

USAW Illinois WSO July Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025, 5pm CST

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Role Call
2. Reminder – Our entire board will be up for reelection in October for the January 2026 – December 2028 term.
3. Review Meeting Date / Time
4. Revised State Records – Jim
5. Q3 Newsletter – Tim
BB Raffle – need entry questions.
6. Who owns what discussion / Committees?
7. Upcoming Local Meets -
8. Any other business?
9. Date / Time of next meeting?

Minutes

1. Our entire board will be up for reelection in October for the January 2026 – December 2028 term.
 - 1.1. Decision – This board will finalize the planning for the 2026 IL WSO Championship Meet by November 2026. The new board will be responsible for executing those plans. Once any new board members are known, the existing board will include them in meetings for knowledge transfer of the meet planning,
2. Group discussed changing this meeting day and time.
 - 2.1. Decision: Future IL WSO meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm.
3. BB Raffle Rules to be included in the next newsletter:
 - 3.1. All active USAW Clubs in the IL WSO (approx. 19) will be eligible to enter.
 - 3.2. To enter, the club director must email the IL WSO stating if they want a 15kg or 20kg barbell or either.
 - 3.3. Once all entries are received, the IL WSO will randomly select the winners.
4. Q3 Newsletter will include.

- barbell raffle details
 - List upcoming national schedule.
 - Add coaching clinics information.
 - Rules blurb by Corinne
5. Group discussed and decided that at the next meeting we will finalize responsibilities. The discussion determined that formal committees are not necessary. We will agree on who will be responsible for what task. We will discuss further forming an official committee for planning and executing 2026 IL WSO Championship event.
- Group also agreed that Tom Sroka will continue to perform the day – to – day posting on our @illinois_weightliftmng account.
6. Additional discussion to begin planning for 2026 IL WSO Championship event. 1 platform? 2 platforms? Put out for bid? IL WSO Board does all the work? Locations? Ideas to secure volunteers? We will begin the real work of ironing out all these details at our next meeting.
7. The group discussed selling our wooden platform. All were in favor. We will work out details at a future meeting.
8. Upcoming Local Meets -
Illinois Fall Sweep September 28, 2025
2025 Mid-American Championships October 25-26, 2025
Rockford Barbell New Years Meet January 10, 2026
2026 Chicago open January 31-February 01, 2026
9. Next Meeting **Sunday September 21, 2025, 7p CST**

Action Items:

- Start contacting potential venues for Illinois State Meet
- Finalize responsibilities for board members.
- Prepare newsletter content.