

USAW Illinois WSO July Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2025, 7pm CST

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Role Call
2. State Records – Update – Jim
3. IL WSO Championship 2026 Bid Discussion -
One [Bid received from Forza Weightlifting / Evanston High School](#)
Question / Answer Period – Charlie Brinckerhoff, Mark Feldner
4. 2026 IL WSO Championship Vote
5. Upcoming Local Meets -
Rockford Barbell New Years Meet January 10, 2026
2026 Chicago open January 31-February 01, 2026
6. Any other business?
7. Date / Time of next meeting – December 14, 2025, 7pm CST.
- Do we want to have a December meeting?

Minutes

1. **IL State Records** – Jim will continue updating state records database
2. **2026 IL WSO Championship - Unanimously approved** Evanston High School/Forza bid to host the 2026 Illinois State Meet
Date: April 25-26, 2026
Financial terms: 80% entry fees to host, 20% to WSO (different from original 60/40 proposal)
Entry fee: \$100, capped at 180 entries.
Format: Two-platform meet over two days
Facility Details:
20 Eleiko platforms in warm-up room
Separate competition gym connected by door.
Minimum 12 warm-up platforms with kilo plates guaranteed (combination of Evanston HS and Forza equipment)
School will provide AV support and reliable Wi-Fi access.
Ample volunteer loaders from student athletes
3. **Upcoming Meets**

- Rockford Barbell: January 10 (entries open)
- Chicago Open: January 31-February 1 (entries open)

4. December meeting will be cancelled due to the holidays.

5. Thank you to everyone on outgoing IL WSO board for their service. The new board takes effect January 01, 2026