

Minutes of Meeting on 02/28/2015

- Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM.
- Members Present:
 - Chris Smith
 - Artie Dreschler
 - Alex Russo
 - Jerry Dunne
 - Jeff Scott
 - Joe Elkins
 - Elke Lohan
 - Joe Triolo
- JP Daleo
- Dan Boland
- Chris Smith motioned to appoint Alex Russo for a secretary position. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- A discussion was initiated by Chris Smith regarding a Metropolitan LWC website. The Committee discussed the naming, logistics, and costs for a website. Also discussed was the content for the website, such as an inclusion of a list of Local Referees.
- There was a discussion about the current standards for granting of sanctions, specifically focusing on the minimum requirements for granting such. The geographic and time proximities in granting sanctions were also touched upon. Lastly, charging for sanctions was deliberated on.
- It was brought to the committee's attention that certified referees who were listed on the USAW website were either wrongly categorized or not a referee approved by the Metropolitan LWC.
- Referee Clinics was reviewed. Clinics will only be offered by a National Level Referee. Two parts of the certification process for an LWC referee is necessary: (1) a written test, and (2) a practical portion of 100 lifts with a minimum of 50 completed lifts. The test provided will be approved by either the committee or the LWC President. The practical portion of the test must occur at a sanctioned meet with at least one or more National Level Referee(s) sitting behind those taking the test.
- The Committee decided on the tentative schedule for the 2016 year:
 - March 21st, 2015: Lost Battalion Hall Classic
 - March 22, 2015: Closed Meet between Marc Chasnov's Team and Maritime Team.
See sanction decision below
 - April 2015 (Date TBD): Coaching Clinic and Local Referees Test in Albany
 - April 2015 (Date TBD): Larry Mintz Memorial in Garden City
 - July 2015 (Date TBD): Proposed meet in Union Square
 - July 2015 (Or August 1, 2015): Jerry Dunne Red Light Open
 - August 22, 2015: Brooklyn Barbell
 - September 2015 (Date TBD): Rudy Sablo Memorial
 - October 24, 2015: Mets
 - December 13, 2015: Meet TBD
 - February 21, 2016: NYC Open
 - Next Committee Meeting TBA

- The request for a sanction for the closed meet on March 22, 2015 between Marc Chasnov's Team and the Maritime Team was considered. Due to the fact that there is another meet in the MET LWC on the same weekend, the committee ruled that there will not be a sanction unless Chasnov's meet was guaranteed to be closed. According to the bylaws, two meets cannot be held simultaneously in the MET LWC, unless the competitions are 100 miles apart. Therefore, Chasnov's meet is to be attended only by an approved roster of students enrolled at Maritime. Additionally, at least three LWC referees must be in attendance for Chasnov's meet. In continuation, a unanimous decision of "a Closed Meet being granted a sanction if it occurs on any weekend except that of an Open Meet" was agreed upon. Chris Smith (President) verified that there will be a minimum of three MET LWC approved referees in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.
- The next meeting schedule TBD.

Submitted by:
Alex Russo
Secretary