

Minutes from LWC general business meeting, 12/17/2017.

A general business meeting was held on 12/17/2017 at 645 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Introduction and review of LWC officers
3. Review of recent by-laws changes (summary only).
  - a. Board member eligibility.
  - b. New sanction rules (zones, etc.)
4. Review of LWC records standards and procedures (summary only).
5. Financial report.
  - a. LLC-held funds.
  - b. USAW-held funds.
6. Other business.
  - a. Old business.
  - b. New business.
7. Close meeting.

LWC President Chris Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. The LWC board members present were identified by the Secretary and introduced to the general membership.

There was a brief review of recent by-law changes regarding board member eligibility and the new sanction rules for LWC events. The changes are reflected in the by-laws currently posted on the LWC website.

There was a brief review of the records procedures that were recently established for the LWC. The standards and procedures are outlined in the minutes of the 11/5/2017 which are posted on the LWC website. Frankie Mintz was introduced as the LWC Records Chairman

A financial report was rendered reflecting a fund distribution of:

LLC-held funds (Chase Account) \$ 7,129.56

LLC-held funds (Petty Cash) \$ 122.22

USAW-held funds \$ 6,331.00

Total funds: \$ 13,582.78

There was a call for discussion of any old business. There was no old business.

There was a call for discussion of new business. Kurt Roderick had several points of new business.

Kurt Roderick raised an objection to the LWC record procedures requiring a one-year residency in the LWC territory. It was brought up that the residency requirement had a pending modification that was established by resolution on 11/24/2017. The resolution will be voted on at the next board meeting. Kurt wanted to know if the by-laws would be changed to reflect the procedures. The answer was no since the rules on records are procedural standards and not part of the LWC by-laws.

Kurt Roderick initiated a discussion about the reasonableness of the one-year LWC membership requirement. It was brought up that the minimum for a USAW membership application is one year and thus the LWC is consistent with USAW policy. Kurt wanted to know what would happen if a lifter joined the LWC and then set a record before the one-year residency requirement was met. Chris Smith explained that the record would be marked as pending and that it would be accepted when the lifter completed their one-year membership in the LWC.

Arthur Drechsler asked about the one-year LWC membership requirement, questioning whether LWC membership was a reasonable substitute for LWC residency. The new requirement is for one-year membership in the LWC instead of one-year residency in the LWC territory. The modification keeps LWC policy consistent with current USAW by-laws regarding LWC membership. There was a brief review of membership procedures regarding LWC affiliation and it was noted that USAW had yet to provide definitive guidance to the LWC. The LWC affiliation issue will be addressed at the next board meeting and general membership meeting.

Kurt Roderick initiated a discussion about the scheduling of events and the award of sanctions in the LWC. It was pointed out that the scheduling meeting would be held on 1/21/2017 during the general business meeting at Brooklyn Barbell. All present were reminded to have their proposed event dates ready for presentation.

Kurt Roderick continued the discussion about events by raising an issue with the awarding of sanctions. Kurt felt that the recent by-laws changes that were put in place are still too restrictive. He also pointed out that with the current schedule of events, too many are held where public transportation is not available. JP Nicoletta provided a review of the procedure for the assembled group and indicated that he felt the wording of the by-laws may have been flawed and subject to misinterpretation. Chris Smith explained in great detail his position on the sanction issue. The issue will be on the agenda of the next board meeting.

There being no other items of new business, the meeting was closed by Chris Smith at 9:00 A.M.

Jeff Scott  
Secretary