

USA Masters Weightlifting Board Conference Call - 9/30/2020

Minutes

1. Call to order (Michael Cohen)

Michael Cohen called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:00 PM. Attendees included Michael Cohen, Sheryl Cohen, Joe Triolo, Corinne Grotenhuis, Les Simonton, Jeff Scott, and Jerry Dunne. The primary purpose is to provide an update regarding the recently completed Online 2020 Nationals and the upcoming election process.

2. 2020 National Masters Update (Sheryl Cohen)

Sheryl Cohen gave a brief update regarding the Online 2020 National Masters. The final results have been posted and there were over 600 participants.

COVID-19 has brought significant changes to society overall and to our sport. We overcame many process challenges to holding the first ever masters online meet. While we are happy it is over it was gratifying to be able to hold an event for our master's community in a year when almost everything else in our lives has been canceled!

Les Simonton mentioned several issues regarding the virtual weigh in process and competition that were not always fully understood by some of the master's lifters. It was a learning process for all concerned, however, the overall feedback from the master's community was very positive with an appreciation for the significant effort to hold such a large meet online for the first time.

3. Master Board Elections Process (Jerry Dunne)

The election procedures will follow the USA Masters By-Laws and the USAW process (open call for nominations and subsequent online elections within USAW systems etc.). In 2018, our USA Masters By-Laws were developed and approved by the membership. Per the By-Laws, online elections were held in 2018 for three of the five elected Board positions. The three elected Board positions (Vice Chair and two At Large positions) were for four-year terms with the remaining two four-year term positions (Chairman and Treasurer) to be elected in 2020. The elections were staggered to allow for organizational continuity.

It is now time to hold the 2020 elections for the Chairman and the Treasurer. Jerry will develop the call for nominations letter (openings and requirements per our By-Laws) and USAW will publish it and conduct the subsequent online elections.

In addition to the elected positions process we will ask USAW to call for nominations for volunteers to serve on unelected USA Masters committees (many self-nominated). These volunteers to the committees - Competition, Women's, Records, Hall of Fame, etc. will help the committee chair with their work.

4. 2020 / 2021 Howard Cohen American Masters Update (Michael Cohen)

We are ready for the upcoming HC American Masters - safety protocols in place. Venue, mask requirements, back to lifting guidelines, etc.

5. Adjourn.

Michael adjourned the teleconference and thanked all for their attendance and participation.