

# USAW Illinois WSO Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes IL WSO Board Meeting February 20, 2022, 5pm CST

Attendees	Present
Gwen Chamberlin	Y
Dave Ester	Y
Brian Lahr	Y
Tim Piper	N
Alex Arquilla	Y
Nate Lewis	N
Corinne Grotenhuis	Y
Laura Landers Pettit	Y

## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order / Role Call
2. Discussion – Forza Bid for 2022 IL State Meet
3. Vote – Award 2022 IL State Meet to Forza?
4. IL State 2022 Meet Details -  
Only IL State residents eligible for awards?  
Raise meet cap to 130?  
Will await list be maintained?  
Start a Team Award  
Sanction name should be “2022 Illinois State Championships and Open”  
Other?
5. Any Other business?
6. Date / Time of next meeting?

## **Minutes**

1. Discussion – Forza 2022 Illinois State Championship bid  
All agreed it was a well thought out proposal and that they will host a quality event.  
Dave Ester confirmed some questions we had -  
Yes – Will increase meet cap to 130 lifters.  
Yes – Will create a wait list  
Yes – Forza will use the IL WSO competition set and platform for the meet. They will not be charged rent for the set.
2. Vote – Unaniouous agreement to award the bid to Forza. ( Tim Piper and Nate Lewis had given their approval via email prior to the meeting, Dave Ester was recused from voting.)
3. Board agreed to develop criteria to have a Team award at the Illinois State Championships.  
Laura will develop criteria for this award and report back to this committee for approval.
4. Board agreed that we will again fund a local media company to take pictures at the 2022 Illinois State Championship meet. A bid process similar to last year will be used. Only media

companies base din Illinois will be eligible. Our hope is to get the request for proposal out mid-March so we can select the media company at the next WSO BOD meeting.

5. Next meeting agenda item - Laura wants to develop a youth weightlifting event
6. Next meetings:
  - Sunday March 27, 2022, 5pm
  - Sunday May 01, 2022, 5pm

Official Request to Host  
The 2022 Illinois State Weightlifting Championships  
Submitted by:  
Jack Littner - Meet Director  
Dave Ester - Forza Weightlifting Club Director  
Mike Gattone  
Mike Tangora

I. **PURPOSE**

**I-A.** Forza Weightlifting Club is requesting to host the 2022 Illinois State Weightlifting Championships. We have the resources and experience to conduct an outstanding event that will benefit the weightlifting competitors in the State of Illinois

II. **FACILITY**

**II-A.** The 2022 Illinois State Weightlifting Championships would be hosted at 1033 Progress Drive in Grayslake, Illinois. We have hosted multiple events at this facility, which were well attended and successful.





**II-B.** Forza Weightlifting Club hall has a 10,000 sq ft facility including a locker room, bathrooms, competition area, 13 warm up platforms, among other amenities.

**II-C.** Bathrooms and showers are located in the north west corner of the gym.



**II-D.** Forza Weightlifting Club has parking available to accommodate all competitors, coaches, volunteers, and spectators in a parking lot as well as supplemental street parking.





**II-E.** Hotel accommodations are available at the Comfort Suites Libertyville North approximately 5 minutes from the venue.



**III. MEET FORMAT**

The 2022 Illinois State Weightlifting Championships will run as a one-platform two day meet. The details about the meet format are as follows:

**III-A.** 13 warm up platforms will be provided.

**III-B.** There will be 4-5 sessions per day that can accommodate a minimum of 120 lifters. The final number of participants for this event will be decided in collaboration with the IL WSO board.

**III-C.** The entry fee for this meet will be \$75 per lifter. This price was determined based on the size and importance of the Illinois State Championship meet.

**III-D.** The funds from this meet will be held in a bank account dedicated to holding meet funds. Should the event be canceled Forza Weightlifting Club agrees to have all refunds released within two weeks of official cancellation.

**III-E.** Adequate kilo weights, including change plates, will be provided for all warm up platforms.

**III-F.** IWF certified Eleiko weights will be used for the competition platforms.

**III-G.** Medals would be provided to all 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes. Trophies or banners will be awarded to the best female and male lifters in the youth, junior, open, and masters divisions. There would also be 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies or banners for teams who enter.

**III-H.** All USAW/IWF rules and weight classes are observed at this meet.

IV. **TIMELINE**

We will hold the 2022 Illinois State Weightlifting Championships the weekend of May 21-22, 2022.

V. **MEET/SCHOOL LOCATION**

Forza Weightlifting Club is located at 1033 Progress Drive, Grayslake, Illinois 60030.

VI. **CONCLUSION**

Forza Weightlifting Club would love the opportunity to host the 2022 Illinois State Championship because we feel we can offer a well-run meet that will benefit the weightlifting competitors of Illinois.

Thank you for considering our bid

Jack Littner

Dave Ester

Mike Gattone

Mike Tangora