

2021 USA National Masters Board Teleconference

Tuesday July 20, 2021, 9:00 PM

Attendees: Michael Cohen, Sheryl Cohen, Corinne Grotenhuis, Les Simonton, Van Cramer, Joe Triolo, Jeff Scott, Jerry Dunne

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order (Michael Cohen – Chairmen)

Michael Cohen welcomed everyone / the purpose of the call is to discuss next steps to respond to the just released USAW Ethics Committee complaint ruling regarding the 2020 USA Masters National Championships per Phil Andrews.

2. Issue and Discussion

The Board discussed what we know at this time regarding the ruling, process, timing, confidentiality, USAW complainant status and their conflict of interest and possible next steps. The report that the investigation is based on, and the complaint alludes to has not been shared with our Board. We will ask USAW to share all appropriate data with us so we can better understand and respond appropriately.

3. Board Motion (Van Cramer) / (Friendly Amendment - Jeff Scott/Les Simonton) / (Vote - All)

We agree that both the USAW Ethics Board decision and the process to reach this decision are deeply flawed and we should contest the outcome.

Motion: USA Masters Board should contest the USAW Ethics Committee finding in the matter of the 2020 Masters National Championships. This may include but is not limited to contesting the finding at the next step in the USAW Judicial process, or other measures the Board finds to be reasonable in this endeavor. Furthermore, we wish to have Jerry Dunne advise and represent us in this process. (Individually and / or as a Board.)

Approved: Unanimous / Michael Cohen offered to recuse himself to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.

4. Meeting Close (Michael Cohen)

Michael Cohen closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance. The next meeting will take place either at the Pan Ams or via teleconference as required.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.