

USA Masters Weightlifting, Inc Board Meeting Minutes
10/16/2023

Attendance

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

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

Meeting convened at 8:20pm (EST)

Remarks by President: Jeff unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Approved 9/10/2023 Zoom meeting minutes via email

Old Business:

1. Drug education requirements: For non-USAW members, HUNADO can process T.U.E. requests. Corinne has emails from Drug-Free Sport further explaining their process which she will forward to the group. Discussion took place on initial thoughts for a more streamlined and cost effective drug testing process for the 2025 Worlds in Las Vegas.
2. Update on wording for bylaws 18.01 and 18.02: David suggested that "of the membership vote at the annual meeting" be added to 18.01 after "vote by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority" in the second to last sentence. Motion to accept the wording to the bylaw passed unanimously.
3. Future events update: Michael & Sheryl met with representatives from the Westgate resort and casino to be the venue for the 2025 IMWA Masters World Championships. They have a general layout of how to set up the multiple sport event including offices; anti-doping rooms; weigh-in rooms; plus outside space for vendors. Everything is in place for the 2023 HCAM. The meet has been expanded to 2 platforms. The meet has the 3rd largest registrations in HCAM in history. The 2024 HCAM venue is still TBD; however; it will be in conjunction with an America's Cup meet. The drug-tested meet, along with an endorsement by the Masters Pan American federation and supported by IMWA will allow world record lifts to be recorded.

New Business:

1. Management report (CEO): Covered above
2. Financial report (CFO): Van shared the September YTD financial statement. The cash balance is a little more than \$15,000 and membership is now about 385. Up to this point, Michael Cohen has covered the cost of storage, both physical & data, out of pocket; it is the plan that the organization reimburse their costs and take over the payments of these expenses. Also, Sheryl is working with Van on insurance needs including a D&O policy.
3. Operations report (COO): Initial discussion on future of sanctioning masters events to qualify for USAMW Nationals and the HCAM. The 2024 USAMW Nationals to be held in April does not have a qualifying requirement so we will continue the discussion moving forward.

4. We will host another livestream event to be held on Wednesday, November 8 while we are in Nashville for the HCAM. Sheryl will send out an announcing email and Juli will post on the Facebook page so people will know how to submit questions. This event will be 60 minutes and is currently scheduled for 6pm **(CDT)**. **Again, please keep in mind that Lebanon, TN is central daylight time.**
5. USAMW will send out a meet feedback survey after the HCAM to its participants.
6. Technical Official program: Joe has developed a TO program for the USAMW National level meets.
 - a. All current USAW LWC (Local) referees will be grandfathered into a USAMW Level 1 TO.
 - b. All current USAW National referee will be grandfathered into a USAMW Level 2 TO.
 - c. For those who are not currently a referee but would like to become an USAMW TO, you may sign up for both the 2023 HCAM& the 2024 Nationals to complete a written test and be observed during one session in the referee chair where if you pass both parts, will be listed as a Level 1 TO.

7. Morris Weisbrot has been nominated and unanimously accepted for the Masters Hall of Fame as a significant contributor.

Next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2023 at 7:30pm immediately following the HCAM Technical Conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm