

USA Masters Weightlifting Inc. 6/11 Meeting (via Zoom)

1. Call to order: Michael Cohen

Attendees include: Michael Cohen, Sheryl Cohen, Les Simonton, Van Cramer, Jeff Scott, David Meltzer, Corinne Grotenhuis, Joe Triolo, Joe Rodriguez, Juli Peterson.

2. Discuss Organization Structure

The corporate organizational structure was proposed as a CEO (Michael Cohen), President (Jeff Scott), CFO (Van Cramer) and Secretary (Juli Peterson). In the near future, target by the end of the year, we will add (6) age group representatives weighted towards younger age groups.

While the four officers above will be the corporate board members for the legal entity, it is envisioned that the age group representatives will all be voting representatives regarding the new organization's business.

Sheryl Cohen will be Chief Operating Officer (COO).

All positions are held without compensation.

3. Membership

Membership systems are under review, the leading candidate is Web Point.

An annual membership fee of \$35 was agreed. When the new membership system is up and running, we will begin to register members and the \$35 will be good through the end of 2024. On an ongoing basis, it was recommended that we simplify the process and that any fee paid during the year would be for that calendar year.

4. Qualification Process for 2024

2024 USA Masters Weightlifting National Championships will not have qualifying totals. However, entrants starting attempts will be required to be 80 percent of the submitted entry total.

The total number of lifters will be capped at 800. If more than 800 lifters register, we will employ ranking software from the 2019 IWF Masters Worlds Championships to select the participants and also is currently used by IMWA.

Any USAW meet where a master posted a total could qualify and on an ongoing basis this will be re-validated as we evolve to our own regional meets.

4(a) Masters National 2024

An on-site visit will take place by Michael & Sheryl Cohen in central Texas on 7/5/2023 as a possibility for 2024 Masters Nationals. More information will be forthcoming following the scheduled 7/9/2023 USA Masters Weightlifting Inc board meeting.

4(b) Regional Meets

Two gyms; one in the upper NE region and one in the mid SW region have expressed interest in hosting regional qualifying masters meets. More information to come.

5. Miscellaneous

5(a) Michael Cohen shared that back door efforts to negotiate with USAW through legal contacts indicate they are not interested in discussions.

5(b) A member of USA Masters Weightlifting Inc legal team will reach out to USAW to inquire on the \$88,000 of Masters funds USAW currently holds.

5(c) Sheryl Cohen will develop an initial membership registration agreement draft for legal review. We want to include positive drug testing results management and fees.

5(d) We need to finalize Drug Education requirements / Corinne Grotenhuis will review USADA or other alternatives.

6. Close & schedule next meeting

6(a) Next Zoom meeting scheduled for 7/9/2023 at 8pm (est)