

## NY WSO Minutes; Meeting Sunday evening February 20, 2022

Meeting begun at 6:00 PM; Board members present:

James McDermott, Adirondack Rep and President  
Christopher Smith, Long Island Rep  
Frank Mintz, NYC Rep  
Joe Rodriguez, Hudson Valley Rep  
Jerry Dunne, Athlete's Rep  
Sara Soto, Athlete's Rep  
Alyssa Garrison, Athlete's Rep

John Fiorella, Buffalo Rep, absent with notice  
James Swagler, Central Rep absent with notice

Alexandra Love, USAW Staff member, had met with James McDermott to discuss WSO procedures, and was invited to the meeting to discuss the procedures and guidelines for the WSOs. Alex reported guidelines were still being developed, and she answered as best she could questions regarding governance of the WSOs, procedures re accessing funds of the WSOs held by USAW. General discussion of topics such as how to handle restricted funds, how the WSO could make purchases as a not for profit under USAW.

Alex noted guidelines would be published soon and she suggested how a WSO could request waivers or exceptions if needed.

Alex confirmed the representatives of the WSO had authority over weightlifting in NY and could conduct as they saw fit State Championships and have a website as long as the guidelines to be proposed were followed, or waivers sought. Alex confirmed a State Championship would need to use the USAW BARS system for registration with all entry fees being paid to USAW for the benefit of the USO with USAW admin fees (likely \$4) being deducted.

Alex stated WSO funds could be accessed from USAW by a request from the President once the President had approval from the WSO representatives; and it was noted such approval could be by email voting and did not need a formal meeting. Alex noted funds could not be withdrawn beyond the amount present in the WSO account; and USAW will provide to our President a report on the funds available in the NY WSO account which will include the funds from the former Metropolitan and Nigarga LWCs.

Alex noted we did not need to appoint officers other than the President and the Board agreed to rotate the taking of minutes. Jerry Dunne to take minutes for this meeting.

Alex left the meeting approximately 7:20

The WSO Board continued a meeting.

Jerry Dunne noted some discussion on social media regarding the NY State Championships approved earlier by the Metropolitan LWC and moved:

The NY WSO approves the bids for the New York State Championships for 2022 and 2023 adopted by the LWC last year

Second: Frank Mintz

General discussion including ethics complaints filed and dates for 2022 State Championship moved to September 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>

Motion passed.

4 votes for, Sara Soto, Chris Smith and Joe Rodriguez abstaining

It was noted by Chris Smith that a deposit needed to be paid to the hotel to reserve the dates for the 2022 State Championship

Jerry Dunne moved:

To authorize the President James McDermott to request from the USAW the funds to reimburse Chris for the deposit needed to be made to the hotel to secure the dates for the 2022 NY State Championship

Second: Sara Soto

Motion passed, 6 votes for

Discussion requesting Chris Smith submit a budget for the 2022 NY State Championship at the next meeting

Jerry Dunne