

May 18, 2025

PNW WSO Council

Present [Isaac Marron](#) [Kim Douglas](#) [Celia Huddart](#) [Lauren Hatmaker](#)
[Jenn Sprague](#) [Mira Kwon Gracia](#)

Not Present Derek Conrad, Chelsea Hopkins

Attachments [📁 PNW WSO Council](#)

Meeting records [📄 Transcript](#) [🎤 Recording](#)

Summary

Jenn provided updates on WSO registration, scholarship awards, and positive social media engagement, while Lauren Hatmaker confirmed the registration fee transition and the number of registrations sold. Mira Kwon Gracia discussed the live registration for the Emmy Vargas lifting seminar and the availability of remaining half scholarships. Kim Douglas raised concerns about outdated record updates, leading to a discussion where Mira Kwon Gracia acknowledged the difficulties with a fully automated system and clarified the decision to track only WSO records moving forward, prompting Kim Douglas to research other WSO's methods and Isaac Marron to suggest exploring AI solutions. Lauren Hatmaker confirmed the financial report was sent, and the team approved last month's meeting minutes upon Jenn's request.

Details

- **WSO Registration Update** Jenn reported that the early bird registration for the WSO surpassed 100 people, and the pricing should have automatically switched. However, Jenn needs to verify the pricing change due to a past issue. Jenn also mentioned that four full scholarships and two half scholarships have been awarded, with one pending application requiring more information. Jenn noted positive social media engagement regarding the WSO. Lauren Hatmaker

confirmed the registration fee transition around May 9th based on the financial report, with approximately 136 registrations sold.

- **Emmy Vargas Lifting Seminar** Mira Kwon Gracia stated that the lifting seminar with Emmy Vargas is live on bars for registration, and a USAW membership is not required to sign up ([00:06:32](#)). Currently, two people are signed up. Emmy Vargas will manage their travel arrangements and seek reimbursement for hotel/Airbnb and travel, with lunch options to be considered later ([00:08:52](#)). The seminar is scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd, although more sign-ups are expected closer to June or July ([00:12:06](#)).
- **Scholarship Availability** Mira Kwon Gracia inquired about the remaining scholarships, and Jenn clarified that the full scholarships are exhausted, but two half scholarships have been given out. Jenn is waiting for more information from one applicant before deciding on another half scholarship ([00:11:09](#)). Several half scholarships are still available ([00:12:06](#)).
- **Records Updating Process** Kim Douglas raised concerns about outdated record updates and the discrepancy between the website's stated bi-weekly updates and the actual monthly updates ([00:13:17](#)). Mira Kwon Gracia agreed to correct the website. Kim Douglas requested that volunteers update their assigned records (Oregon Masters Men and Women, etc.) before the process changes in June ([00:14:08](#)). The new system is intended to be more automated, but the specifics were unclear to Kim Douglas and Celia Montgomery ([00:14:46](#)).
- **Challenges with Automated Record Keeping** Mira Kwon Gracia explained that a fully automated record system is difficult due to the manual effort required and limited personnel ([00:14:46](#)). While reports can be generated per meet in bars, a comprehensive system across all meets and historical data is lacking ([00:16:10](#)) ([00:28:32](#)). The need for manual record submissions and the possibility of records being set at non-WSO meets complicate the process ([00:23:04](#)) ([00:29:37](#)).
- **Transition to WSO Records** Kim Douglas clarified that the decision was made to track only WSO records moving forward, not state records, with the possibility of setting WSO records at any USAW competition ([00:23:04](#)). This change was communicated via email previously ([00:23:57](#)). The shift in weight classes aligns well with this overhaul of the record system ([00:24:32](#)). Jenn initially misunderstood, thinking WSO records could only be set at the WSO Championship meet ([00:25:12](#)).

- **Seeking Solutions for Record Keeping** The meeting participants discussed potential solutions for streamlining record keeping. Kim Douglas will research how other WSOs manage their records and contact USAW for best practices ([00:31:13](#)). Amanda Cook from another WSO reported manually pulling reports from bars ([00:33:41](#)). Isaac Marron suggested exploring the use of AI tools like ChatGPT to automate the process of checking and updating records, as well as potentially creating certificates ([00:34:48](#)).
- **Financial Report and Payment Request** Lauren Hatmaker confirmed that the financial report for WSO registration was sent to the team . The team should be prepared for Joe's first payment request, which Jenn will follow up on, clarifying the submission process used last year .
- **Approval of Last Month's Minutes** Jenn requested approval for last month's meeting minutes, which Jenn found to be satisfactory . The minutes were approved by the team .

Suggested next steps

- ☐ Jenn will reach out to the scholarship applicant for more information and will email Joe tomorrow to request their first payment submission, checking last year's process for documentation.
- ☐ Kim Douglas will forward Celia Montgomery the email about switching to WSO records and research best practices for other WSOs to track records and potentially pull data from bars.
- ☐ Mira Kwon Gracia will ask Tom Sroka if there is an easier way to track WSO records.