



**Masters Council | Regular Meeting | August 14, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Location: Meeting held remotely

Present: Gwen Chamberlin, Melissa Dougherty, Aimee Everett, Carlos Hernandez, Tom Sroka, Robert Takano

Staff Liaison: JP Nicoletta (Dir. Sport Development)

BOD Liaison: Michael Choi (At-Large Director)

1. **Call to Order.** JN called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm MT.
2. **Masters Worlds Championship – 2024.** Discussed poor information flow from UMWF noting registration for the event closed in July and a startlist has yet to be published. MC offered to follow up for a list. All were agreed that USAW must share the information quickly once published. Timing will be tight, but it is possible to prepare an acknowledgement/gift package for attending USAW member athletes.
3. **Masters Age & Bodyweight Categories.** The group agreed and recommended USA Weightlifting hold the traditional 35+ sport ages in place for domestic Masters designation and events. The group did not favor lowering the minimum age to 30 for Masters participation with understanding UMWF does recognize the lower age bracket. It was recommended that we seek clarity from the UMWF on how their offered bodyweight categories were created and if it would be possible to align with IWF recognized categories in the future. Consensus position is that the misaligned categories are a potential drag on participation in UMWF events.
4. **Qualifying Totals - 2025.** Discussed possibility of changes to Qualifying Totals for 2025, JN noted they will be reviewed in the fall by USAW's Events Director and Technical Committee. There is a possibility that Qualifying Totals for Masters Nationals will be lowered.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. JN and MC to explore preparing gift items for Masters Worlds participants.
 - b. JN to follow up on possibility of Masters branded line of items through USAWs store.
6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm MT.