

USA Weightlifting  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call  
December 21, 2009  
Recorded by Laurie Lopez

Board members present: Regis Becker (RB), Mark Cameron (MCM), Dragomir Cioroslan (DC), Megan Tornstrom DeFourny (MTD), Rachel Hearn (RH), Ursula Papandrea (UP), Leo Temoshenko (LT), Emmy Vargas (EV), Mike Wittmer (MW). Staff present: Rich Adams (RA), Mike Gattone (MG), Laurie Lopez (LL)

MCM called to order 6:00 p.m. MST.

Pan Am Championship Qualifier- Discussion re moving PAC qualifier to Arnold, concerns addressed from National Junior LOC that will have too many lifters. Discussion will continue via e-mail. It was decided that MG would put together summary of several options for vote within next few days.

Resident Coach Selection Process - MCM suggests formation of selection committee to identify top candidates. MTD suggests using Coaching Criteria Committee: Emmy Vargas, Rachel Hearn, Ursula Papandrea, Dragomir Cioroslan. Leo Temoshenko does not wish to be on new committee. Motion by UP, 2<sup>nd</sup> DC, that Mark Cameron be added to committee; passed unanimously.

Performance Pool Funding/Direct Athlete Support (DAS) - RA reports that USOC has given directives with regard to how money is spent. Concerns discussed about athletes being funded without current rankings, discretionary monies being awarded to athletes, payments to Resident athletes, USOC wants to pay same athletes for entire year. RA noted that performance pool bonuses were created to be available to all athletes. Discussion tabled until after Competition Committee presentation.

Marty Schnorf joined call at 7:00 p.m. and spoke on behalf of the Competition Committee and shared comments from local coaches regarding bids from Cincinnati and Shreveport for 2010 American Open. Vote taken from remaining Board members (Leo Temoshenko had left call, did not vote): unanimous for Cincinnati.

MCM addressed Athlete Representation on committees. It was determined that it was permissible for BOD to appoint ARs rather than not having ARs on committees. It was noted that Bylaws silent about replacements but that removal calls for some procedure. Inactive athletes will be asked by Board ARs to resign if they do not have time to participate. MCM will make temporary appt until election can be facilitated.

Return discussion to DAS. Shift in USOC approach re who gets paid; USOC no longer interested in paying solely on past performances/rankings; agreed that accountability standards must be developed for performance bonuses.

Discussion re Pat Judge. USOC is willing to give Pat full resident privileges but no bed.

Coaching Education – Call scheduled with MTD, RB, MCM, MG, RA for Saturday 12/26 re coaching education.

Call adjourned 8:29 pm.