

A board meeting was held at 111 Division Avenue, Levittown, NY on 1/14/2018.

The agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Introduction and review of LWC officers.
3. Financial report.
 - a. LLC-held funds.
 - b. USAW-held funds.
4. Review and vote on resolutions from 11/24/2017 special board meeting.
5. Review of nominations for outstanding athletes for 2016.
6. Other business.
 - a. Old business.
 - b. New business.
7. Close meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the LWC at 12:06 P.M. The credentials report was rendered by the Secretary of the LWC immediately thereafter. The Board members in attendance were:

Christopher Smith, LWC President

Jeff Scott, LWC Secretary

Katie McDevitt, LWC Treasurer

Mihalis Alisandratos, Technology Chairman

Frankie Mintz, Records Chairman (non-voting)

Arthur Drechsler, International Referee Category 1

Joe Triolo, International Referee Category 1

Jerry Dunne, International Referee Category 1

JP Nicoletta, International Referee Category 2

Dena Smith, National Referee

Joanne Drechsler, National Referee

Vanessa Nicoletta, National Referee

Beth Terranova, National Referee (non-voting)

A financial report was given by the Secretary of the LWC.

As of 12/31/2017:

LLC-held funds: \$ 6,829.56

USAW-held funds: \$ 6331.00

Petty Cash: \$ 132.22

Total funds: \$ 13,292.78

There was a review of and vote on nine resolutions from the 11/24/2017 meeting. The results of the review and voting follow.

Resolution one: +75 category records to be kept as historical records for the period 1998 - 2016.

Amended to all category records from 1998 onward to account for future changes to the weight classes. Unanimous in favor.

Resolution two: To set an LWC record, athletes must be LWC members (not residents) for at least one year. Unanimous in favor; however, debate was re-opened on this issue under New Business and there were further adjustments to the policy. Please refer to the New Business section of the minutes for complete details and final statement of the LWC policy.

Resolution three: Change the wording in by-laws article 2, section 1 from "complete" to "compete." Unanimous in favor.

Resolution four: It was clarified that in article 4, section 1 the credentials report rendered by the Secretary is a review of the voting privileges of the board members present at the meeting and it is to be rendered verbally and recorded in the minutes. Unanimous in favor.

Resolution five: It was agreed to add wording to describe the elected position of Club Representative. The exact wording to be drawn up and sent out for review before the next board meeting. Amended to remove the requirement for the Club Representative to setup a banquet. Unanimous in favor.

Resolution six: Change the wording in article 4, section 5 from "General Business meeting taking place at the end of the year" to "General Business meeting taking place at the beginning of the year." Unanimous in favor.

Resolution seven: Change the wording in article 5, section 1 from "Each competition will be appointed a Competition Secretary by the president" to "Each competition will be appointed a Competition

Secretary by the president or meet director." Amended to read that the meet director shall appoint a competition secretary at the time the sanction is submitted. The competition secretary must be an LWC referee or higher. If the meet director cannot secure the services of a qualified competition secretary, the LWC President will assist in finding or appointing a qualified competition secretary for the event. Unanimous in favor.

Resolution eight: Change the wording in article 5, section 1 (duties of the competition secretary) from "to report the results to the national office in a timely manner and afterwards; to report back to the secretary with all official documentation." to " to report the results to the national office in a timely manner and within one month from the date of the competition; to report back to the secretary with all official documentation." Amended to include the provision that failure to provide the required documentation may result in the denial of a future sanction request and that the report and documents are to be rendered to the Secretary of the LWC.

Resolution nine: To change the wording in article 7, section 3 from "After the Competition Secretary has conducted his duties, he shall report to the president and secretary with a full report on the event include..." to "After the Competition Secretary has conducted his duties, he shall report to the president and secretary within one month from the date of the competition with a full report on the event including..." Unanimous in favor.

The nomination process for outstanding athletes for 2017 was reviewed. It was agreed that the nomination deadline for this year was too short. The deadline for nominations will be extended . Nominations will close on February 28 2018.

The floor was opened for the discussion of old business. There was no old business.

The floor was opened for the discussion of new business.

There was a lively discussion regarding LWC records. After much debate, it was agreed that athletes claiming records must have been members of the LWC for a minimum of four months and have a minimum of four months residency in the USA at the time the record lifts are made -- both criteria to apply simultaneously. The vote was nine in favor, none opposed with two members abstaining. It was also agreed that, in light of the new requirements, there was no longer a need for the recognition of pending records. The vote was ten in favor, none opposed with one member abstaining.

The scheduling of meetings was discussed and it was agreed that in order to improve communication with membership, every effort would be made to schedule board meetings to follow general membership meetings chronologically. The first general membership meeting of 2018 will be held on January 21, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at Brooklyn Barbell Club. All LWC members in good standing are invited to attend. The second general membership meeting for 2018 will be held on the night before the 2018 Metropolitan Championships at LBH and will begin immediately following the Technical Meeting for the event. All LWC members in good standing are invited to attend.

Arthur Drechsler made a presentation to the board about an experimental meet format that he intends

to implement for an event he is holding in Garden City in April of 2018. The event will feature two platforms and a new system of timing the lifts. Some of the highlights of the event are:

- No two lifters will lift at the same time.
- There will be no two minute clocks.
- The clock will run during weight changes.
- An expediter will be on-site to assist coaches and athletes to understand and implement the new procedures.
- The specifics of the rules for the event will be on the entry form.

The presentation elicited a number of questions from the board members and there was considerable debate regarding the details of the conduct of the event. At the conclusion of the presentation, all questions having been addressed, the board was enthusiastic and supportive of the proposal.

Having concluded all discussions, the meeting was closed by the President of the LWC at 3:00.

Jeff Scott

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