Dec. 31, 2007	26,760.36
<b><u>Other Assets:</u></b>	
CD with North Fork Bank earning ~5%	13,000.00
Total Assets:	<hr/> 39,760.36

President Kanokogi thanked Dr. Arthur Canario (NYAC) for the generous donation to the Radomir Kovacevic legacy fund of \$1000.00 this year.

Also Thank you to Arcardiy Aronov (Spartak) for his donation this year of \$200.00--.Last year, Coach Aronov donated \$250.00.

\* Athletes' travel & training stipends are offset by \$1,000.00 from the Transitional Athletes Fund. President R. Kanokogi discussed the rebates the State organizations receive from the National Office.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report Devin Cohen, second Joe Ahern

4. Secretary Report

Joseph Ahern did not have a report.

5. Delegates Report

N/A

Mrs. Kanokogi indicated that the delegates for the National meetings are herself, Tony Grisanti, Maureen Braziel, Devin Cohen, alternate George Krivosta and she will appoint another delegate if needed.

6. Development Director

Billy Martin

## 2007 DEVELOPMENT REPORT



### Rusty Kanokogi Receives John Osaka Award

The USA Judo Referee Commission voted unanimously to award the John Osaka Award for excellence in refereeing to **Rusty Kanokogi**, 7th Dan, President of New York State Judo, Inc.

The prestigious John Osaka Award is awarded to those who have worked continuously to develop their referee skills and contribute unselfishly to the Olympic sport of judo.

John Osaka was a great USA Judo champion and was the founding chairman of the USA Judo Referee Commission and the PJU Referee Commission.

The award was established in 1983.

Congratulations to Rusty on behalf of the USA Judo Referee Commission.

### CLINICS:

On April 15, 2007, we held a Nage-No-Kata Clinic, along with The Hudson Judo Yudanshakai. This was an excellent Clinic hosted by The Japan Judo and Karate Center. The Instructors at the Clinic were Mr. R. Kanokogi and Mr. K. Shiina, assisted by Billy Martin. There were 25 participants at the Clinic. I would also like to thank Alex Riina from Kyushu Judo for his excellent work as my Uke.

On September 16, 2007, Billy Martin held a Novice Referee Clinic in Huntington. There were 6 participants at the Clinic.

On October 28, 2007, we held a Nage-No-Kata Clinic, along with The Hudson Judo Yudanshakai. This was an excellent Clinic hosted by The Japan Judo and Karate Center. The Instructors at the Clinic were Mr. R. Kanokogi and Mr. K. Shiina, assisted by Billy Martin and Rolando Robles. There were 22 participants at the Clinic.

REFEREES: The following people passed their National Referee Exam at the 2007 Pedro Challenge. Lillian Tom, Stephen Friedman, and Joseph Milstein they are to be congratulated for all their hard work and dedication to the sport of Judo.

Billy Martin passed the exam for Pan-American Regional (PJU-C) at the 2007 US Open.

### **2007 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

#### Transitional Athletes Funding:

We had \$1500.00 in the Transitional Athletes Fund.

There are 3 Class "A" Athletes who received \$215.00 each.

There are 3 Class "B" Athletes who received \$150.00 each.

There are 4 Class "C" Athletes who received \$100.00 each.

Names of Athletes who received Stipends are on the 2007 Transitional Athlete Report.

Respectfully Submitted:

Billy Martin

### NYSJI Athlete Funding Proposal

#### Criteria:

1. Must be a member of NYSJI for at least two (2) years.
2. Should be a member of a NYSJI Club but consideration will be given to unattached athletes.
3. Must have a record of service to NYSJI, helping out at Shiais and Clinics run by NYSJI.
4. Should have an outstanding competitive record.
5. Money to be awarded will come out of the Athlete Development Fund, formerly known as the Transitional Athletes Fund.
6. A maximum of two Athletes will be selected to receive a stipend from the fund, or only one, depending on the Athletes who are being considered.
7. The Development Committee will select the athletes who will receive the stipend.
8. The Development Committee will welcome nominations by instructors for the annual stipend.

Devin Cohen will hold a CPR/coaches clinic on Feb. 10, 20087.

## Law & Legislation

David Goldberg  
No report.

## 8. Standards

Devin Cohen  
No report.

However, if there are issues with your athletes pertaining to the Olympic Trials let him know

## 9. Registration

Connie Rosado reported that 45 clubs are registered.

Registration expires 12/31/08.

The registration fee was previously \$35.00 which included the period Sept. 1, to Dec. 31.

The new fee beginning Jan. 2009 will be \$25.00. New applications will be mailed but they are also available on line.

## 10. Public Relations

N/A

## 11. Promotion

Secretary-George Pasiuk

To: NYSJ Inc. Members

From: NYSJ Inc. Promotion Board Chairman,  
Ryohei Kanokogi

Subject: Annual report

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

The following promotions took place in 2007: Shodan (1st) 5, Nidan (2nd) 1, Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup>) 4, Yodan (4th) 2, Godan (5<sup>th</sup>) 1, Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup>) 1. One Godan (5<sup>th</sup>) was approved and forwarded to National

NYSJ Inc has the authority to promote to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan. Beyond that the promotion has to be approved by NYSJ Inc. Promotion Board then it goes to the National Promotion Committee.

