

## **NY WSO Executive Board Meeting – Sunday, January 15, 2023**

### Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by WSO President, James McDermott, at 7:02PM.

All board members were present: James McDermott, Frank Ford, Alyssa Garrison, Jerry Dunne, Sara Soto, Chris Smith, Frank Mintz, Joe Rodriguez, Erica Caso

### Agenda:

- 2023 NYS Championships – *Updated Design Approval*
- WSO Outstanding Athlete Awards – *Proposals*

### Meeting Minutes:

#### GENERAL ITEMS

- Accounting: per USAW, \$18,744.76 in WSO account through September 2022; \$5860 in 2022 rebates (estimated)
- Events currently on calendar: 9 meets, 3 L1 courses, 1 L2 course, hoping to get some referee clinics in around the state
- State rankings on website

#### 2023 STATES

- An updated design for 2023 NYS Championships was sent ahead of time to all board members & approved by all. This will be used for all flyers, t-shirts, signage, and other communication pertaining to 2023 NYS Championships. The major update was the change in dates from 2022 to 2023.

#### WSO OUTSTANDING LIFTER AWARDS

- Several proposals & a motion were on the table to be discussed.

**Proposal #1:** (*made by Frank Mintz*) I move that at ~~the 2023~~ State Championships that the Outstanding awards be a plaque such that the name and year is on a plate which can be removed so that the plaque can be replated and distributed if the athlete chooses to not accept the award. In addition to a plaque the award recipients will be announced publicly on the website, social media and newsletter.

Motion was made by Frank Ford: I move to amend Frank Mintz's proposals (proposals 1,2,3,&5). I move that we strike "2023 State Championships" and add language to include all future state championships, not solely 2023.

Motion was amended by Frank Mintz to change "2023 State Championships" to remove the date.

Proposal passes 8 to 1.

**Proposal #2:** *(made by Frank Mintz)* I move that at the 2023 State Championships that the Outstanding awards be distributed at the same time as the gender and weight class of said athlete receiving the award.

6 opposed, 2 in favor, 1 abstention: proposal does not pass.

**Proposal #3:** *(made by Frank Mintz)* I move that the 2023 State Championships the Outstanding athlete and a guest is reserved two front row seats for the awards ceremony and for that session of lifting.

3 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention: proposal does not pass.

**Proposal #4:** *(made by Frank Mintz)* I move that a table be set up displaying the Outstanding lifter awards for viewing by the athletes and spectators.

2 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention: proposal does not pass.

**Proposal #5:** *(made by Frank Mintz)* ~~I move that the Outstanding athletes be notified at least 90 days before the 2023 State Championships that they will be presented with an award plaque at the State Championship.~~ If the athlete makes notification to the board that he/she will not attend then the athlete can name a designated person (e.g. teammate, coach, family member, friend) to accept the award on their behalf at the State Championship. An athlete that does not communicate to the board their intention to either accept the award or have a designated person accept the award by the conclusion of the State Championship will not receive an award at the State Championship and the board can choose to not distribute the award to the athlete or the award can be picked up by the athlete at another time and place that is convenient for the board. The plaque can be used the following year with a new name plate. No other expenses to distribute the award will be the responsibility of the board (e.g. cost of mail or delivery).

Motion to amend by Frank Mintz, "I move that the Outstanding athletes be notified by the NYWSO president after the award winners have been chosen by the board. At the State Championships, they will be presented with an award plaque."

Proposal passes, all 9 in favor.

**Proposal #6:** *(made by Frank Ford)* I move to officially establish the eligibility criteria for the NYWSO Outstanding Athlete Awards as follows:

"To be considered for an award the athlete must be a member of the NYWSO. Participation in two WSO meets held at two different venues within the same year would make a lifter eligible for an award."

Proposal passes, all 9 in favor.

**Proposal #7:** *(made by Frank Ford)* I move to automatically nominate the #1 ranked lifter in BARS from each weight class, division, and age group for Outstanding Athlete in their age group. The

nomination is contingent on the lifter also meeting the other eligibility criteria that is in place. In the event that the #1 ranked lifter is otherwise ineligible, the nomination will go to the #2 lifter and so on until an eligible nominee is secured.

Proposal does not pass, all voted down.

**Proposal #8:** *(made by Frank Ford)* I move to amend the nomination form by removing the sections requiring a USAW ID number and a list of the athlete's competition results.

Proposal passes, all 8 remaining board members are in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM by James McDermott.