

USA Weightlifting  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call  
January 20, 2010  
Recorded by Laurie Lopez

Board members present: Regis Becker (RB), Mark Cameron (MCM), Jack Lano (JL), Ursula Papandrea (UP), Leo Temoshenko (LT), Emmy Vargas (EV), Mike Wittmer (MW). Staff: Mike Gattone (MG), Laurie Lopez (LL).

EV reported on status of Athletes Rep for Code of Conduct Committee. Discussion re non-active committee members should resign if too busy and possible appointment by Chairman.

Dates for the Board meeting discussed, everyone was asked to e-mail MCM with their availability. It was determined that weekend after Arnold would be too soon.

USAW Education Plan discussed. MCM's proposed plan extends beyond coaching courses, the goal being to develop more good coaches producing more good athletes; making weightlifting coach certification attainable at lower cost to active USAW members; RB suggests prioritizing development of courses for what can be accomplished in 2010. MG was asked to submit resumes on all instructors. UP suggests implementing advancement by athlete production as done in the past.

MG reports final candidates identified by Resident Coach Selection. Phone interviews will be conducted with international candidates; final interviews will be facilitated at the Arnold. It was agreed that Artie Drechsler be brought into the committee; EV and RH as Athlete Reps and former Resident Athletes; after interviews Board will vote on final candidate.

USOC Performance Bonus Pool Funding discussed. It was suggested that awarding a few more places down would make a big difference and be a big incentive.

Direct Athlete Support (DAS) was discussed with regard to Junior Elite and Emerging Elite athletes and how these athletes were identified; USOC is not in favor of supporting senior athletes and is focused on 2016 and beyond.

Tommy Kono has offered to hold another clinic in Colorado Springs, office to follow up.

Question raised about change in board members. According to Bylaws, 1 of 2 BOD members in each category are to be replaced end 2010 for the purpose of creating a staggered board. MCM suggests each director decide with category counterpart who will step down.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 p.m.