

Judo Victoria Inc. President's Report

July 2012

Victorian team excels at the National Championships:

Congratulations to all the Victorian judoka that participated in the National Championships in Wollongong. You did our state proud.

I would like to congratulate and thank the following members for their assistance not only at the Nationals but also at the many Sunday training sessions that preceded them.

Victoria is really blessed to have Maria Pekli as the Victorian State Team Coach. Her outstanding judo knowledge, dedication and leadership was no doubt one of the main reasons Victoria did so well in the medal count at the Nationals. Thank you Maria.

Maria was well supported by our Assistant Victoria State Coach Daniel Kelly who also gave up his time and provided invaluable guidance to our state team. Thank you Daniel and the very best of luck at the London Olympics. I'm sure you will do Australia proud.

Our junior team was very well coached by David Nabulsi. I wish to thank David for his hard work, dedication and support for all of our junior players throughout the training and at the nationals. Our junior success is as a result of your hard work David.

I would also like to thank the Hunter Richardson and Paul Coughlan for helping in the running of the state training sessions and during the Nationals.

I would like to acknowledge Boris Ansons for doing an excellent job at his first time as the state manager. The innovative use of

technology to keep the team informed of all developments was greatly appreciated. The feedback from the state team was all positive about the new personalized back patches and the personalized state "hoodies". For the first time we have received comprehensive reports including a detailed financial report that lays the groundwork for better planning in the future.

Boris was very well supported by our Assistant state manager Jean Coughlan. In Wollongong at a special dinner to congratulate our Olympians the JFA awarded Jean with the Victorian volunteer of the year award, and she is a very worthy recipient. Jean was a great helper at the state training sessions, and was invaluable during the Nationals. Nothing escapes Jean, and Victoria is well represented at any meeting where Jean is involved.

Paul Bensted travelled to the Nationals and assisted on the tournament scoring tables to gain invaluable knowledge of the new scoring system that we will be using at the Southern Cross International. He was often focused on two mats at the same time.

To the referees who travelled from Victoria to the Nationals you also represented our state very well, and stood out as a cut above the rest.

To the athletes who represented our state to the best of their ability thank you on behalf of Judo Victoria. We are proud of all of you.

On behalf of Judo Victoria I would also like to thank the parents and family members who supported the team members including driving the younger members to training. Without your support our team would not be as strong and as successful as it was.

14 gold 12 silver 14 bronze

Total 40 medals

Five Victorians selected to represent Australia at the London Olympics.

On behalf of all of the members of Judo Victoria I would also like to congratulate and send my best wishes to the following members who will fly out or have flown out for the 2012 Olympics to be held in London to represent our Country

Daniel Kelly in his 4 Olympics

Mark Anthony 2nd Olympics

Carli Renzi 1st Olympics

Ivo Dos Santos 1ST Olympics

Jake Andrewartha 1st Olympics

5 of the 6 Australian representatives in Judo at the Olympics hail from Victoria!

Wishing you a safe trip and I hope that you enjoy the experience as well as giving your best. I encourage all members to follow their progress on the direct streaming on the IJF website.

Special General Meeting on the 17th of June.

On the 17th of June Judo Victoria held a Special General Meeting to fill some casual vacancies on the committee. The JFA President Mr. Colin Hill showed his support for Judo Victoria by attending the Special General Meeting Unfortunately in the past judo in Victoria has had a history of divisions and we were keen to move forward using the democratic process.

The meeting was very well attended with most of our clubs represented. The election was conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission and the results are now listed on our JVI website.

The Judo Victoria Committee had no option other than to spill all positions and I was pleased to be returned unopposed as the President. I am also pleased that the results were so emphatic. The result shows great faith in the direction we are moving and in and the new team that was elected by the membership. We can now work together and move forward for the benefit of the sport in our state.

I wish to welcome the newly elected members of our committee:

Andrew Collett, a dual Olympian, is now our Secretary.

Linda Hallas is our new Registrar.

Ben Donegan, Ivo Dos Santos, Daniel Bourke and David Pettett are our new committee members. The new committee has already met once and I am already impressed with their commitment, energy and willingness to work for the benefit of all members of Judo Victoria.

Election cycle for 2012 and 2013:

The new committee has established who would be up for re election at this Novembers Annual General Meeting. It was decided that we would correct a number of mistakes that had been made over the last few years and bring the election cycle of committee members in line with the rules set out in our constitution.

As a result of Mr. Michael Bourke volunteering to come up for reelection in November the committee agreed that Michael and the two ordinary members elected with the least votes at the SGM would come up for reelection in November

The following people will be up for re election in November 2012

President Peter White

Jnr Vice President Neville Sharpe

Registrar Linda Hallas

3 ordinary members: Michael Bourke, Ivo dos Santos and David Pettett

The following members will be up for re election in 2013

Snr Vice President Robert Todd

Secretary Andrew Collett

Treasurer Boris Ansons

Ordinary members: Ben Donegan and Daniel Bourke

Department of Planning and Community Development Grant Applications:

Leading up to the Special General Meeting, under the old committee, we were in jeopardy of missing out on submitting applications for government grants to the sum of \$25000 over 3 years, a total of \$75000. With a very short timeline Neville Sharpe, Boris Anson and myself met twice with the state sports and recreation department in their offices in Melbourne, had numerous phone calls resulting in the applications being submitted on time, including a presentation to the state government that will hopefully will secure some funding for our sport.

We also applied for the Volunteer innovation program (VIP) a further grant for \$20,000 to support officials and volunteers over a three year period.

We have also forwarded a copy of our Constitution and our Member Protection Policy to the Sports and Recreation Department to seek advice on how to improve our rules and process.

Finalization of 20 year old legal debts to the "K Group

I would like to announce the settlement of a 20 year old debt that Judo Victoria has owed to the "K group" arising from a legal Heads of Agreement struck in 1991. Due largely to the work of our Treasurer Mr Boris Ansons and negotiations in good faith and goodwill , JVI and the K Group were able to sit down and share all of the necessary paperwork to come to a final agreement on the amount owing.

On the 28th of June Andrew Collett, Boris Ansons and myself met with the representatives of the K fund group Dr Ernie Knoop, Mr Rodney Cox and Mrs Susie Moorshead.

We were under instructions from the new committee to make an offer based on irrefutable evidence to the K group.

I am happy to report that the offer has been accepted and a deed of release has been signed by the K Group and the JVI thus bringing to an end a dispute and debt that have spanned 20 years.

Southern Cross Open 25th & 26th of August:

A reminder to all JVI Members that we are hosting our first Southern Cross Open on the 24th, 25th and 26th August 2012. I encourage all clubs to get behind this event as without your support we will not succeed and Victorian Judoka will be disadvantaged! We have an opportunity to showcase Judo Victoria.

Please put your hand up to volunteer to help with this event. We cannot get too many volunteers for this event.

The Southern Cross Open will give our competitors, our referees and our volunteers an opportunity to show the rest of the nation that Victoria Judo is focused and can put on a great tournament. It gives our Victorian players a home event so that they don't have to travel every time.

The competition is open to orange belts and above. The more competitors that we attract the higher the ranking of our competition and the more national points that our players can win.

Peter White

JVI President