

Minutes of LWC 06 Board Meeting 11/5/2017

Meeting was held at 111 Division Avenue, Levittown NY on 11/5/2017.

Prior to the meeting the following proposed agenda was sent out to board members:

Agenda for LWC meeting (LWC Board) 11/5/2017

- Review of LWC Board officers and members.
- Frequency and purpose of LWC meetings.
- LWC records and record-keeping procedures.
- Conduct of individuals at LWC events.
- Event sanctions and other by-laws changes.

Members present at the meeting:

Chris Smith – LWC President

Jeff Scott – LWC Secretary

Sara Soto – LWC Athlete Representative

Mihalis Alisandratos – LWC Technology chair

Steve Tria – LWC Club Representative

Vanessa Nicoletta – National Referee

JP Nicoletta – International Category 2 Referee

Joe Triolo – International Category 1 Referee

Dena Smith – National Referee

Katie McDevitt - Treasurer

Arthur Drechsler – International Category 1 Referee

Jo Anne Drechsler – National Referee

Vanessa Nicoletta and Dena Smith were identified as non-voting attendees. Dena Smith actually had voting privileges by virtue of her being a National Referee and having attended two meetings in the calendar year. Her votes were taken and tabulated telephonically after the meeting concluded and they are reflected in the vote tabulations.

Meeting called to order by the LWC President at 12:10.

Agenda item 1. Review of LWC Board officers and members.

It was brought up that board membership and the right to vote was the subject of a by-laws amendment for which a vote had not been taken due to a procedural error. A motion to hold the vote was made and seconded. The vote was held and the change to the by-laws passed unanimously. The substance of the change is detailed herein:

National referees that can vote on executive board are those who meet the participation requirements. In addition participate in, the lesser of 4 open meets or $\frac{1}{3}$ of all open meets, for at least $\frac{2}{3}$ s of each meet in one of the following roles: referee, time keeper, announcer, technical controller, scorekeeper, weigh-in officials, competition secretary, loader. In addition, they must attend at least one executive board meeting. They must fulfill all requirements in the same calendar year. When they have attended their second executive board meeting they will receive voting privileges. Each meet director will submit participation records to the Secretary to be tabulated.

The text of this proposed amendment is taken directly from the minutes of the LWC meeting on 2/5/2017 which are conspicuously posted on the LWC web site.

This change will be posted to the by-laws on the LWC web site.

Agenda item 2. Frequency and purpose of LWC meetings.

The by-laws were reviewed and it was agreed that there should continue to be two general business meetings per year open to all LWC members. The first meeting would be the event scheduling meeting in January. The second meeting should be held approximately six months later at an LWC event. Since no second meeting had been held this year, it was agreed to hold the second meeting of 2017 at the Holiday Open in Garden City. The meeting is to begin 30 minutes before the first weigh-in and a notice will be sent out to LWC members before the event.

It was agreed that the schedule for board meetings would remain the same.

It was agreed by unanimous vote that the annual selection of athletes to receive awards should be done at a board meeting.

Agenda item 3. LWC records and record-keeping procedures.

There was a long and lively discussion regarding LWC records. It was agreed by unanimous vote that record keeping would start initially with the weight classes established in 1998 and would include the new 90 and +90 classes for females. NOTE:

Not addressed was what to do with the +75 class records.

It was agreed by unanimous vote that record setters must be LWC members by USAW standards for LWC membership.

It was agreed by vote with one member in dissent that record setters need not be US citizens, but a one-year residency requirement in the LWC territory was necessary and the board reserved the right to verify the residency of athletes claiming LWC records.

It was agreed by unanimous vote that LWC records can be set anywhere at a USAW or IWF sanctioned event.

It was agreed that meet directors may establish and keep records for their events apart from the LWC records.

It was decided that the LWC President will ask the Records Chairman to prepare a draft version of the LWC records and present the proposed records to the board for review at a later date.

It was decided that a form would be created and posted to the website for athletes to use to submit a record application to the LWC.

Agenda item 4. Conduct of individuals at LWC events.

There was review of conduct incidents from events over the past two years. Four specific incidents were identified. A discussion of each event was presented by a person with direct knowledge of the incident. The USAW code of conduct was reviewed and it was determined that the code of conduct did not go far enough to address athlete conduct toward officials outside of the competition and competition venue. It was agreed that Joe Triolo would pursue this matter further with USAW.

