



**EVENT SANCTIONED BY**

**UMMAF** <sup>TM</sup>

**USA MIXED MARTIAL ARTS KICK INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION**

Extraordinary Meeting

UMMAF Board Conference Call

Thursday, February 7th, 2019 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM MST

Roll Call:

Frank Babcock – Present

Ryan Brueggeman – Present

Justin Brown – Absent

Robert Hulett – Present

David Wang – Present

Chip Post – Absent

Matt Hughes – Absent

New Business:

An Extraordinary Meeting of the UMMAF Board of Directors was called to discuss to status of the UMMAF National Championship Tournament originally scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 2, 2019 in St. Ignace, Michigan at the Kewadin Casino and hosted by Big John's MMA.

Ryan Brueggeman (RB) stated that on the evening of Monday 2/4 he received an email from Justin Brown (JB) containing the Excel spreadsheet that Justin Brown was using to track athletes who had entered the UMMAF National Tournament. (RB) stated that he became alarmed at the lack of participation and subsequently sent a message to (JB) the next morning asking what he believed the ramifications would be of postponing the tournament. (JB) replied that he believed it would be

catastrophic to the organization due to flight arrangements already being made by some athletes as well as the promoters' agreements with the casino.

(RB) stated that he began going through the spreadsheet in depth and found that there were only 8 viable fights for a 3-day contest and was concerned about the promoter advertising and selling tickets to a 3-day event that couldn't be supported by the number of fights available. (RB) began going through the list of fighters on the spreadsheet for the rest of the attending Board of Directors. Robert Hulett (RH) interrupted to state that his fighters had been entered into the incorrect weight class and that he had told (JB) that it needed to be corrected. (RB) reworked the spreadsheet during the call and informed the Board that there would be even less fights.

Frank Babcock (FB) asked where Justin was. (RB) Stated that (JB) informed him via message that he did not want to be on the call to discuss his concerns and that the remaining Board should make the decision. (RB) encouraged (JB) to attend the meeting as a Board Member to address his concerns but received no reply and contact with (JB) could not be made. (RB) confirmed that (JB) had received the invite to the call for his participation via FreeConference.com.

David Wang (DW) asked what we thought the reason for low sign ups for the tournament were. (RB) replied that as he was making calls to confirm the entries that were on the spreadsheet sent by (JB), he found that 2 athletes had been injured in training and could not attend. (RB) also stated that 2 coaches and some athletes had expressed concern over the weather situation in Michigan at this time was giving them hesitation to attend due to the snow concerns and it being the coldest winter on record. (RB) said that this was problematic due to a lot of the athletes and coaches intending on driving to the event from out of state. (RB) also informed the Board that he had been monitoring the weather conditions in the area of the Kewadin Casino and while he could not get a prediction as far out as the tournament date, he could confirm that the 14-day forecast called for more snow and the temperatures would not be above 24 degrees. (RB) and (RH) also stated that the weather, combined with the casino location could be problematic as even the drive from that airports were between 40 min to 4 hours depending on where you flew into. (RB) stated that it was initially planned to have some youth pankration bouts in conjunction with the USFL as fillers, however (JB) informed him that due to complaints received by the promoter and the Sault Tribe, the casino requested that the youth competition not take place.

(RH) stated that he and his athletes had also intended on driving and that he also believed athletes from the Wolves Den also intended on driving and the conditions in Michigan were of concern. (RH) stated that he could still attend the event with his athletes but because of the way the limited brackets were set up, that some of his athletes would end up fighting each other and he did not want that in a 1 off fight.

(FB) asked if the promoter had been contacted about the situation and asked his thoughts? (RB) replied that he believed the promoter knew there might be low turn out however he doubted that he knew to what extent and wasn't sure if (JB) had told the promoter the exact numbers.

(RH) suggested that contact be made with the promoter via (JB) who was is in charge of coordinating the event on the UMMAF side, and suggest that the viable fights, involving the athletes that had already paid their entry fees and had confirmed their attendance be moved to the promoters main card that was scheduled later on the evening of the finals. (RH) and (FB) went on to say that the winners of those

contests would be given a spot on the UMMAF National Team and the remaining spots could be filled at and event later in the year.

(RB) stated that he would send the fight breakdown and suggestions to (JB) in an email so that he could make contact with the promoter detailing the Board's concerns, the corrected spreadsheet originally sent by (JB) to (RB), possible matchups and solutions for the promoter and the promoters' thoughts on the matter.

No vote was taken in regard to the tournament or event cancellation pending the promoters wishes.