

MINUTES- PNW WSO COUNCIL

3/10/2024 (next meeting scheduled for 3rd Sunday of month unless otherwise determined)

Present: Lauren Hatmaker, Isaac Marron, Jenn Sprague, Kim Douglas, Mira Kwon Gracia, Derek Kress, Chelsea Hopkins, Celia Huddart

Not Present: none

WSO Championships -bid reviews after requesting additional information. Discussed anonymous ranking vote that prioritized venue, diversity, accessibility, experience, professionalism, equipment, food/hotel options nearby, spectator seating, restroom facilities. Anonymous vote for one of three bids; bid awarded to Joe Beck as meet director for 2024. Location Holiday Inn – Portland Airport. 10/5-10/6/24.

Jenn Sprague to create a memo of understanding summarizing roles and responsibilities for meet director and WSO council. Memo of Understanding to be attached to WSO page/USAW.

Subcommittee created by volunteer: Isaac Marron, Jenn Sprague, Derek Kress, Lauren Hatmaker

BIPOC/WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP –Committee for 2024: Mira, Isaac, Kim, Derek. Any conflicts of interest (same club) will recuse themselves from decisions on club teammates/family members. BIPOC scholarships awarded (3) and Women's scholarships (5) pending. To be announced this week, to all applicants and on social media.

Financial reports from USAW –Annual income is roughly \$5000/year. Discussed ideas to consider for spending / expanding weightlifting in our region in a fair way to help the most athletes in the region.

Social Media: Mira Kwon Gracia is the main point of contact and has added Kim Douglas to FB/Instagram, and Isaac/Lauren to Meta Business. Request to follow basic guidelines: positive, sharing what is tagged to Instagram handle if/when USA Weightlifting related as it is our USAW WSO page.

Meet Directors: continue to encourage all meet directors to familiarize sanction requirements as well as follow USAW policies on SafeSport, MAPPS, and others. Meets sanctioned by USAW are responsible to follow all policies and this is the responsibility of the meet director.

Mission Statement: Current PNW WSO mission statement closely mirrors USAW mission statement on a local level. Some discussion about reviewing the statement in the future and using it to make decisions on spending and resources.

Important Training Dates:

Spring / Events & Best Practices to be announced

Summer / SafeSport

Fall – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion