

USAMWL, Inc. Board Meeting
7/9/2023

Attendance

Board members: Michael Cohen, Sheryl Cohen, Jeff Scott, Van Cramer, Juli Peterson

Non-board members: Les Simonton, Joe Triolo, Jerry Dunne, Corinne Grotenhuis, David Meltzer

Meeting convened at 8:16pm (EST)

Approved 6/11/2023 Zoom meeting minutes

Old Business

1. Membership system: Sheryl presented the Web Point system along with costs and fees which total \$250/month & \$4.50/transaction. Sheryl will send out the proposed Waiver for approval. All memberships end on 12/31 of each year. They are working on being able to register your LWC/Club name.
2. 2024 Masters Nationals: Belton was deemed unrealistic from a logistics standpoint. The base cost of the venue was \$21,000.00 plus fees for various services. The location & lack of immediate hotel space was also a concern along with the Belton CoC did not engage with our representatives.
Both Baton Rouge, LA and Austin, TX have expressed a desire to host. Michael and Sheryl will likely make a site visit to Baton Rouge. A discussion with Austin is to happen on Monday, July 10th. Their hope is to have enough information to make a decision; sign contracts; and post an announcement within the next two weeks.
3. Regional meets: A discussion on how to split the regions or choose to call these local style meets, "qualifiers" to ease the expectations of regional splits ensued. This will be added to a future agenda as decisions were not final. Three individuals with gym access in different regions have expressed interest in hosting a meet.
4. Status of \$88k that USAW holds in the Masters funds: the USAW Masters council is still active. USAW owes reimbursement for the 2023 Pan American meet director; the technical director; and a required hospitality cost. Van will reach out to USAW for this reimbursement. As for the remainder of the money, this will be used as is standard procedure for Masters needs.
5. Finalize drug education requirements: much discussion on this matter occurred as to the intent of the education needed and to ensure we are in sync with IMWA's drug education. This topic will be added to a future agenda to finalize.

New Business

1. Management report (CEO): 501c3 request is still in process.
2. Financial report (CFO): Van will be added as a signatory to the organizations bank account.
3. Operations report (COO): no added information beyond Item 1 in Old Business

4. Monthly livestream info sessions to engage membership: we will start with a video and request questions regarding World Championship procedures. Michael will host this. Juli will schedule and share on the Facebook page and Forum. Another idea was to have a Hall of Fame discussion so membership understands how this works. The board and non-board members are encouraged to share their knowledge and expertise on a variety of topics that affect our community. We also will record several sessions when we're all together in Nashville for the HCAM.
5. By-laws: a committee was formed to include Jeff (Chair); Jerry; Van; Juli; and David as ex officio consultant. The committee will begin going through the draft of by-laws and present for final approval at a later date. We will also discuss at a later meeting how to populate other committees.
6. Communication: re: major events or announcements, a full information statement will be made to avoid confusion. A major event communication will be pinned on the official Facebook page and all updates will be shared there. The Facebook forum engagement will be used to engage the community on various topics where input is needed or members wish to communicate on topics important to their personal needs or development.

Miscellaneous

1. Registration for meets will be handled either through Event Brite or a new Sports Illustrated app. Sheryl is looking into both.
2. Joe brought up referee training for those who wish to referee but choose not to participate in USAW meets.

Next meeting scheduled for July 31st at 8:15pm (EST)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm (EST)