

Minutes from the LWC 06 Board Meeting on 1/12/2020

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The meeting was held at Locomotive Crossfit, Fishkill NY

The meeting was called to order at 1:03

The agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to order
2. Remarks by the President
3. Review minutes from 7/14/2019 board meeting
4. Review minutes from 10/22/2019 general membership meeting
5. Selection of Outstanding Athletes for 2018
6. LWC event calendar for 2020
7. 2020 NYS Championships event
8. 2019 Outstanding Athlete nomination process
9. Financial report
10. 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

Dena Smith, TOL

Jerry Dunne, TOL

Kevin Nelson, Club rep

Joe Triolo, Ad Hoc member

Arthur Drechsler, Ad Hoc member (by teleconference)

Sara Soto, Athlete rep (by teleconference)

Informational packets for the meeting were e-mailed to everyone prior to the meeting.

The Secretary presented to the assembly a print out of a notification from Ryan Hansen, received prior to the meeting by e-mail, announcing his resignation as Governor of Zone 2. The President accepted the letter and announced that it would be addressed later in the meeting.

The president gave his opening remarks during in which he:

- Introduced new board member Kevin Nelson, Club rep.
- Thanked outgoing Club rep Juan Blanco for his service.
- Thanked all who participated in the LWC election process.
- Put out a call for more membership in all zones and proposed the idea of awarding equipment to the team with the greatest growth. He reminded everyone that membership building is priority number one.
- Presented the idea of starting a youth scholarship fund for the LWC. He appointed Frank Mintz, Technology Chair, to look into the concept and research how it could be done. Frank Mintz will report back to the board at a future date to be determined.
- Called upon meet directors to consider free admission to LWC sanctioned events.
- Called upon everyone to try to produce more high performance among young lifters – in particular juniors and college-age athletes. Toward that end, he announced that he would like to establish a shoe drive for the LWC and would like the LWC to consider offering some financial support for the effort. Jerry Dunne suggested getting more information from Cohen Weightlifting and agreed to reach out to Michael Cohen to learn more about how they setup and administer their program. Jerry Dunne will report back to the board at a future date to be determined.
- Announced his intention to host referee clinics in each LWC zone. The President will take the lead on this initiative and will conduct testing on-site after the clinics. He reminded everyone that we still need to develop more female officials.
- Stated that he wants to revisit the LWC awards criteria for the 2018 process.

With the President's remarks concluded, the board turned its attention to the rest of the items on the agenda.

The minutes of the 7/14/2019 board meeting were brought up for review. There were no comments or amendments. Kevin Nelson made a motion to accept them. Jerry Dunne seconded the motion. The President called for a vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The minutes from the 10/22/2019 general membership meeting were brought up for review. The president asked the assembly for comments. There were no comments.

Regarding the nomination and selection process for 2018 outstanding athletes the President had two issues. Issue one was that of late nominations. The President asked that the board consider

nominations that were submitted after 12/31/2019. The question was put to the board and the President called for a vote. Four were in favor and six were opposed. Late nominations would not be considered. The President asked to go on record stating that he felt it was a bad decision by the board. It was so noted.

Issue two was in regard to selection criteria. The President wanted to relax the criteria that were established at the 7/14/2019 board meeting. Some discussion ensued about the criteria as they were agreed upon for the 2018 process. The President called for a vote. A vote was taken on the question of keeping (not changing) the criteria established at the 7/14/2019 board meeting. The vote was seven in favor with three abstaining. It was decided that the criteria established at the 7/14/2019 board meeting would stand.

The board began to review the nominations and candidates for awards category-by-category. The following outstanding athlete selections were made:

Junior Female: Sophia Fasone

Junior Male: Larry Mintz

Senior Female: Claire Weche and Melissa Manzer

(With the vote on outstanding senior female deadlocked, the board voted on presenting two senior female awards with nine in favor and one opposed).

Senior Male: James Corsitto

Master Female: Stella Ladao

Master Male: Mark Ongeyberg

Most Improved Female: No award -- there were no nominees.

