

NY WSO Board Meeting – Sunday, February 23rd, 2025.

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by WSO President, James McDermott, at 7:05 pm

Board members present: Joe Rodriguez, Chris Smith, Alyssa Garrison, Frank Ford, Julia Falamas, Erica Caso, Michelle Woogen, and Brian DeGennaro, and James McDermott.

Agenda:

General Items:

- Wix Website Payment.
- Outstanding Awards Update.
- Coaching Development Scholarships (Vote).
- WSO Records.

2025 NYS Championships Items:

- Meet Sanction.
- Medical Team.
- Technical Officials – Save the Date.
- Volunteer Catering Order.
- Velcro Floor Tape.
- I love NY Event Listing.
- Purchased Equipment.
- OWLCMS.
- Medals & Awards.

Meeting Minutes:

General Items:

WIX Website Payment: The annual bill has been paid and the WSO received a 50% discount with the final cost being \$187.92 after the discount.

Outstanding Awards: Outstanding athlete award recipients have been calculated and are in the process of being announced on social media. Once all announcements have been made the winners will be posted to the website, featured in the newsletter, and contacted with instructions to receive their award.

Coaching Development Scholarships: After discussion, James moved to award 2024 coaching development scholarships to: Albert Chun, Emily Miccio, Haley Maisonet, Jacquelin Janis, Lawrence Mintz, Miguel Lavarro, Rachel Dwyer, Tacora Beasley, and Victoria Theodore. Scholarship winners will be contacted with instructions to register for a USAW coaching course. Chris Smith seconded. Discussion was had post vote on reaching out and following up with past winners – more will be done soon on this topic.

Result: All in attendance in favor (Frank joined the meeting post vote). Motion Passes.

WSO Records: Discussion was had on the new weight classes and what will be done with current WSO records. The board will wait to see what record standards are released by USAW before making a decision and revisit this topic in the future.

NYS Championships:

Meet Sanction: The meet has been sanctioned by USAW and the entry form is posted in BARS and on the NY WSO website.

Medical Team: James has commitments from last year's medical team and will follow up with them again later in the year.

Technical Officials: An email was sent to National, Cat 2, and Cat 1 Technical Officials asking for help and to save the date. Many have responded with interest in volunteering in September. James will reach out to them again later in the year.

Volunteer Catering: James has placed a tentative order for volunteer meals at the event. James also discussed the plan to save funds and reduce spoilage this year.

Velcro Floor Tape: The hotel has 70' of Velcro tape meant to help cover wires on the floor. This will be a better option than using sticky tape for ease of clean up and not damaging wires. The WSO will need about 200' of additional tape and will purchase this item later in the year.

I Love NY: The event has been listed on the I Love NY website.

Purchased Equipment: The following items were purchased and have arrived: red and blue gift bags, red and blue gaffers tape, 100' speaker cables x 2, Fender Portable PA Systems and Microphones x 2, Rogue Chalk Stands x 2, and labels. James is making plans to bring most supplies to Binghamton to put in the storage unit. James, Joe, and Frank will begin testing the PA Systems at local events and figure out integrating the sound on the livestream.

OWLCMS: Work is being done to attempt to integrate athlete lifting data from BARS into the software. This would allow announcements on competition PRs and/or broken state/state meet records. We're also trying to figure out having the athlete score card displayed on the livestream.

Medals & Awards: James will begin the process to order best lifter plaques, outstanding awards plaques, and the medals before the end of Q1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 23rd, 2025 at 7:00 PM.