

NY WSO Executive Board Meeting – Sunday, September 17th, 2023

ZOOM Meeting

The meeting was called to order by NY WSO President, James McDermott, at 7:05PM.

Board members present: James McDermott, Joe Rodriguez, Chris Smith, Frank Mintz, and Frank Ford.
Sara Soto, Jerry Dunne, Erica Caso, Alyssa Garrison absent with notice.

Agenda:

- Fundraising Updates.
- Youth and Junior Scholarships.
- States: General Updates.
- States: Volunteers.
- States: Equipment.
- NY WSO Equipment.
- Local Variance.

Meeting Minutes:

GENERAL ITEMS

- James gave an update on the poster fundraising project. The file is being updated by a graphic artist and new distribution routes are being explored.
- The Youth and Junior scholarship application period has begun. Applications will be accepted from Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 to Thursday, May 16th, 2024.
- Discussion was had on the passing of Hall of Fame member, John “Butch” Curry Jr. A write up will be posted to the website and in the October newsletter.

2023 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATES

- An updated start list was sent to athletes, coaches, and officials on September 1st.
- The verification of final entries meeting will take place on Sunday, September 24th at 7:00 PM on ZOOM. Athletes have been sent login information. Changes via e-mail will stop being accepted at 7:00 PM at the start of the meeting.
- Volunteers are still needed for a few sessions. Discussion was had on filling the spots.
- A review of the equipment list was done with discussion on who is bringing certain items.
- Discussion was had on photography, the need for massage therapist, the livestream, event paperwork, and awards.

WSO EQUIPMENT

- The discussion on selling WSO equipment was continued with different ideas explored.
- Equipment will be photographed at the State Championships.
- Pricing and selling process will continue to be discussed in future meetings.

LOCAL VARIANCE:

- Discussion was had on submitting a local variance to USA Weightlifting to modify the way athlete representative seats on the board are distributed around the state.
- James McDermott moved to file a local variance which mandates that no more than one of the three athlete representatives that sit on the NY WSO board will be elected from one region. If not enough candidates are available to field representatives from three separate regions, then the board must reach out to the membership again for qualified candidates within 30 days of the new board being seated. The board will select individuals to fill open positions based on applications received, considering they meet the qualifications as stated by USA Weightlifting. Until a qualified candidate(s) has been elected the position will remain vacant.
- All in favor, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by NY WSO President, James McDermott, at 9:36PM.