

Minutes for Executive Board Meeting 10/2/16

Attendance: Arthur Drechsler, Gerard Dunne, Chris Smith, JP Nicoletta, Jane Orgel, Katherine McDevitt, Joe Triolo, Mihalis Alisandratos, JoAnne Drechsler

Meeting was called to order at 12:23pm

Chris Smith begins discussion of appointment of a History and Records Keeper for the Metropolitan LWC. Chris Smith nominates Jane Orgel to the position. The nomination was seconded by Gerard Dunne. Having a quorum present, the nomination was voted on passed by the board.

Chris Smith initiated a discussion on his submission for bylaw guidelines to the national office.

Chris Smith initiated a discussion on the makeup of the LWC's Executive Board in regards to national referees. JP suggested that those who have a national or international referee certification are invited to board meetings but must come to at least one more meeting in order for membership and voting privileges to be affirmed. Arthur Drechsler and Chris Smith suggested that the provisions should be based on activity during the calendar year at local events. Jane Orgel suggested that such activity may be qualified on a quarterly basis. A resolution of activity being defined as participating or being available at lesser of 4 or 50% of LWC meets during the current and preceding calendar year was passed by the board.

The issue of club representation was mentioned. JP Nicoletta motioned to amend the bylaws to include a voting spot of a Club Representative (CR) on the Executive Board to be elected by the clubs. The electoral process will mirror that of the Athlete's Representative (AR). The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed by the board.

Chris Smith initiated a discussion on the electoral process of Club and Athlete Representative. Chris Smith suggested that the election should be conducted by paper ballot at the Metropolitan Championships. Joe Triolo suggested that the election should occur by paper ballot for interim representatives at the next General Board Meeting until a proper election can occur at the next Metropolitan Championships. Arthur Drechsler suggested that the initial election should be done electronically. It was motioned that the first election for both Club and Athlete Representative will be done electronically, and the following elections will be done at the Met Championships. Each club shall have one vote and one nomination for the initial election. In succeeding years, elections will be done by paper ballot, at the Met LWC Championships, where each athlete has one vote for the AR, and each club has one vote for the CR. The motion was voted on and passed.

It was announced that Joe Triolo is a candidate for the Grassroots Director position. It was announced that Chris Smith is a candidate for the At Large Director position.

Jane Orgel gave a report on the Brooklyn Barbell Open.

Chris Smith gave a report on the Rudy Sablo Memorial

Mihalis Alisandratos initiated a discussion on the voting criteria for Outstanding Lifter and Most Improved Lifter. Chris Smith affirmed the belief of those in contention needing to lift at the Metropolitan Championships. JP Nicoletta and Arthur Drechsler brought up the issue of elite athletes having national and international obligations. Arthur Drechsler motioned that to be in contention for any LWC award (outstanding lifter or most improved lifter), a lifter must compete in two open LWC events between the Met Championships and the final local meet before the following Met Championships, one of those being the Metropolitan Championships, unless there is documentation for medical exemption or if the lifter will compete at an international competition within 45 days after the Met Championships, in which case another open LWC meet must be substituted for the Met Championships. If the lifter was not a part of the Met LWC or a member of USA Weightlifting after the occurrence of the Met Championships, the lifter is eligible for receiving an award if the lifter competes in three open LWC meets before the following Met Championships. The motion passed.

Chris Smith initiated a discussion on eligibility to compete at the Met Championships. The matter of LWC membership came into account. It was motioned that those who are in a club that is within the Metropolitan LWC, or unattached and living within the Met, are eligible to compete at the Met Championships for an award. This amends the previous vote, making only those in a Met LWC club or, unattached and living within the Met geographically, eligible for an LWC award. The motion passed.

JP Nicoletta initiated a discussion on the change in IWF rules and bodyweight categories. It was affirmed that these changes shall be applied locally January 1st, 2017 when the changes are formally published by the IWF.

Gerard Dunne proposed his document "Procedures For Officials At Metropolitan LWC Competitions." Looking for comment within the next 15 days.

The next General meeting date was decided for December 18, 2016 at 8 am. The next Executive Board meeting date will be called as needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm