

USA WEIGHTLIFTING  
BOD Conference Call  
August 31, 2011

Called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Regis Becker (RB), C.J. Bennett (CJB), David Boffa (DB), Artie Drechsler (AD), Les Simonton (LS), Emmy Vargas (EV), Mike Wittmer (MW). Not on call: Mike Cayton, Ursula Papandrea, Dragomir Cioroslan.

Staff present: John Duff, Laurie Lopez, Peter Roselli

1. High Performance Plan. Discussion re athlete support, potential medalists, number of men vs number of women, seniors vs juniors/youth, our athletes relative to international results. JD advised that USOC's position is all about medals. PR presented analysis on what men have to do at WC as challenging but not unachievable and pointed out that all athletes need to perform well at the same time. Discussion continued re number of slots we are asking USOC for and why. AD asks JD and PR to make sure plan is done in June next year for time to discuss before presented to USOC. Board to develop a 4-year strategic plan in October in order to present compelling plan for support through 2016. Motion by LS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EV: Change top 4 payments to top male, top female and two gender-neutral. Yes: RB,CJB, DB, LS, EV, MW; AD abstained. JD to present adjustment to USOC.
2. Robles Complaint. JD shared Steve Smith's advice on Robles complaint, noting that documentation and criteria are signed by USAW and USOC.
3. Nationals Qualifying Totals. Generally agreed that QTs are too low, too many lifters at 2011 Nationals. PR presented 2 alternatives to yield average of 10-11 per weight class; neither alternative resolves entire issue as demonstrated by charting. Some totals in both alternatives inappropriate for this level of event. Other alternatives and parameters were discussed. PR will rerun numbers with new parameters and re-circulate.
4. Youth Division. Change in weight classes in 16 & 17 to conform with IWF discussed; proposed to be sent to Youth and Competition Committees for 30 day review and comment.

Adjourned.