

**USA Weightlifting Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday June 26, 2017**  
**Atlanta Marriott Gateway Hotel**

Present: Ursula Garza Papandrea (Chair), Travis Cooper (AAC Rep), Colin Burns (by Phone), J. Butch Curry, Jasha Faye, Jenny Schumacher,  
Apologies: Lou Lauria, Paula Aranda  
Staff Present: Phil Andrews (CEO).

**1. IWF/International Relations Update**

Ursula Garza Papandrea and Phil Andrews updated the group on the latest developments with regard to the IWF, especially in light of the recent election of Ursula Garza Papandrea to the IWF Vice Presidency and the recent decisions of the IOC EB.

The news of the award of the 2019 IWF World Youth Championships to the USA was also shared to a positive reaction from the Board of Directors.

**2. US Paralympics Proposal for management of US Disabled Powerlifting**

To Deny the proposal from US Paralympics for USA Weightlifting to take on responsibility for US Disabled Powerlifting.

*Proposed: BC, Seconded: CS. In Favor: ALL.*

**3. USA Weightlifting Bylaw Amendments**

To approve the amendments to the USA Weightlifting bylaws as distributed to the membership, and subsequently approved at a membership meeting>

*Proposed: JS, Seconded: JF. In Favor: ALL*

The bylaws calls for a board liaison to be appointed to each committee. They were duly appointed as follows:

Judicial Committee – Travis Cooper  
Ethics Committee – Jasha Faye  
Youth Committee – CJ Stockel  
Coaching Committee – CJ Stockel  
Diversity & Inclusion Committee – Paula Aranda  
Sports Medicine – Ursula Garza Papandrea  
Hall of Fame Committee – Travis Cooper  
Technical Committee – Jenny Schumacher  
LWC Presidents Committee – J. Butch Curry  
Masters Committee – Dan Foerster

The staff will commence the elections for those committees who are required to do so in order to comply with the new bylaws within 30 days.

For appointment committees, the CEO will return with a list of items which require addressing to comply with the new bylaws within 7 days.

#### **4. Use of Rogue Equipment on the Competition Platform & Warm UP**

A discussion occurred regarding the proposed use of Competition Equipment from Rogue Fitness. Rogue are currently seeking certification from the IWF, however the IWF have advised USA Weightlifting that we are within our jurisdiction to approve Rogue for competition use within the USA.

To approve the use of Rogue equipment with immediate effect, subject to satisfactory calibration tests:  
Proposed: CS, Seconded: TC

IN FAVOR: ALL

#### **5. Development Event Funding**

A discussion was held regarding the for and against in terms of development of a stronger pipeline of athletes. The value of our current international meet calendar and the need to maintain an eye on the budget.

The USA Weightlifting performance staff and CEO were tasked to make a proposal for 2018-2020 for this matter.

#### **6. USA Weightlifting Scholarship Program**

Discussion was held regarding the creation of a USA Weightlifting Scholarship funds with a view to retaining athletes currently being lost to other sport scholarship opportunities in situations where appropriate training protocols can be put into place.

The CEO will make a full proposal via email within 30 days.

#### **7. World Championships Board Roles, Board Meeting.**

A board meeting was scheduled for Dec 6 in Anaheim, CA between the IWF World Championships and USA Weightlifting American Open. Room and venue to be advised.

Various arrangements for the World Championships including opportunities for interaction with IWF colleagues and needs for Board members at the meet were discussed.

The following items were tabled for that meeting:

- Strategic Plan Review after 1 Year.

#### **8. National Youth Championship**

It was discussed that the 13U would include an optional athletic testing competition in 2018, together with the traditional competition already used. The Youth Qualifying totals for 13U would be set to a minimum bar determined by the Youth Committee.

Meanwhile, the usual process through the Competition Committee and Technical Committee will be realized for the 14-15 and 16-17 categories, with a view to either looking towards 950-1000 athletes or reduction to 750.

It was highlighted the exceptional job done in Atlanta, particularly the immense loading effort by Team Georgia and All South Barbell, who will be recognized with a Rogue Barbell set.

A concern was raised regarding preparation of coaches for this competition, and the staff will look into making a webinar version of the new athletes meetings.

It was raised that some were concerned about the 2pm opening time. The reasons for this were highlighted.

#### **9. Coaching Committee Update**

The Coaching Committee thanked the CEO, Staff & Board for the opportunity for input on areas around coaching selection, team leader selection and coaching education.

Concerns were raised over the implementation of the new documentation which were discussed and feedback taken away by the staff.

#### **10. Coach Remuneration Program – Recruitment**

An outline proposal was discussed and generally was decided not to pursue at this time.

#### **11. Allocation of Development Coach Award**

The board allocated the specifications of the award to the Youth Committee:

Proposed: CS, Seconded: TC. In Favor: ALL.

#### **11. Executive Session – Anti-Doping & SafeSport Issues.**

The board discussed current Anti-Doping and SafeSport issues.

(IN – Proposed: UP Seconded: JS. OUT – Proposed: UP, Seconded: TC).