

Minutes from the LWC 06 Board Meeting on 7/14/2019

The meeting was held at the ACA Canoe Camp at Lake Sebago, Harriman Park.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35

The agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Remarks from the President
4. Old business
5. New business
6. Financial report
7. Close meeting

Roll call was taken and the board members present were introduced.

Chris Smith, President

Jeff Scott, Secretary

Frank Mintz, Technology Chair

Joe Rodriguez, Treasurer

Jerry Dunne, TOL

Dena Smith, TOL

Juan Blanco, Club Rep

Kurt Roderick, Club Rep

Kevin Ostrander, Athlete Rep

Arthur Drechsler, Ad Hoc member

Joe Triolo, Ad Hoc member

Samuel Axten, Governor, Zone 3

Ryan Hansen, Governor, Zone 2

Darrin Fulkerson from Zone 3, observing

Informational packets for the meeting were handed out to everyone present.

Each person present introduced themselves to the assembly and presented a brief biography.

The president gave his opening remarks in which he addressed:

- The growth of the LWC as a result of Crossfit
- The goal of expanding the sport of weightlifting across the entire LWC
- How we can improve communications in the LWC
- The role of the Governors in the LWC

The president asked the assembly for comments.

Kurt Roderick spoke about his event and how the AO series had hurt attendance – he had 75 lifters. He also mentioned that the AO East Coast event was moved to Florida in September.

Sam Axten Spoke about the recent event in Saratoga Springs. This was the first area meet in about two years and 64 athletes competed. It was a one-day event.

The president spoke about meet scheduling criteria. He also talked about this event, the Larry Mintz Memorial – 35 athletes competed. He then addressed the issue of increasing membership and called upon the board for new ideas and strategies.

Kevin Ostrander offered to put some material together for social media. Kevin spoke in favor of using Instagram and Facebook and of having the content professionally done.

The president reviewed the preparations, to date, for the NYS Championship event.

There was a discussion about LWC funding. Board members wanted to know where the funds come from. The only current revenue stream was identified – membership rebates from USAW. The current practices for using LWC funds were reviewed as were some of the ideas presented to the board in the past for the use of funds.

The president called upon all board members to develop more referees with SafeSport certification and background checks. The shortage of qualified female officials was highlighted.

The president reminded the governors that they need to make their equipment needs known so that the things they need can be purchased and delivered to them.

The president and the treasurer shared with the board the details of a recent attempted fraud against the LWC. USAW was aware of the tactic and said that other LWCs had been attacked too. The president reminded everyone that requests for funds need to be verified with a phone call. Nobody should ever act on a funding request based on just an e-mail or text message.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. The president made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. The president called for a vote. The vote was 12 in favor with 1 member abstaining.

At this point, the board took a much needed break for lunch.

The discussion of old business began.

The president opened the discussion of old business by outlining the by-laws sub-committee he wants to form. The purpose of the sub-committee is to remove any duplications, inconsistencies or erroneous portions of the by-laws and to ensure the clarity of meaning.

The committee is to have the following members:

Jerry Dunne – Chair

Dena Smith

Kurt Roderick

Joe Triolo

Kevin Ostrander

Joe Rodriguez

The board agreed with the formation and mission of the sub-committee.

Kurt Roderick presented his proposal for the NYS Championship event. Since the document was already circulated to the board, it is not included in these minutes. The procedures, if adopted, would apply to the 2020 event.

Jerry Dunne presented and reviewed a draft contract that would be signed by the Presidents of the Metropolitan and Niagara LWC for the 2020 event. After receiving comments from the board, Jerry

agreed to revise it and send it back out to the board for review. Since the document was already circulated to the board, it is not included in these minutes.

Kurt and Jerry both agreed to reach out to other states that hold a state championship event to find out more about how they conduct their events.

Kurt Roderick had a number of proposals that he was prepared to present to the board. In light of the formation of the by-laws review sub-committee, Kurt agreed to table proposals 2-6. Since the documents were already circulated to the board, they are not included in these minutes.

It was agreed by the board that a focused meeting or meetings would be held to bring the sub-committee's recommendations to vote.

Juan Blanco presented a proposal to change the requirements for serving as LWC President. His proposal would change the requirement that the president be a national referee to that the president be a national referee or national coach. The proposal was discussed at length. When discussions concluded, the president called for a vote. The proposal was defeated with 4 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstaining. The president recommended to Juan that he send his proposal to the sub-committee for further consideration.

Frank Mintz presented the LWC Hall of Fame criteria to the board. He also gave an in-depth review of the athletes and administrators who are currently in the LWC HOF.

Frank presented to the board a nomination for Danica Rue to enter the LWC HOF. Her eligibility was confirmed. The president presented her credentials, and they were reviewed by the board. Her nomination was called to vote and there were 11 in favor, none opposed.

Frank presented to the board a nomination for Konstantin Starikovitch to enter the LWC HOF. There were some questions about his eligibility. It was agreed that his nomination would be researched further and presented again at a subsequent board meeting.

The discussion of old business was closed.

The discussion of new business began.

The president opened the discussion of new business with the topic of outstanding athlete awards. He reminded the board that the 2018 awards are due for selection.

Joe Triolo made a motion to change the eligibility criteria so that participation in two LWC meets held at two different venues within the same year would make a lifter eligible for an award. The motion was seconded. The proposal was discussed and when the discussion concluded the president called for a vote. The vote was 11 in favor, none opposed.

The nomination form to be used for outstanding athlete nominations was presented to the board. The form was included in the informational packet handed out at the beginning of the meeting. The process for filling out and submitting the form was discussed. Governors are responsible for making primary nominations in their zone. LWC members may submit at-large nominations. Forms are to be submitted to the governor in the zone the athlete belongs to. Governors will then forward all forms for their zone to the athlete reps for review of the athlete's nomination criteria – Sara Soto for Zones 1 and 2 and Kevin Ostrander for Zones 3 and 4. Once the forms are reviewed, they are to be sent to the president.

Kurt Roderick presented to the board an LWC record application for one of his lifters. There was a very long and very lively discussion about eligibility criteria, evidences of proof and a lot of other things. In the interest of closing the meeting before dark, discussion eventually concluded and the president called for a vote on whether or not the record application should be recognized. The was 6 in favor, 2 opposed with 3 abstaining.

Frank Mintz reminded the board that a doping positive result would result in the loss of results for an athlete.

The financial report which the treasurer and bookkeeper had prepared was not called for, and so it was not presented to the board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 4:06.