

MINUTES- PNW WSO COUNCIL 7/21/2024 (next meeting scheduled for 3rd Sunday of month unless otherwise determined)

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

Not Present: Celia Huddart, Derek Kress

Social Media Discussion- Mira Kwon Gracia and Kim Douglas

- Mira and Kim report on the “information deck” created to document our current processes and standards for PNW WSO social media. They’ve asked for the rest of the council to review and give feedback.

Finance Report – Lauren Hatmaker

- Lauren reviewed the financial report and recent emails with USAW liaison Christina Drown (Alex Love is no longer with the organization)
- Discuss status of balance of WSO championship meet director, Joe Beck.
- Discuss other requests for PNW WSO youth athletes invited to Team USA events in 2024.
- Spending ideas – all council members reported on the suggestions we’ve received so far from our membership. Lauren will add suggestions she’s received to Kim’s tracking sheet in the 2024 shared google folder for WSO Council.
- According to USAW Christina Drown, our WSO championship funds are not released to our “sub account” for spending until after the championship occurs in October 2024. This means that technically we will be running a deficit once we pay the meet director his second installment of around \$15,000.
 - Due to release of 2024 WSO registration funds to our sub account after the event occurs, we do not have available funds to consider for release to PNW Team USA.
 - Lauren will communicate above to the coaches who requested WSO funding: Zachary Huse (Zak Naas) and Kit Brown (Kaia Jacobs). The WSO council discussed ways we could support these athletes such as social media promotions of their organized fundraisers, selling tshirts, etc.
- Discussion included survey of membership with ranked voting for spending (and fundraising) priorities within the WSO to support our mission statement in a sustainable way. Kim Douglas to spend time to prepare a survey.
- One of the recent USAW board decisions has changed the way WSOs are issued money from membership. Each WSO will receive \$5000 at the beginning of the calendar year and will spend that down before receiving further funds. Unclear whether this is going to be the same in 2026 or not. This leaves the WSO championships and other fundraisers as the sole funding source for all outreach in our area OTHER than \$5000/year.
- One of our goals is to create an evergreen budget so that we all know how the PNW WSO is spending funds to meet our mission statement below.

Mission Statement: Current PNW WSO mission statement closely mirrors USAW mission statement on a local level. We plan to apply the mission statement to make decisions on spending and resources. How

do we, as a council, best represent USA Weightlifting on the local level with a local mission as below?
This will guide our spending.

USAW 2024 MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of USA Weightlifting is to support United States athletes in achieving excellence in Olympic and world competition, and to support, promote and educate a diverse and inclusive community of weightlifting and the use of the barbell in the United States.

ATTACHED: PNW WSO 2024 FINANCIAL BALANCE TRACKING / SOURCE USA WEIGHTLIFTING 2024