

2007 PACIFIC WEIGHTLIFTING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007, 1:00 PM
SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL, SACRAMENTO, CA

1. President Butch Curry calls meeting to order @ 1:37 PM

2. Establish who's eligible to vote.

A. Clubs with 1-5 members get 1 vote;

Clubs with 6-10 members get 2 votes;

Clubs with 11-15 members get 3 votes;

Clubs with 16-20 members get 4 votes;

Clubs with 21-29 members get 5 votes;

Clubs with >30 members get 6 votes

B. 1 Unattached member gets 1 vote;

2-25 get 2 votes;

26-50 get 4 votes;

51-75 get 5 votes;

>76 get 6 votes

THE SPORTS PALACE

ATHLETES CONGRESS

TEAM SACRAMENTO

HASSLE FREE BBC

24-HOUR FITNESS WLC

S&C GRADUATE WLC

MYLES AHEAD WEIGHTLIFTING

FIT BARBELL CLUB

3801 James Schmitz

3806 Jeffery Sunzeri

3819 Katherine Redcher Bowling

3831 Kevin Doherty

3834 Chris Feder

3841 Harry Theodorides

3843 Freddie Myles

3845 Robert Earwicker

Hassle Free-6 votes

Present: Paul Doherty, Kevin Doherty, Dave Swanson, Kari Shimomura arrives before 4 PM.

FIT-6 votes

Present: Rob Earwicker, Dana Le, Dave Corbin, Joe Colonna, Danielle Durante.

Sports Palace-6 votes

Present: Jim Schmitz, Butch Curry, Derrick Crass, Anne Lehman, Don Weideman.

Athletes Congress-3 votes

Present: Margaret Sunzeri.

Team Sacramento-2 votes

Present: Michael Carvalho, Fernando Rodriguez.

Myles Ahead-5 votes

Present: Niki Myles, Joe Myles, Scott Shepherd, Chad Sinclair, Paul Marini and Freddie Myles as non-voting member.

Velocity-1 vote

No one present

Justin Sienna-1 vote

No one present

24 Hour Fitness-1 vote

No one present

3. Reports by 2006 Officers:

A. President - Butch Curry

Membership stands at 367 members.

A lot of coaching courses successfully presented.

Recognizes the growth of FIT, Myles Ahead and Hassle Free.

Discusses actual 2007 schedule vs. schedule presented at 2006 annual meeting as successful, aside from junior developmental meets, which intentionally not scheduled.

Overall a good year but points out that as a dysfunction family, we need to help each other out a little more.

National Collegiate meet in Reno questioned and discussed.

Anne wonders if minutes from last year's meeting were to be approved. Margaret points out that the minutes are supposed to be approved before the meeting. Butch says that minutes should be approved within 30 days of the meeting and approved by the board. Butch says he will take a motion from the floor that we actually follow these rules. Margaret makes a motion, Dave Corbin seconds. Anne discusses the time it takes to transcribe the minutes. The minutes from 2006 were emailed to Butch 10 days before this meeting. Margaret discusses the past procedures of approving the minutes. Margaret amends her motion to make minutes available to the executive board 30 days before the next annual PWA meeting so that they can be reviewed and approved. Dave seconds. Discussion of timely availability of the minutes from this meeting. Meeting is being tape recorded. Dave wants motion tabled. He wants the motion to be changed to make the minutes made available before the next called meeting. Anne points out that a meeting could be called tomorrow and to expect her to have this meeting transcribed and minutes presented tomorrow was unreasonable. Motion stands. All are in favor.

2006 minutes are still open, Anne makes a motion that tonight, she will email the minutes to the six club Presidents present today and that we vote on approving the minutes within 7 days. Joe seconds the motion. All are in favor.

B. Secretary/Treasurer - Anne Lehman

Financial statements presented through November 17, 2007, indicating principal still intact.

Dave Corbin questions each and every expense line item, including the Accounts Receivable, which is himself.

