

USA Weightlifting  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call  
October 6, 2009  
Recorded by Laurie Lopez

Board members Present: Regis Becker (RB), Mark Cameron (MCM), Michael Cayton (MCT), Rachen Hearn (RH), Jack Lano (JL), Ursula Papandrea (UP), Leo Temoshenko (LT), Megan Tornstrom DeFourny (MTD), Emmy Vargas (EV), Michael Wittmer (MW). Staff: Rick Adams (RA), Laurie Lopez (LL). Mike Gattone was called in mid-meeting to discuss Qualifying Totals.

RA explained issue with Coach Selection for WC, including Kyle Pierce's contract and approved Criteria. Discussion ensued. MW motion, MTD second: That we go by approved coaching criteria to identify WC coaches. Passed unanimously.

MTD presented revised totals on behalf of Competition Committee, based on prior suggestion to lower totals to enhance participation levels. UP motion, RB second: To approve Qualifying Totals as revised and presented. Passed unanimously.

Discussion re International Calendar and Qualifying Procedures. This will be voted on by e-mail since there is some confusion about qualifiers for Youth Olympic Games.

RA reports that the USOC's changes to Resident Program in 2010 are dramatic. Rumors are circulating amongst the athletes that the BOD is behind this.

Mike Gattone joined call; discussion reverted to Qualifying Procedures. Vote will be taken on Friday to give MG opportunity to redraft and send out.

Discussion continued re 2010 Resident program. RA announced that current year program in place through 12/20/2009. RA will address athletes with an Athlete Rep on conference re no changes in 2009 program; all athletes will have to apply for 2010; BOD and staff did not let the program be disrupted before end of year. We need to know what our funding is before criteria for 2010 can be finalized in late October/early November; USOC wants to have a seat at the table when we hire a coach. RA noted that it is not realistic to have everything in place by Jan 1, 2010 as funding for initiatives in HPP may affect our ability to hire a coach.

RA update on Vardanian suspension. IWF assessed \$5,000 fine and 6-month suspension beginning 9/29/2009 through 3/29/2010. All agreed to extend payment plan to Norik, and that he may not compete for USAW before he has paid fine in full. RA suggests additional requirement that he remain in the OOC testing program. It was further agreed that Norik's total from 2009 Pan Am Championships will be vacated for our purposes.

LWC issue moved to table until next conference call.

Call adjourned.