

USA Weightlifting Board of Directors
Video Conference Call
September 30, 2018 – 8pm Eastern Time.

Present: Ursula Garza Papandrea (Chair), Travis Cooper (Athlete Rep), Cortney Batchelor (Athlete Rep), Jasha Faye, Jenny Schumacher (for part), Lou Lauria (for part), CJ Stockel, Dan Foerster, Paula Aranda.

Absent: Butch Curry

Staff Present: Phil Andrews (CEO)

Pan American Championship Qualification

In line with the suggestion of the US, modified by Chile, there will be a Pan American Championship. By acclamation (and support from the USA Weightlifting AAC), the Board of Directors authorized a team to attend the Championship.

Discussion was held on the fairest method to name the team, with the AAC endorsed proposal of a trials at the National Juniors accepted as the fairest. Given that some Junior National competitors will likely be competing for the Pan Am Team, it was agreed to integrate them with the competition using the typical 6 month period defined in our Selection procedure.

IWF Grand Prix Lima, IWF Silver & Bronze Events

By acclaim, and as supported by the USA Weightlifting AAC, it was agreed we would authorize a team to attend any IWF Bronze and Silver event in the Olympic qualification series.

Nationality Rules for National Championship Events.

Discussion was held about the ability for athletes to attend National Championship events, with special regard to the Youth and Junior National Championships. There is a change in that American Open Series now exists and is open to all nationalities.

Motion: "To ensure that US Citizens eligible to represent the United States are the only individuals able to medal and set records at the National Junior and National Youth Championships." (CS, UP).

In Favor: ALL

Sponsorship Policy with regard to Supplements

Discussion was held around the current need to raise more funds given the quickly rising costs of Olympic qualification. Additionally, the requirements of such a supplement sponsor to be 3rd party certified.

The board resolved to set criteria in the future with regard to supplement sponsors with a clear focus on the safety and quality of those supplements, for now.

Motion: "To instruct the staff to further negotiations with Ascent Protein only in the area of supplement provision" (PA, UP).

In Favor: UP, PA, JS, JF, DF

Against: CS.

Abstain: TC, CB*

*CB has a declared conflict of interest in this area since she acts in the role of ambassador for this program.

Use of the USA Weightlifting Logo

Discussion, including a statement from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee was raised regarding the use of the USA Weightlifting logo for social causes.

Motion: To prohibit the use of USA Weightlifting logo for the support of any political, religious or social cause? (CS, DF).

The motion was defeated, with one abstention.