Anne passes out her two motions.

PWA Meet Rebate Increase

Anne submits a motion to raise the PWA event rebate from \$3 to \$5.

Anne defers to Jim for discussion of history. Paul requests Junior meet rebates be lowered or remain \$3. More discussion. Jim amends proposal to keep all Junior & Developmental meets at the current \$3 and to raise all other PWA Open & Championship events to \$5. Kevin seconds the proposed change. 14 for, 5 opposed. Motion carries.

PWA Elite Travel Fund

Anne submits a motion to tier the \$150 PWA Elite Travel Fund award as follows:

Nationals - \$150, American Open - \$125, Junior Nationals - \$100, World Masters - \$75, School Age Nationals - \$50, National Masters - \$25.

Discusses the need to limit the travel fund to keep the principal intact. Kevin wants to discuss travel stipends being awarded on a needs base. More discussion. Anne accepts Jim's amendment to her motion to award \$50 for 1st year of travel, \$100 for 2nd year of travel and \$150 for 3rd year of travel, Kevin seconds. 19 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

Jim makes a motion to cap our bank account at \$20,000 plus 3.5% a year and thus creating a principal that we don't touch for 2008, Derrick seconds. All are in favor, except for Butch who opposes.

Paul questions whether the travel stipends can be paid to the coach if the athlete requests it.

Discussion. Policy remains that checks get made out to the athletes.

C. Registration Chairperson - Margaret Sunzeri

As chairman she did nothing, the reason being she couldn't obtain a copy of our constitution bylaws. She saw no sanction requests, attended a few meets with registration lists and wasn't needed. As registration chairperson she did nothing. Thanks to technology, Jim points out that the job is now very different and that it's always been a thankless job. Butch points out that per the USAW, sanction requests now go through LWC President, although our current bylaws still say that meet sanctions go through the Secretary/Treasurer. LWC club list now available online to LWC president. PWA club membership discussed.

D. Athletes' Rep – Paul Doherty & Dana Le.

Athletes report from Paul reflects dissatisfaction with meets at Hassle Free Barbell club facilities (Sacramento & Lincoln HS) and that they will no longer host open meets, only 20 & under junior developmental meets with two platforms.

Dana suggests and asks for access to the PWA website to create an athlete bulletin and/or a blog on the PWA website. Butch agrees.

4. Nominations and election of 2007 officers

President: Jim nominates Butch, Kevin seconds.

Vice-President: Michael nominates Don, Niki seconds.

Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret nominates Anne, Jim seconds.

Registration Chairman: Discussion ensues about whether or not the Registration Chairman position is an obsolete position. Niki nominates herself. Butch seconds.

Directors: Dave Corbin nominates Rob, Anne nominates Jim, Niki nominates Freddie, and Paul nominates Kevin.

Athlete Reps: Kevin nominates Dana, Anne nominates Danielle, and Jim nominates Paul.

Delegates to the BOG meeting: Discussion ensues about the importance of these delegates because of this year's BOG meeting. Anne nominates Derrick, Freddie nominates Jim, Niki nominates Anne and Jim nominates Don.

Kevin wants to find out if he would have the support of the Delegates for a motion put before the BOG to allow non-US citizens to lift at meets specifically because he has a couple non-US citizens lifting for Hassle Free. Kevin is advised that a motion put before the BOG has to be in writing, in a specific format and presented to the USAW within time constraints of the BOG meeting.

Athletes Reps: (We get 3 over and above our elite athletes who would get to vote as long as they are present, Butch points out, a way to "stack the deck.") Anne asks who intends to be at the BOG Monday meeting. Discussion continues about the importance of this year's BOG meeting and how we can get as many votes as possible.

Delegate nominates are: Dave Corbin, Butch, Jim, and Derrick.

Athlete Rep. nominates are: Rob, Danielle, Anne and Kari as an alternate.

Freddie Myles counts votes.