For promotion procedure log on to [www.usajudo.org](http://www.usajudo.org) go to "about judo" then go to "forms" then to "Promotion Recommendation procedure". NYSJI adds a \$50.00 processing to all promotions

To get an IJF certificate (\$80.00) you must have a USJI certificate and go through the promotion

procedure. USJA and USJF are recognized ranks but not eligible for IJF rank unless you have a USJI certificate.

Respectfully submitted,  
NYSJ Inc Promotion Board Secretary  
George Pasiuk

Mr. Ryohei Kanokogi mentioned that Yasuhiro Yamashita will visit Mrs. Kanokogi at the United Nations on Feb. 28.

## 12. Old Business

N/A

## 13. New Business

Billy Martin recommended that NYSJI change the criteria in the way the transitional funds are distributed. He is recommending that more monies should be distributed to less people. Motion Joe Ahern, second Lillian Tom. (Funding proposal included in the Development report)

Reggie Van Eer suggested that people check the NYSJI calendar of events on it's website to avoid conflicts even though Mrs. Rusty Kanokogi and Billy Martin work very hard in communicating to the Judo population.

Mrs. Kanokogi mentioned that there has been communication between her and Jose Rodriguez CEO USA Judo regarding the procedure to achieve points in the junior divisions. The NYSJI Jr. Olympic applications are available at this meeting.

### Upcoming Events

February 3	HCST, No. Bergen, NJ
February 10	CPR/First Aid. - Devin Cohen, Polytechnic Univ. 9am-6pm NYSJI web site
February 23	Pedro's Judo Challenge. Wakefield, Mass. Referee testing and evaluation
February 24	Pedro's Challenge Judo Clinic & Training Session.
March 1-2	Ocean State Championships, RI
March 9	NY Open. - NYAC. - Mel Applebaum. - <a href="mailto:middiemd@aol.com">middiemd@aol.com</a>
March 15	NJ State Championships. HCST North Bergen, NJ. Y. Yonezuka <a href="mailto:yonejkc@comcast.net">yonejkc@comcast.net</a> .
April 4-9	Jason Morris Camp. Scotia, NY <a href="mailto:silver92@albany.net">silver92@albany.net</a>
April 5 -6	Liberty Bell. Phil., PA. - Lou Moyerman, - <a href="mailto:Lou Moyerman @aol.com">Lou Moyerman @aol.com</a>
April 11-12	USA Judo Sr. Nat'ls Va. Beach. USA Judo Nat'l office.

April 26-27 The Great American work out, Warwick RI. Clinicians. Jim Pedro Sr---Ronda Rousey---Annmarie Rousey- Demars---Kyla Harrison---Parnel Legros--- Harry St. Leger---Bill Montgomery---Serge Bouyssou. Please contact Joan Love, for application and more info. [Judolady210@aol.com](mailto:Judolady210@aol.com)

April 27 New Rochelle Open., New Rochelle, NY

May 3-4 NYSJI Jr. Olympics, Polytechnic Univ. R Kanokogi [judorustyk@aol.com](mailto:judorustyk@aol.com)

May 3 Morris Cup. Scotia, NY. J. Morris 518 399 3936 , silver 92 @albany.net

May 17 Hudson Yudanshakai Promotional, HCST No. Bergen, NJ. Y. Yonezuka

May 18 Cranford Invit. Cranford, NJ. - Y. Yonezuka [yonejkc@comcast.net](mailto:yonejkc@comcast.net)

May 24.-25 Am Can Int'l. Amherst, NY - [www.amcanjudo.org](http://www.amcanjudo.org)

June 1 LI Empire State Games Trials. - John Anderson Rec. Ctr. - Rockville Center. B. Martin. - Godan 6161 @aol.com

June 1 Summer Slam Judo Championship. - Paterson, NJ. - A. Camal - 973 256 0110 or 973 812 6322

June 7 NYC Empire State Games Trials, Berkeley Athletic Center. R. Kanokogi

June 14 Hudson Yudanshakai Kata/ Test - HCST B. Martin/M. Braziel

July 5 - 6 USJA Jr. Nat'ls Boston, MA

July 14-15 USJF Jr. Nat'ls Tinley Park, Ill

July 19-20 Jr. US Open Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

July 25 & 26 Empire State Games, Binghamton, NY

July 25-27 USA Jr. Olympics Orlando, Fla

August 10.-16 YMCA Int'l Judo Camp Huguenot, NY - G. Pasiuk

Sept 27-28 American Juyukai East Coast Championship – NJIT, Newark, NJ. Y. Yonezuka - [yonejkc@comcast.net](mailto:yonejkc@comcast.net)

Meeting adjourned at 4:20PM Motion, Devin Cohen  
Second, Billy Martin

Joseph Ahern  
Secretary  
February 20, 2008