

USAW Board of Directors' Meeting
April 15, 2011
Conference Call

Roll Call:

Board members present: Artie Drechsler (AD), CJ Bennet (CB), Regis Becker (RB), Tommy Kono (TK), Dragomir Ciroslan (DC), Emmy Vargas (EV), David Boffa (DB), Ursula Papandrea (UP), Mike Wittmer (MW), Les Simonton (LS), Mike Cayton (MC)

Staff present: John Duff (JD)

1. Late Entry - Collegiates:

- a. Motion was made by LS to award dual-placement for athletes that finished below the two late entry athletes [Courtney Batchelor women's 53kg – finished 2nd and Keylin Mackey men's 94kg – finished 4th]. Additionally, move up all finishers below late entry athletes, one position. Motion was 2nd by RB and approved by unanimous consent.
- b. AD will draft letter to all athletes impacted by late entry athletes as well as a blog post regarding the incident to be placed on the USAW website.

2. Jr. World Championship Coaches

- a. Reviewed and discussed coaching point leaders for men's and women's team, as well as current coaching levels and selected coaches following USAW policy guidelines. All candidates were unanimously selected without opposition.
 - i. Women's Coach – Kevin Doherty
 - ii. Men's Coach - Dave Fleming

3. Team Leader Selections

- a. Reviewed recommendations provided by Competition Committee, discussed needs, requirements, experience and language skills. All candidates were unanimously selected without opposition.
 - i. Jr. World Championships – Mark Canella
 - ii. Pan Am Championships – Danny Camargo
 - iii. Sr. World Championships – Lou DeMarco

4. Olympics - drug testing pool

- a. Discussed variations in deadline for registering to be in USADA testing pool, USAW 18 months, USOC 12 months and IWF 6 months – NGB attorney Steve Smith wrote opinion that we should default to IWF rules [as per Ted Steven's act – no NGB may have more stringent rules than their IF] except for the Olympics which can be set by the USOC, but also can only be enforced by the USOC, and not USAW.
- b. USOC 12 months registration deadline, would be from the date of the Olympics – July 27, 2012 – and not the Olympic Trials – March 2012.
- c. DC to re-confirm IWF rules.

5. Jr. National Championships – 2012

- a. Chicago was the only remaining Bid City after Shreveport pulled-out, therefore only recommendation from Competition Committee.
- b. Bid City was unanimously selected without opposition.
- c. National Office to negotiate / finalize agreement.

6. Late Entry – Policy

- a. No “late entry” policy was agreed upon; entry deadline will move closer to meet date by one week as a trial, therefore deadline for entry will now be ~two weeks prior to a meet’s Technical meeting, with no additional charge and no late entries will be accepted.
- b. Qualifying meet will remain as previously set ~ three weeks before meet, needed to allow National Office to confirm Qualifying totals.
 - i. All registrations are subject to verification of athletes qualifying totals
- c. Entry Blank will be modified with new deadline language and a disclaimer, similar to:
 - i. Entry rules are set and not subject to any changes by anyone other than the Board of Directors.
 - ii. Additionally stated will be the athlete’s responsibility for providing qualifying totals to the National Office to finalize registration.
- d. Policy was unanimously approved without opposition.

7. Judicial Committee selection

- a. Motion was made by CB to select Yasha Kahn, based on ranking previously conducted by BOD, as the Athletes Rep to the committee, motion was seconded by RB and Kahn was selected unanimously without opposition.

8. Jr. World team Chaperone

- a. Recommendation was made to solicit a female “Chaperone” from those parents and / or coaches that would attend the meet
- b. USAW would pay for their background check and credentials for the event.
- c. In exchange, they would sign an agreement to perform certain duties, to be drafted as needs are identified and presented

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn by CB, seconded by LS.