



# USAW Masters Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 13, 2025

**Platform:** Zoom

**Minutes** from [previous meetings](#)

## Participants

- **Present:** Gwen Chamberlain, Melissa Doherty, Tom Sroka, Mira Kwon Gracia (joined 9:40) JP (staff liaison), Mike Choi (board liaison)
  - **Absent:** Aimee Everett, Carlos Hernandez, Bob Takano
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## 1. Call to order:

- **Time:** 9:13 PM (ET)
  - **Facilitator:** Mike Choi
  - **COI Disclosures:**
    - MD: Athlete, club owner and coach
    - GC: Athlete, coach
    - TS: Coach
    - MG: Joined after declarations. None added.
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## 2. Discussion Topics

### Combining National Masters and University Nationals in SLC

- Neither athlete group appears to mind or see conflict with a combined event. It gives scale to both and there's plenty of space in the Salt Palace.
- Members reacted positively to the venue, host city, and anticipated meet set up.

### 2026 UMWF World Cup and World Championships UMWF Update.

- MC shared there are destinations in play for the 2026 UMWF World Cup and UMWF World Championships. Details are not ready for a public announcement.

### UMWF Worlds in Daytona Beach

- Open questions about how team awards will be managed. Agreed that team awards should be by nation and set will be automated by owlcms, just like Virus Weightlifting Finals. **Action item:** MC will coordinate with Pedro to develop criteria.
- Requirements for UMWF World records were also discussed with respect to referee requirements. Cat 1 jury will be required. MC negotiating if there needs to be 1 or 2 IWF

referees. GC recommended at least one IWF ITO and up to two National refs.

- There will be continuity between VWF and UMWF for athletes, coaches, ITOs and volunteers. The FOP and warm up room will be completely open and unencumbered.
- Referees will be paid in the same increments on the UMWF side.
- Waiting for Virus to provide UMWF apparel offerings.

**Hall of Fame Points (HoF).** MG updated on testing data for three possible formulas being developed.

- The data model is mostly done but we need ranking data to complete testing.
- Discussion on how to resolve landed around putting the onus of application and responsibility on the athlete. The next discussion is to define the point system.
- **Action item:** Capture placement of four more athletes. GC already provided her data.

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### 3. Adjournment

- **Time:** 10:15 PM (ET)