

# USAW Illinois WSO Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes IL WSO Board Meeting 16-January-2022 7pm CST

Attendees	Present
Gwen Chamberlin	Y
Dave Ester	Y
Brian Lahr	N
Tim Piper	Y
Alex Arquilla	Y
Nate Lewis	Y
Corinne Grotenhuis	Y
Laura Landers Pettit	Y

## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order / Role Call
2. Introductions
3. Proposal – Criteria to host Illinois State Championship Meet – See attached pdf file.
4. Next Steps to solicit bids for 2022 IL ST Champ meet
5. Any Other business?
6. Date / Time of next meeting?

## **Minutes**

1. Call to Order.
2. Discussed the criteria for hosting a Illinois State Championship meet -  
- All Agreed to continue the meet as a last chance qualifier for USAW Nationals Week
3. Next Steps for 2022 Illinois State Championships Host selection -  
Gwen will prepare the official write up of the criteria and forward to group for email approval.  
  
Gwen will email approved version to all active USAW Illinois club directors inviting them to submit a proposal to host the meet if they are interested.  
  
Our goal is to receive proposals and select a host for 2022 at our next meeting.
4. Next meeting: Sunday February 20 2022 5pm CST  
Location: Zoom



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**Interview(s) with Witness(es):** File includes notes from phone interview on May 6, 2021 with Brad Suchorski y Suzanne Milton. Brad supplied a phone log confirming his recollection of a call from Tom Sroka on March 1 seeking help in changing the registration times of all the IL state meets.

**Credibility Assessment:** All witnesses were credible.

**Findings of Fact and Analysis of USAW Policy:** The allegation does not rise to the level of an ethics violation under the USAW. However, even assuming we had jurisdiction, the facts indicate that the time change had been authorized by the IL weightlifting local Board. While that information may not have been well-communicated to Mr. Ester, Mr. Knuth who owns the gym where Mr. Ester coaches authorized the time agreed to and is listed as the main contact for the meet. Further, all of the several IL state meets scheduled for the same day had their registration times changed as approved by the Board, so Mr. Ester was not singled out for disparate treatment.

**Conclusion:**

Based on the totality of the circumstances and the information obtained pursuant to this investigation, and based on a more likely than not standard of evidence, we conclude that it **is not** more likely than not that **Gwen Chamberlain** violated USAW Policy for the reasons stated above.

**Sanction Recommendation (if applicable):**

For and behalf of the USA Weightlifting Ethics Committee: Rachel Crass (Elite Athlete Representative and Chair), Michael Cooley, Suzanne Milton, Colleen Kearney, Sarah Carter (Elite Athlete Representative), Robert Boland.



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