

USA Weightlifting  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call  
September 29, 2009  
Recorded by Laurie Lopez

Call to order 6:06 pm MST. Present on call: Mark Cameron (MCM), Michael Cayton (MCT), Ursula Papandrea (UP), Rachel Hearn (RH), Michael Wittmer (MW), Leo Temoshenko (LT), Regis Becker (RB), Megan Tornstrom DeFourny (MTD) (6:23), Emmy Vargas (EV) (6:30). Staff: Rick Adams (RA), Laurie Lopez (LL)

MCM opened with discussion re proposed coaching selection criteria. RA clarified that the criteria is not event specific or subject to expire at a specific date and will be in place until changed. LT raised issue regarding criteria for manager selection as coach and manager are frequently one in same. After further discussion, most agreed that acting manager must have proof of demonstrable managerial capability. LT requested that the board review the creation of manager's criteria and left call.

RB motion, MTD second: To pass criteria as amended and that Board endeavors to identify additional points on manager criteria within 30 days. Passed unanimously. (See Attachment A for approved Coach Selection Criteria.)

MCM requests discussion. RB motion, MTD second: To accept and distribute admonition letters from Ethics Committee. Passed unanimously.

Discussion re Resident Coach Criteria and Resident Program. Points raised: posting of Resident Coach criteria; relative budget issues; all athletes must apply; create more competition for RA slots; current program slack; benefits of centralized training; complaints that athletes have not had the opportunity to apply; applications will be sent out to top-ranked athletes nationwide.

Discussion re athletes frustrated that QTs and QPs are not out yet. It was noted that QPs have been approved by Board and can be posted independently, pending approval of HPP by USOC. Discussion re lower Qualifying Totals to enhance numbers at events. Board to submit suggestions to Mike Gattone, MTD will work with Mike on QT revisions and bring back to Board.

Discussion ensued re various issues: Paul Fleschler's eligibility to serve as WT coach under circumstances; no word yet from IWF re suspension for doping positive at Pan Ams encumbering finalization of World Team; USC football player injured while weightlifting and effect this may have on our image.

MCM announced renewed interest from Jeff Everson at Planet Muscle.

Meeting adjourned.