

USAW Illinois WSO July Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2025, 7pm CST

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Role Call
2. Winner of BB Raffle
3. State Records – Update
4. IL WSO In Person Town Hall
5. Proposal: Committee Assignments discussed at last month’s meeting will be the responsibility of the new board in January to implement.
6. IL WSO Championship 2026 Planning -
Required Decision - Put it out for Bid or Board Organizes it?
7. Upcoming Local Meets -
2025 Mid-American Championships October 25-26, 2025
Rockford Barbell New Years Meet January 10, 2026
2026 Chicago open January 31-February 01, 2026
8. Any other business?
9. Date / Time of next meeting – November 16, 2025, 7pm CST.

Minutes

1. Barbell Raffle Results

- **Winners Selected:** Mighty Oak Athletic (Michael Okram) - 15kg bar; Revolution Barbell (Rachel Luke) - 20kg bar.
- **Action:** Gwen to email winners and coordinate pickup at Mid-Ams or Bar Weightlifting Gym

2. State Records Update

- **Decision:** Complete fresh start - no transfer of old records
- **Action:** Jim to update all state records before Mid-Ams

3. Committee Assignments

- **Decision:** Pass recommendations to new board for implement when they convene in 2026.

4. WSO Town Hall Discussion

- **Decision:** Postpone in-person town hall at Mid-Ams due to scheduling conflicts and lack of advance planning
- **Alternative:** Future board to consider virtual town hall

5. 2026 Illinois WSO Championships – Decision to put the 2026 IL WSO Championship out for bid like in previous years or for the IL WSO to host it ourselves?

- **Vote Result:** Put out for bid (majority decision 5 votes to put it out for bid vs. 2 votes for WSO running directly)

6. Bid Requirements Updates

- **Financial Terms Agreed:** 60% WSO / 40% Meet Director split of entry fees.
- **Additional Revenue:** Meet directors can charge \$5 spectator fees (children free) and pursue sponsorships. The meet director will keep these funds.
- **Volunteer Responsibility:** Meet director responsible for securing and compensating volunteers.
- **Schedule Policy:** Preliminary schedule 1 month before meet, final schedule 1 week before
- **New Schedule Rule:** Day assignments cannot change after preliminary schedule (time may adjust)
- **Date Options:** Last weekend April, first weekend May, second weekend May 2026
- **Timeline:** Bid requests out November 1st, responses due November 15th, decision by December 1st

7. Upcoming Events

- Mid-Americans: Next weekend
- Rockford Barbell: Early January (entries open)
- Chicago Open: Late January/Early February (entries opening soon)
- Election ballots are expected within 24 hours.

8. Next Meeting November 16, 2025, 7pm CST