President: Butch Curry

Vice-President: Don Weideman

Secretary/Treasurer: Anne Lehman

Registration Chairman: Niki Myles

Directors: Jim Schmitz & Freddie Myles

Athletes Reps.: Dana Le & Danielle Durante

Representatives to the USAW Board of Governors:

Delegates: Derrick Crass, Jim Schmitz & Butch Curry

Athletes Reps.: Anne Lehman, Rob Earwicker, Danielle Durante

Alternates: Don Weideman & Kari Shimomura

5. 2008 PWA Schedule

Butch presents and conflicts discussed at length.

Paul & Kevin Doherty again announce their intention to only host 6 developmental meets for 20 & unders with dual platforms.

Derrick offers to provide a 60 minute LWC rules clinic & referee test prior to the PWA Junior Championships at Lincoln High School on January 13th, 2008.

6. "Standardizing" PWA meets - Fees, Schedule, Entry, Deadline, etc.

Butch suggests that if you want to run a meet, the sanction request be accompanied with the final entry form (including dates, times, fees and qualifying totals) and submitted to the executive board for approval 60 days beforehand. Anne makes a motion to accept Butch's suggestion, Freddie seconds. Kevin asks if that includes junior meets. Butch says yes. Discussion. Vote taken, all are in favor.

More discussion about marketing and entry fees and what the PWA should control. There is no motion on the floor, so as far as entry fees go they will still be determined by meet directors. Discussion returns to the motion that was earlier voted in. Dave, as meet director wants to be able to determine how he runs a meet and doesn't think the PWA should have any control over the schedule, entry fees, deadlines, late fees. Anne asks if he was aware of what he just voted on. More discussion, cross fighting and general dissent as it relates to all the problems and mistakes that occurred in 2007. Butch reminds the body that his request to standardize PWA meets is not a control issue but to make it easier for the athlete, and to benefit of the athlete.

7. Proposed Bylaws changes – see attached

No motions made, proposal is for discussion only.

Anne points out that a lot of the proposed changes cannot be made, for one, the proposed change of the legal name of the PWA. Butch and Anne discuss the state of the PWA's Federal and State non-profit status. Discussion between Butch and Dave Corbin about the renumbering of some of the by-law structure. Derrick makes a motion to table the proposed by-law changes so that we all have time to read and research them, Anne seconds. Jim thinks our meeting has peaked. Butch is of the opinion that if we table the proposal that we'll be at this meeting next year doing the same thing. Derrick disagrees stating that we will have had more than two days to read and research the changes. Butch not opposed to tabling for further discussion. Vote taken, none opposed.

Butch presents history of Kern County as it relates to So. California and the PWA. Butch makes a motion to agree to move Kern County to the So. Cal LWC and to propose at the BOG meeting. Anne makes a motion to agree with Butch's request for a motion, someone seconds. All are in favor.

8. Annual Awards

Jim proposes that the PWA returns to presenting outstanding lifter awards on an annual basis.

Discussion as to how these awards would be determined. Based on Sinclair formula? Based on placing at the Nationals? Jim suggests criteria be placing at Nationals and Sinclair formula. Who votes? Executive Board and club presidents. Anyone can nominate. Awards presented at the PWA Championships. Jim to organize and present a proposal, including the cost and type of award to the voting body for 2007 Annual Awards to outstanding Master, Open, Junior and School Age athletes.

9. New Business

Butch discusses that our by-laws require meeting notification to be sent to the last known address. We have 367 members, 40 don't have email. He wants to make an amendment to the rules that it be last known address OR email address. Anne makes the motion for Butch, someone seconds. All are in favor.

Paul motions to move the PWA's 3rd 15 kg. bar currently in the possession of Team Sacramento to Hassle Free at Sacramento High School. Anne reads minutes from last year's meeting. Discussion. Anne seconds. All are in favor. Paul required to sign document of possession.

10. Meeting adjourned @ 5:09 PM.