

Executive Board Meeting 4/2/2017

Attendance:

Chris Smith
Steve Tria
Jeff Scott
Jerry Dunne
JP Nicoletta
Katie McDevitt
Artie Dreschler
Joanne Dreschler

Meeting Called to order at 8:02am –

- ppl calling complaining about meets and outside of LI NYC want freedom to run their own meets and schedule. Conflict on meets on May 7th. Anything outside of LI and 5 boroughs don't want to come to LI
- Warwick is 65miles from here, we don't go there much they don't come here much. Separation of zones geographically divide lifters with 50% roughly on LI/Queens/Brooklyn – make it based on geographic zone not mileage.
- do we have enough refs to make meets legit for weigh ins and such.
- torn because it's a business, but wants to see things coordinated up there to avoid conflict.
- Bridges and 100miles arbitrary, geographic zone is less arbitrary. As long as there is a specific way to do it, 50 mile radius. They're not separate LWC but it would avoid conflict with LI zone.
- Do we have too many or too few meets?
 - we have enough but they want more closed meets
 - more than enough
 - we have enough but we need to discuss open and closed
 - we haven't had a situation where a lot more sign up and wait list than can compete
 - 2 brooklyn meets almost back to back and do well in July and August
 - plenty open but need to discuss closed
 - plenty open meets – 1 per month, discussed rules for running meets as per by-laws. Said March April May in Garden City and that can be frustrating and 1 meet director controls 2 of those meets. Maybe a small group has too much control of meets (Chris is meet director of 5 meets).
 - I have Mintz, Rudy Sablo, Holiday Open
 - Chris has ¼ of comp calendar and can seem restrictive. Wants to discuss closed and last chance quals. Is it appropriate to allow for open meet for last chance

qualifier for national event? Would add 4-5 open meets to comp calendar. Can leave slot open for months for qualifying but not necessarily will anybody take it.

- let them do closed meet

Then read rules on closed meets with Chris proposing to increase number for closed from 20 to 30.

asked to keep discussion on open meets, but thinks it's appropriate for people to take some of Chris's spot to avoid him looking like he has control of everything.

- discussed that there is no room for others to grow with one person having so much control. Discussed possible conflict of interest. One club in Westchester has said that they don't want to go to LI and will go to CT instead. Not comfortable with having 5 meets in Garden City if it's not looked highly upon.

- if you will limit to 12 open meets and 9 booked, solution is why only 12 meets? We can compete more than once a month and still be healthy as an LWC.

- reiterated last chance quals as way to open.

- easier to open to more meets than take away a meet from someone.

- above bridges could do their own thing and allow meets.

- make policy for LWC that is consistent and not allow one area to do this and one area to do that. If we allow one person to have multiple meets we can end up having one person hold all of the meets. At min there should be a cap on how many you can have.

- only way to take over now is for someone to give it up. And when a spot was given up in January it was hard to get a taker, and only took December because people wanted it and nobody would do it.

- we need to decide do we want to allow one person to run every meet if that situation comes up.

- is issue of meets proper control of quality of meets? Or is it we worry about entries.

- give them more open meets especially if they're above bridges. And he approved meet at Swistak meet on same day as his meet.

- would rather have more open than closed and doesn't like unsanctioned meets.

- what would be harm of opening calendar to 2 a month?

- what are restrictions and we need to set up? Courses used to be 5 weeks 150mile buffer. We can open slots and leave them unclaimed.

- how about 2 every other month?

- 1 meet during month of Mets

- what if we made it total open market. You can't do within a certain radius on same weekend and has a limit to meets per year. We would relinquish control, and what are consequences? States we can lose quality control, but we can set up guidelines to help that scenario. It can self-correct because people won't go to bad meets again. If we do we can say that at least one committee member must be present to oversee to make sure it's run technically correct and report on it. We need to set criteria on what needs to be done at a meet for it to be official and the committee member reviews at the meet and must sign off on. You must guarantee LWC officials etc.

Contract to meet directors.

Any weekend so long as not within 30 miles

As many as you want not same weekend

The month of the Met championships (no meet 4 weeks before)

Vote on By-Law Change - criteria for voting on board for National Ref or Higher

In Favor - Artie, Joanne, Jeff, Jerry, Alex, Katie, JP, Steve

Against - Chris