

## University of Toronto Judo Club (UTJC)

### AGENDA for Annual General Meeting, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>

#### I. UTJC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

##### Positions to be (re-)elected:

1. President (incumbent: Ben Ganss) Re-elected.
2. Treasurer (incumbent: Simon Rogers) Re-elected.
3. Secretary (incumbent: Bess Doyle) Re-elected.
4. Communications officer (position open). Barbara Waginski.
5. Competition coordinator (position open). Ray Goerke.

#### II. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **First Aid for instructors.** Our instructors are able to receive First Aid certification at discount rates through the Athletic Centre. Initial outlay will be from the instructors' own pockets, but recertification will be covered by Hart House. (If we receive Hart House Club status and associated budget, certification costs will be reimbursed.)

ACTION: **Bess Doyle** will collect the names and email addresses of all members who wish to participate. **Ben Ganss and the executive** will then contact Tom Moss to see whether the discount can also be extended to non-black belts. Higher belts (green and up) are particularly encouraged to get training.

2. **Long weekend classes** will be cancelled by default. (This excludes the class on February 25<sup>th</sup>).  
ACTION: Approved by unanimous decision.

3. **Hart House Club status:** The U of T Judo Club is currently run exclusively as a registered activity at Hart House. This presents us with numerous logistical, scheduling and funding constraints. We have met with Tom Moss, Manager of Recreation and Wellness at Hart House and confirmed that it is possible for us to seek Hart House Club status. Club status would provide us with a substantial budget and privileges for booking additional space and time for practices as well as other club activities (including, potentially, tournaments). Considerable additional time investment would be required from the executive in order to obtain and maintain club status. The issue at hand is whether to do this.

ACTION: A Working Group on Hart House Club Status has been formed.

Members are: **Barbara Waginski (Chair), Ben Ganss (Hart House administrative liaison), Gregory Lamoureux, Roy Thistle.**

Objectives: to determine the eligibility criteria and application process for Hart House Club status, and to prepare an application for same.

Proposed time frame: the application should be ready to submit by Fall, 2012.

4. **Change of venue:** We currently have a choice between staying in the Activity Room, waiting to move to the Archery Room, or working out a solution to mat storage that will content Hart House administration, which would allow us to lobby for a move to the Exercise Room (dance studio, adjacent to the weight room).

Below are details for consideration regarding each option.

1. Activity Room: relatively little space, given participation rates; air conditioning available; mats must be moved at beginning and end of classes. Mirrors constitute a minor safety hazard.
2. Archery Room: Longer than the Activity Room, but potentially narrower. Has a small area with a low ceiling. Brick walls, cement floor (to be covered with wood, which will detract further from ceiling height). Air conditioning availability unknown. Mats could potentially stay down, but then cleaning becomes a major logistical challenge. Hart House currently takes no responsibility for cleaning our mats, so the notion of establishing a permanently matted space is currently considered untenable.
3. Exercise Room: High-ceilinged, light, and with a large, square floor space (total floor space probably

not greater than Activity Room, but proportions are better). Sufficient space to set up a tournament square. Wood floor. Mirrors and ballet bars present. No A/C, but fans available. Mat storage is the major challenge. The only readily available storage areas would require carrying mats up at least one flight of stairs.

4. Alternative: cap class sizes and add class times during the week. This alternative is currently constrained by instructors' personal schedules.

ACTION: The club executive will continue to liaise with Hart House on this issue. Option number 3 is considered the most preferable.

#### 5. Other business

1. **Treasurer's report:** The club's bank account with BMO must be changed to remove the names of former executive members. A bank card will also be obtained.
2. **Secretary's report:** UTSU club status must be updated. The Club Constitution must also be altered to include the titles of Communications Officer and Competition Coordinator in the list of elected positions.
3. **Mat cleaning:** The club has agreed that the tatami must be cleaned regularly. ACTION: Each instructor will take responsibility for assigning students to clean the mats each class. **Greg Lamoureux** has volunteered to be "cleaning coordinator," and will provide cleaning supplies and be responsible for taking them out of the storage closet.