Most Improved Male: Jacob Senate

With the award recipient selection process completed, the board commenced the review of the 2020 LWC event calendar. The following events were identified for 2020:

1/18/2020 Hudson Valley Winter Classic – Zone 2 (Joe Rodriguez)

1/26/2020 NYC Championships – Zone 1 (Kurt Roderick)

3/1/2020 Brooklyn Barbell Qualifier – Zone 1 (Juan Blanco)

4/5/2020 Larry Mintz Memorial – Zone 1 (Chris Smith)

6/6 – 7/2020 Crow Hill Open – Zone 1 (Kurt Roderick)

6/13/2020 Hudson Valley Open – Zone 2 (Joe Rodriguez)

6/20/2020 Swagler Strength event – Zone 4 (Jim Swagler)

7/18 or 25/2020 Metropolitan Championships – Zone 1 (Joe Triolo)

8/15 -16/2020 Brooklyn Barbell Open – Zone 1 (Juan Blanco)

9/12/2020 Jerry Dunne Lakeside Exhibition – Zone 2 (Joe Triolo) (not a sanctioned meet)

September - October 2020 NYS Championships – TBD

10/25/2020 Rudy Sablo Memorial – Zone 1 (Artie Drechsler)

12/13/2020 Nick Curry Memorial / Holiday Open – Zone 1 (Chris Smith)

There may be additional events, but none were spoken for during the meeting.

Next, the board addressed the 2020 NYS Championships event.

Kevin Nelson opened the discussion with a review of the 2019 event that was run by Dan Casey. At the conclusion of his remarks, Kevin Nelson indicated that he and Dan Casey were interested in submitting a bid for the 2020 event.

The President shared with the board some ideas he had for the meet finances which included the concept of a venue subsidy from the LWC. There was much discussion about the idea. The President also offered some ideas on how to fund cash prizes with revenues from the event. The Secretary opined that the board should not be dictating to a meet director how to divide the proceeds from an event. There was much discussion about this idea too. No ideas were formalized and there was no vote taken on any of the issues.

The President stated that he wants to formalize the bid process within the LWC. Kevin Nelson volunteered to write up a draft of the bid packet and send it to the Secretary.

The issue of event fees was raised. Artie Drechsler suggested that we use the same model as USAW uses for their events (i.e. youth/junior/senior & open, etc.).

The date for the event should be in September – October but should not conflict with the AO3 event.

Next, the board undertook to consider the process for outstanding athlete nominations for 2019. It was agreed that the qualifying criteria used for 2018 would be used for 2019 as well. It was also agreed to make the submission deadline 3/31/2020. For 2019 an electronic form and a paper form will be accepted as well as an on-line form that will be developed and made available to the LWC. Dena Smith volunteered to receive the forms and to validate the data submitted on the forms.

Treasurer Joe Rodriguez presented a detailed financial report, a summary of which is included here:

USAW starting balance: \$ 19,325.00

LWC expenditures: \$ 11,644.72

USAW ending balance: \$ 7,680.28

The treasurer explained that the bulk of the expenditures were for the equipment subsidies to LWC zones. It was noted that individuals who received equipment must register the equipment subsidy with TOL Jerry Dunne and that all equipment subsidies remain the property of the LWC throughout the life of the equipment.

The Secretary made a motion to accept the financial report. Dena Smith seconded the motion. The President called for a vote. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The President addressed the receipt of Ryan Hansen's resignation. He thanked Ryan for his dedication to the sport and his service to the board. Jerry Dunne made a motion to appoint Joe Rodriguez as acting governor for Zone 2. The Secretary seconded the motion. The President called for a vote. The vote was unanimous. Joe Rodriguez will serve the remaining portion of Ryan Hansen's term as Zone 2 Governor. Even though he holds two board positions, Joe Rodriguez will have only one vote on the board.

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin Nelson moved to close the meeting. There were no objections from the assembly and the President closed the meeting at 3:45.

Jeff Scott

Secretary, LWC 06