In order to address the issue within the LWC, it was agreed that Steve Tria would draft an e-mail message to LWC members for the board to review before dissemination.

Additionally, it was agreed to add a link to the USAW code of conduct to the LWC web site.

Agenda item 5. Event sanctions and other by-laws changes.

The board had proposed at a previous meeting amendments to the by-laws section governing event sanctions. The proposed changes were sent out by e-mail before the meeting to board members for review in accordance with established procedures. The proposed changes were reviewed in detail and some modifications were made to correct duplicate zone assignments. The proposed changes were voted on and approved.

unanimously. Here is the full text of the changes.

Sanction changes:

Article 2. Territory:

Add Section 2: Competition Zones

For the purposes of sanctioning competitions the LWC is broken into **four** competition zones.

Zone 1 – Nassau, Suffolk, Kings (Brooklyn), Queens, Manhattan, Richmond (Staten Island), Bronx

Zone 2 – Yonkers, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Kingston, Sullivan

Zone 3 – Columbia, Greene, Schoharie, Albany, Rensselaer, Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery and all counties directly north within our LWC border.

Zone 4 - Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Ostego and all counties directly west within our LWC border

See Article 7, for further information on events.

Section 4: Awarding of Dates/Sanctions

Sanctioned competitions that were run in the past year shall be given priority when asking for a renewed sanction as long as the event is held within 15 days of the previous date and was satisfactorily run the prior year. Any other dates/sanctions, for open or closed competitions, shall be awarded on a first come first serve basis to the extent they satisfy the requirements stipulated in the “Frequency of Events” section below.

To obtain a sanction a potential Competition Director must secure a commitment of a LWC Officer or National Level or higher Technical Official to attend the event. This person must agree to assist with running of the competition and report back in writing to the LWC Officers. A potential Competition Director must present the name(s) of qualifying individuals who will support the competition. This requirement is waived for Competition Directors who either have run a competition as a Director in the LWC in the calendar year of 2016 that was satisfactorily done or is a National or higher Technical Official.

A potential Competition Director must also confirm via a countersigned written commitment with the LWC to do/provide the following;

1. The LWC Zone in which the competition will be held.
2. Draft entry form with tentative schedule and name of LWC Officer or Technical Official that has committed to supporting the event.
3. Confirm kilogram barbells and weights will be used for the competition.
4. Confirm all officiating, including weigh-ins, will be done by LWC or higher Technical Officials.
5. Submit/upload official competition results to USAW's Webpoint database and email them to the LWC Officer designated in the written commitment within 10 days of the completion of competition.
6. Ensure a meet report is presented, in writing prior to or verbally in person at the next scheduled LWC meeting. (Form to be provided by the LWC).
7. All rules of weightlifting competition will be followed.

Section 5: Frequency of Events

One competition per weekend, per LWC competition zone, will be allowed. This limitation is waived in zones 3 and 4 so long as the competition venues are at least 100 miles away from each other. Frequency is unrestricted throughout the calendar year with one exception. No competitions will be allowed during the four week period leading up to the annual Metropolitan LWC Championships within Zone 1 and Zone 2. Zones 3 and 4 will not be subject to this limitation however participation in the Metropolitan LWC Championship is encouraged. Additionally, one competition in both Zone 3 and Zone 4 will be allowed on the same date(s) of the Zone 1 and Zone 2 Metropolitan Championships. These events, if held, will be considered "upstate LWC Championships" and the combined results will determine the overall LWC champions for a calendar year.

Section 6: Closed Competitions/ Gym Sanctioned Competitions

Closed Competitions or Gym Sanctioned competitions, are events held by individual gyms or clubs that are not listed on the USA Weightlifting, Inc. event page or calendar but are still sanctioned events in the Met LWC. Sanctions are awarded to clubs by request under the same procedure for Open Competitions. Closed events are restricted to 30 athletes. No closed meet may be held on the same weekend as an Open Competition, in the same Zone, without the written consent and approval of the Meet Director holding the Open Competition on the requested date/weekend.

It was agreed that these changes would be posted to the by-laws section of the LWC web site.

There were no other by-laws changes brought up for discussion.

Meeting closed at 2:00.