

# USAW Masters Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 12, 2025

**Platform:** Zoom

**Minutes** from [previous meetings](#)

## Participants

- **Present:** Melissa Doherty, Gwen Chamberlain, Tom Sroka, Aimee Everett, Bob Takano, Mira Kwon Gracia, JP Nicoletta (staff liaison), Mike Choi (board liaison)
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## 1. Call to order:

- Time: 9:08 PM (ET)
  - Facilitator: Mike Choi
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## 2. Discussion Topics

- Masters Nationals (Atlanta)
  - JP shared a schedule outline including the setup of the GA WSO Championships which will be assigned 1 platform in the venue to run on Saturday.
  - The events will be in the same venue but not commingled. Masters athletes also in the GA WSO Champs will compete as part of Masters Nationals.
  - 2024 Triple Crown award belts are expected to be ready in advance of the event. Goal is to bring the belts to deliver to the winners who will be in Atlanta.
- UMWF World Championships (Daytona)
  - MC shared a Rules & Regulations document for the UMWF World Championship and shared there are currently 40 registered athletes. Document available on [www.UMWF.net](http://www.UMWF.net).
  - Athlete cap: 500
  - Discussion regarding qualifying events and eligibility for Masters Worlds. Clarified any competition or federation from within the qualifying period. USAW Nationals or Virus Series/Finals not mandatory for eligibility of this event. Group agreed with this approach.

- Side UMWF topics; MC shared challenges with scheduling anti-doping for the event in Singapore. Will provide updates.
  - Discussions with Virus about making UMWF branded items.
  - 2025 Triple Crown
    - Discussion on eligibility for 2025 Triple Crown and if UMWF Masters Worlds should be treated as an eligible event. Group agreed to limit to USAW events only. Athletes who register for both events are eligible.
  - Masters Records and HOF
    - Masters records will be reset on June 1.
    - Discussion on Masters HOF eligible events and point weighting.
      - Points and weighting by event TBD. Listed events for HOF points: USAW Masters Nationals, UMWF Masters Worlds, USAW Nationals (Sr.).
        - VWS1&2 no HOF advancement points.
    - Suggestion that any Masters aged athlete that makes IWF World Championships should auto advance to Masters HOF.
  - Premier Masters event discussion Masters Nationals v. Virus Weightlifting Finals.
    - Group discussed qualifying total differences between Masters Nationals and Virus Finals noting that Finals had historically been viewed as a Sr. competition. JP to follow up on request for QT's at Finals be set to match the same percentage or approach as compared to Nationals.
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### 3. Adjournment

- Time: 10:01 PM (ET)