

Minutes from the LWC 06 Board Meeting on 5/10/2019 by conference call

The meeting was opened at 8:06.

The agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of board members
3. Remarks by the LWC President
4. Remarks by the LWC Secretary
5. Review of dates for subsequent meetings
6. Review of LWC events in 2019 (completed and scheduled)
7. Procedure for LWC Award nominations for 2018
8. Financial report (LLC and USAW funds)
9. Close meeting

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

Chris Smith, President

Jeff Scott, Secretary

Frank Mintz, Technology Chair

Jerry Dunne, TOL

Dena Smith, TOL

Joe Rodriguez, Nominee for Treasurer

Sara Soto, Athlete Rep

Juan Blanco, Club Rep

Kevin Ostrander, Athlete Rep

Kurt Roderick, Club Rep

Arthur Drechsler, Ad Hoc member

Ryan Hansen, Governor (joined later)

The President delivered his opening remarks.

The President announced that Jerry Dunne (TOL) was stepping down as Treasurer / Records Chair.

The President nominated Joe Rodriguez to fill the vacant position of Treasurer / Records Chair.

The nomination was seconded by Dena Smith.

The President called for a vote of approval. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Joe Rodriguez was confirmed as the new Treasurer.

The Secretary delivered his remarks.

Board members were asked to please review the minutes from past meetings that are posted on the LWC website.

The President initiated a review of dates for subsequent meetings.

Proposed dates were June 15 or July 14.

The President made a motion to offer \$ 125.00 reimbursement for a hotel room for a board member travelling to a meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank Mintz.

A vigorous discussion ensued. There was concern that there should be a mileage / distance requirement. No criteria were formally agreed upon.

The President called for a vote.

A vote was taken with 11 in favor, 1 abstention.

There was a review of LWC events in 2019:

Completed events: Frank Mintz commented that event results are sometimes not sent in the correct format.

Blanco suggested that data be pulled from webpoint and agreed to put people who could setup this type of functionality in touch with the Technology Chair.

There was a review of scheduled events: The President went over upcoming events in the LWC. It was made clear that the event schedule is very crowded between LWC and National events.

A new procedure for LWC award nominations for 2018 awards cycle was presented and reviewed. Here is a summary of what was proposed:

The governors are to nominate athletes for awards from their zones. In the case of zone 1, it shall be the president. Nominations are to be submitted for each of the eight award categories.

Outstanding junior male/female

Outstanding senior male/female

Outstanding master male/female

Most improved male/female

The governors and president will fill out a form and write up a narrative for each nominee. LWC will provide the form. Completed forms are to be sent to Sara Soto (Zones 1 and 2) and Kevin Ostrander (Zones 3 and 4) -- no later than a deadline TBD.

Secretary will send out an e-mail blast with a copy of the nomination form to the entire LWC soliciting nominations at large. Form must be filled out and sent to secretary by a deadline TBD.

All forms are then routed to the athlete reps. Athlete reps research history for each lifter in 2018. LWC will provide a form for recording lifting history. The completed lifting history form is attached to the nomination form. The history and nomination forms are distributed to board members for review. At a board meeting, the board selects award recipients by plurality vote or majority vote if there is a run-off.

The President discussed some of the expectations for the Governors. Here is a summary of what was covered.

- 1) Help clubs attract more members and foster communication between the governor and the club.
- 2) For competitions in zone, the governor should help out as much as possible. Try to make an appearance at each local competition in zone. If the governor can't make it, their appointed person may attend. This will reinforce proper management and best practices for the event.
- 3) Hold general membership meetings for their zone. Please report any pertinent information from the meeting back to the secretary and president. Relevant meeting summaries may be disseminated to the board for review.
- 4) Be aware of the event schedule and keep in touch with the Technical Official Leaders and the President. Encourage referees to complete background checks and safe sport certification and to seek higher level referee certifications.
- 5) Help the Technical Official Leaders with education initiatives and the competition secretary reports. Make sure reports are submitted in a timely manner. Help in the verification of referee credentials. Hold telephone conferences with meet directors for educational purposes if there are errors in the official results, reports, or in the conduct of the competitions.
- 6) Make regular contact with the Technology Chair and provide relevant zone content for Metropolitan LWC website. Make sure all information is accurate and updated for your zone.
- 7) Help the teams and members certify more coaches.

The President discussed some of the expectations for the Club Reps. Club reps should ascertain through USAW data which clubs are no longer functioning. They are to develop strategies to address what can be done to grow club membership and to find out what if anything the board can do to assist clubs to keep their members. For the

purposes of this initiative, Club reps are to divide the LWC territory equitably between them.

The President gave an update on the NYS Championship event and some of the history behind it. A lively discussion ensued. It was clear that the board did not want to fund the event with LWC monies. The event, for 2019, will be the responsibility of the meet director. The LWC can provide support in the form of officials and volunteers. The President announced that he would contact the President of the Niagara LWC to work out the details for this and future NYS Championship events.

Financial report. The report was not available at the time of the conference call, but it was provided later. Here are the account balances for the LLC-held and USAW-held accounts.

As of 4/30/2019:

LLC held funds = \$6,169.56

Petty Cash funds = \$133.50

USAW held funds = \$12,357.39

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:03.

Jeff Scott

Secretary, LWC 06