

USAW Illinois WSO February Board Meeting Agenda

Attendees	Present
Gwen Chamberlin	Y
Brian Lahr	Y
Tim Piper	N
Alex Arquilla	Y
Corinne Grotenhuis	Y
Jim White	Y
Casey Knuth	N
Jessica Taylor	Y

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Role Call
2. Welcome to the newest board member Jim White.
3. Equipment Storage / Order Update – Gwen
4. 2025 IL State Planning
 - Number of Platforms
 - [Tentative Schedule if ONE platform](#)
 - [Tentative Schedule if TWO Platforms](#)
 - Need laptops / tablets for the displays
 - One platform need +1 laptop, +1 iPad / chrome tablet.
 - Two Platform need +3 laptop, +2 iPad/ chrome tablets.
 - Town Hall planning
 - TV's
5. IL State Records – who will own it?
6. Any other business?
7. Date / Time of next meeting?

Time permitting -

8. 2025 Second Quarter Newsletter – sent last week.
9. WSO Committees Discussion
10. Any Other Business?
11. Upcoming Meets - 2025 Illinois WSO Championship May 3-4, 2025
 - 2025 4th Annual Steve Sakoulas Summer Open July 12, 2025
 - 2025 Mid-American Championships October 25-26, 2025

Minutes

1. The group welcomed Jim White to the board.
2. Elliot Ganet has resigned from the IL WSO. We thank him for his service to the community and wish him well.
The board unanimously agreed that this empty slot would be filled with the person not already on board who received the next highest number of votes from the January 2025 election.
[Election Results](#)

3. Equipment Storage – The group discussed options for storing our equipment. The equipment is currently stored at The Bar Gym in East Dundee IL. We will continue to store the equipment there.
4. The additional equipment purchased from Eleiko has been delivered. 4 new barbells and a complete set of competition bumpers and change plates.
5. Illinois WSO Championship Planning –
 - a. The group unanimously agreed via email (below) that we must change the planned 2 platform IL WSO Championship meet to one platform. We simply do not have enough volunteers to staff a 2 platform meet.
 - b. Jessica and Corinne are preparing the Agenda for the Town Hall Meeting to be held on the first day of the event from 3-3:30pm.
 - c. Brian will purchase 4 43-45” Smart TV’s for to be used at the event and then included in the IL WSO equipment. The existing TVs we have are damaged. IL WSO will reimburse Brian for the cost.
 - d. Tickets will be handed out to spectators at the door. The tickets will be free and will help us count attendance at the event.
6. IL State Records –Going forward at USAW events, state records will be displayed on the system. Jim White updated the records and provided the file to USAW for this purpose. Jim also volunteered to maintain the IL State records going forward.
7. Next Meeting Sunday June 8, 2025, 5p CST

Urgent - Please review and respond - 2025 IL State One Platform?

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All -

Tom has discussed with me his concerns having 2 platforms for the 2025ILST event.

- The number of entries is currently only 130 athletes. Registration closes soon and we do not expect a flood of additional entries.
For reference, 24ILST had 120 entries, with +35 on the wait list who did not get in. 23ILST had 110 entries and a +20 waitlist, 22ILST 91 entries
- With 2 platforms, the sessions will be very small. With one platform, we can keep sessions no larger than 15 but will one more session per day.
But we will need 1/2 as many volunteers.
- We are very very concerned that we will not get enough volunteers for 2 platforms. To date less than 5 have signed up for loading or ref.
Tom has already secured 4 people for the whole weekend who will be speakers or marshalls. We only need volunteers for weigh ins, ref, loaders.
- One sticking point - The additional Eleiko equipment we ordered to support 2 platforms. The 4 new barbells were delivered today. The bumpers, etc are in transit. This is a sunk cost.
Please review the possible schedules and respond to all your thoughts. If we can make a decision via email great, if not we MUST make a decision at our Sunday meeting.

[Tenative Schedule if ONE platform](#)

[Tenative Schedule if TWO Platforms](#)

Tom is included on this email if there are questions only he can answer.

I will not make this decision alone. All must respond.

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