

Minutes for Metropolitan LWC General Committee Meeting on August 7th 2016

Attendance: Alex Russo, Chris Smith, Mihalis Alisandratos, Katherine McDevitt, J.P. Nicoletta, Jeff Scott, Juan Blanco, Jane Orgel, Joey Swidler, John Gladstone, Joe Triolo.

Meeting Called to order at 11:06 AM

Chris Smith opens meeting with discussion on the purpose of this general business meeting. The general committee meetings will be for informational and voting purposes only. The executive board meetings will be for LWC administrative purposes. There will be 2 general committee meetings per year and 2 executive board meetings per year.

Chris starts discussion on current PAC news. The topics included: LWC rebate checks, the disbursement and allocations to the LWCs, and guidelines for LWC bylaws. After general PAC news Chris Smith starts discussion on the need for an Athletes Representative for the PAC. Ashley Gold now holds the position in the interim. To fill the position there needs to be official nominations and general vote. Also needed by the PAC is a bylaws approval, and a procedure for grievances and procedures.

Chris Smith starts discussion on establishing chain of command and guidelines for enforcing rules at meets. Assigns the task to Joe and Jerry. Jeff Scott brings up point about what qualifications necessary for being meet director.

Chris Smith gives an update on meets that have occurred since the last committee meeting:

- Larry Mintz Memorial in Garden City had 65 lifters,
- The Toss Daddy Open at Athletes Warehouse had 38 lifters,
- Crow Hill Open in Brooklyn
- Jerry Dunne Red Light Invitational
- The Capitol Region Open in Albany

Chris Smith starts discussion on what happened at Albany meet. Mihalis Alisandratos starts discussion on problems in Albany meet. Should not grant any sanctions in relation to Empire State Sports. Chris Smith starts discussion on ESS taking down results directly from USAW

Jeff Scott and Katie McDevitt provide a report on recent financial transactions and developments.

Mihalis Alisandratos gives technology report: testing of software for timing and competition management, adding of equipment like displays and projector, website update.

Jeff Scott says he will assist any meet that wants to use software and hardware for meet management.

Chris Smith starts discussion on staffing meets with referees. The meet director should reach out to highest ranking officials in LWC and they get first choice on positions.

Chris Smith announces the upcoming LWC schedule:

- August 27th and 28th: Two day meet at Brooklyn Barbell. There will be a short rules clinic on the Friday before the meet.
- September 10th and 11th: Mark Solomon from the Niagra LWC will be hosting a “NYS Championships”
- September 18th: The Rudy Sablo Memorial in Garden City
- October 15th and 16th: The Metropolitan Championships at Lost Battalion Hall. There will be cash prizes for first place in each senior weight class.
- November 6th: The War of Westchester at Athletes Warehouse. This is on the same weekend as the American Masters being held in Buffalo.
- December 18th: The Holiday Season Open in Garden City. Being held one week after the American Open.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.