

USA Weightlifting
Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
August 9, 2015

Board Members Present: CJ Stockel, Paula Aranda, Colin Burns, Butch Curry, Dan Foerster, Terry Grow, Ursula Papandrea, Emmy Vargas

Board Members Absent: Jasha Faye, Ari Sherwin

Staff: Michael Massik, Peter Roselli

Meeting called to order at 9:40pm EDT

The discussion began with a recap of the mechanism to maximize earning of points by women at the upcoming World Championships.

The initial discussion then turned to revisit the question of holding a small qualifier at University Championships in order to finalize a team closer to the worlds to best assess point earning potential.

This was followed by a review of the qualification system that was in place prior to March 2015. This system was designed to optimize point scoring potential and thereby slots for the Olympic Games.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Vargas:

Motion: (Ms. Vargas): To reinstate the original Athlete Handbook language for qualification to World Championships with the inclusion of results from the Chinese Grand Prix.

The outcome of this motion is that the results from the National Championships will lock in the top five women and top six men for the World Championships. An additional qualifying opportunity will be held at the University Championships for the remaining 2 team slots plus two alternates and two others (by ranking list). The only athletes eligible to compete are those on the ranking list and any other athletes that were injured and approved by the Board. If there are 5 or less qualified entries in any bodyweight category, then those entries would lift in their regular bodyweight category during the University Championships. Results from the Grand Prix in China and the Pan American Youth Championships would be included under this date umbrella.

Second: Mr. Foerster

In favor: Paula Aranda, Colin Burns, Terry Grow, Ursula Papandrea, Emmy Vargas

Opposed: Butch Curry, Dan Foerster,

Recused: CJ Stockel

Motion passes

Motion (Mr. Burns): To include in the eligibility for this final qualifier, in addition to those that qualified under the reinstated Handbook language, those athletes whose totals back through the 2014 World Championships equal or exceed the 5th place female or 6th place male results.

Second: Ms. Vargas

In favor: Paula Aranda, Colin Burns, Terry Grow, Ursula Papandrea, Emmy Vargas, CJ Stockel

Opposed: Butch Curry, Dan Foerster,

Motion passes (Please note: this action of the Board was clarified in a new motion passed on August 20th)

Meeting adjourned 11:40 EDT