

NY WSO Executive Board Meeting – Sunday, July 21, 2024.

ZOOM Meeting

The meeting was called to order by WSO President, James McDermott, at 7:03 PM.

Board members present: James McDermott, Michelle Woogen, Joe Rodriguez, Chris Smith, Erica Caso, Julia Falamas, and Alyssa Garrison. Brian DeGennaro began, but then had computer connection issues.

Absent: Frank Ford (with notice).

Agenda

- General Announcements:
 - Scholarship Updates: Youth and Junior.
 - NY WSO Member Achievements.
 - NY WSO Financial Discussion.
- 2024 State Championships:
 - OWLCMS TO System and Equipment Order (Vote).
 - Volunteer Payment System and Reimbursement Plan (Vote).
 - Registration Update.
 - Volunteer Update.
 - Equipment Update.
 - Plan for athlete cards and warm-up room access.
 - Podium Project and Warm-Up Platform Update.
 - Awards Update.
- Executive Session.

Meeting Minutes

General Announcements:

- Scholarships Update: Families of youth or junior athletes attending the 2024 National Championships Week have been issued scholarship payments with the exception of one who has not filled out paperwork.
- Assem Sadykova and Nadezhda Likhacheva received “Einstein Visas” and on their way to US citizenship. Their connection to weightlifting, the publication of Nadezhda’s lifting achievements, and Assem earning a coaching scholarship + being hired at MOC have helped their case and path to US citizenship.
- National Coach: Board member Brian DeGennaro has earned the National Coach credential.
- National TO: Board member James McDermott has earned the National Technical Official credential.
- Financial Report: The board discussed NY WSO finances and have reached out to USA Weightlifting for clarification on recent reports.

2024 State Championships:

- OWLCMS TO System and Equipment: Discussion on the electronic scoring system and additional technology needed to run the meet. James McDermott moved to approve spending of approximately \$6,000 on the following: OWL Button System x 2, additional cables, server laptop x 1, administrative laptop x 1, printer x 1, ink and paper as needed, router x 1, speaker laptop x 2, marshal laptop x 2, athlete clock laptop x 2, display screens for warm-up room x 2, network switch x 2, tripod x 2, corded microphone x 2, and cases as needed. Chris Smith seconded. Motion passes – all in favor.
- Volunteer Payment System and Reimbursement Plan: James McDermott presented a plan to pay volunteers in cash at the event and reviewed a payment log sheet with the board. James McDermott moved to be reimbursed after the event for paying volunteers, cash prizes, and any other out of pocket payments/expenses. Joe Rodriguez seconded. Motion passes – all in favor.
- Volunteer Update: The vast majority of volunteer spots have been filled with technical officials from around New York and out of state. James McDermott reviewed the plan to fill the remaining positions and communicating with current volunteers closer to the event. Any members interested in helping should contact James McDermott.
- Equipment Update: Both competition platforms and all 10 warm-up platforms have been outfitted with equipment. As of this meeting we're only missing electronics which the WSO will soon purchase.
- Warm-Up Room Management: The board has decided to cancel the plan to hand out athlete cards for warm-up room access at this year's event. The board will evaluate how things go this year and decide if any additional procedures are needed for future events.
- Joe Rodriguez gave updates on the podium construction project and the purchase of more wood for warm-up platforms – both situations are going well.
- James McDermott gave an update on awards. 2023 Outstanding Athlete, 2023 Coach of the Year, and NYS Championships Best Lifter plaques have been ordered.

Executive Session:

- James McDermott made a motion to move to an executive session at 8:30 PM. Joe Rodriguez seconded. Motion made to end the executive session by James McDermott and seconded by Julia Falamas at 8:40 PM.

Board meeting concluded at 8:41 PM.

Next board meeting: Sunday, August 18th at 7:00 PM.