

MINUTES- PNW WSO COUNCIL 8/18/2024 (next meeting scheduled for 3rd Sunday of month unless otherwise determined)

Present: Lauren Hatmaker, Celia Huddart, Isaac Marron, Jenn Sprague, Kim Douglas, Mira Kwon Gracia

Not Present: Chelsea Hopkins, Derek Kress

WSO Championship update from WSO subcommittee chair-Jenn Sprague:

- Per meet director:
 - Preliminary schedule: up to 64kg and 89kg weight classes, female and male athletes respectively, on Day 1 and remaining weight classes on Day 2.
 - Live feed available;
 - Photo packages with 6 for 6 - will open link after AO2;
 - Tshirts available for presale – BIPOC artist and printer (Jabo Nguyen and Medina Printing);
 - Extra training facilities near venue at Cully Strength;

Social Media – Mira Kwon Gracia and Kim Douglas

- Social Media subcommittee will rotate months:
 - August – Kim Douglas
 - September – Mira Kwon Gracia
 - October – Isaac Marron
 - November – Lauren Hatmaker
- Discussion about the types of content we will post for the benefit of our WSO community:
 - Use of Collaborators (Instagram specific)
 - Educating our membership about access for collaboration for posts related to weightlifting under the USA Weightlifting umbrella since we are a USA Weightlifting council / sub-organization.
 - Expanding visibility to encompass all three pillars of the USAW and PNW WSO mission statements:
 - Supporting athletes in achieving excellence in Olympic and world competition;
 - Support and promote a diverse and inclusive community of weightlifting and the use of the barbell;
 - Educate a diverse and inclusive community of weightlifting and the use of the barbell.

Old business – PNW Equipment- Mira Kwon Gracia and Jenn Sprague:

- Todd Lyons with Dynamic Equipment Fitness, Kent, Washington – this vendor owes our community about \$1000 in equipment that was prepaid and not delivered. Washington LWC board and previous PNW WSO board council members have attempted to communicate with vendor and obtain missing equipment. Mira reports she has sent more than 28 emails since April 2024. This is on top of many phone calls and emails from current and previous council members over the last few years. Jenn Sprague will take over and attempt to locate Mr. Lyons and our equipment. Chelsea Hopkins offered to send her husband Charlie Hopkins as collection enforcement.

- Equipment purchased with Washington LWC funds and on the asset books for PNW WSO: our community isn't using this equipment for a variety of reasons, mostly logistical, and our overwhelming vote was to convert the equipment to something we can donate or use within our community. Jenn Sprague will speak with Tacoma Strength who has been graciously storing this equipment.

Mission Statement: Current PNW WSO mission statement closely mirrors USAW mission statement on a local level. We plan to apply the mission statement to make decisions on spending and resources. How do we, as a council, best represent USA Weightlifting on the local level with a local mission as below? This will guide our spending.

USAW 2024 MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of USA Weightlifting is to support United States athletes in achieving excellence in Olympic and world competition, and to support, promote and educate a diverse and inclusive community of weightlifting and the use of the barbell in the United States.