

WHSPA Fall Meeting '16, Reel Inn – Necedah

Using Plickers for voting ballots, issued to all voting members, Vote of A is yes, B is no, C for abstain. First time use. Worked well.

Voting members present: Joe Lewis, Jason Kallas, RG Lukow, Russell Johnston, Glen Woychik, Jeff Hahn, John Kleinhans, Ray Curtis, Erich Mach, Tonya Lambeth, Shawn Cain

Nominations: Coach of the year – Tony Biolo original coach of Wisconsin Rapids by Joe Lewis, Becky Cooke nominated by Erich Mach, Dell Beasley/Mills nominated by Joe L., Mariah Hamm nominated by Jeff Hahn. Voting was unanimous for all nominees.

Athletes who want to lift independently of their own High School Program - Several requests from parents/programs have made it to the WHSPA president, Joe Lewis and/or WI USA Powerlifting co-chair, Tonya Lambeth. How do we address? Lengthily discussion with several viewpoints:

- Train at a different school even if the home school has an established PL program. Are points scored to the home school regardless? There is even an individual who wishes to wear the colors of the school they train at but wants the points to be attributed to the home school.
- Should we require the student train at the home school and not allow them to compete in the WHSPA? No other sport in the WIAA would allow different, we should be consistent for legitimacy (Mach).
- 'Grey area' referenced by Jason Kallas, leaves the door open to more and more of this.
- One suggestion, Kleinhans was to state that if you don't want to train with your home school, then go compete in USA Powerlifting all ages competitions and can't / don't enter the WHSPA meets.
- Zahn brought up liability concerns, should the competitor train with another coach, which coach is held accountable when the parent / guardian is upset when they are concerned about a competition/training situation with their child? The coach training or the home school head coach?
- *Define of 'independent' – A teenage athlete who does not have a home school program must declare their home school name for scoring and are allowed to train with another school with an established program.*

The WHSPA will require any WHSPA competitor to lift with the team from their school in any WHSPA sanctioned meet. They must train within their school's recognized powerlifting program and receive proof of good standing from their school's administrators to qualify for the WHSPA state meet. 9 yes, 2 abstain effective 11-12-16

The fall coaches meeting is the official start of the WHSPA season. 10 yes 1 no

WHSPA will require proof of good standing form to be submitted for all regional and state championships. Form completed by the school's administration, athletic director, principal for the grading period leading up to the meet. 9 yes, 2 no

Combined or separate raw / equipped state meet. Discussion: Joe in favor of combining. Raw and equipped would not be in the same flights, 'pure' platforms, Kleinhans brought up summer as time with family and off-sport, Horlick can accommodate approx. 440 raw and equipped lifters. Horlick would like

to stay with four platforms. Horlick brings up need for good qualifying totals to eliminate some of the raw and not experience huge influx at the March 2017 state meet. Shawn suggests the raw qts be deliberated first.

WHSPA will combine the raw and geared state meets beginning with the 2016-2017 season. 11 yes, unanimous

Raw State Meet Qualifying Totals (QTs) – motion proposed by Joe Lewis who provided calculations from current equipped totals at 25%, 20%, 15%. A (25%) = 5 votes, B (20%) = 6 votes, C (15%) = 0 votes
Raw state meet QTs will be based on the 20% calculation

Adoption of the Safesport program within the WHSPA by all head coaches. WHSPA will require all head coaches to be Safesport certified by the state meet. The WHSPA would encourage all assistant coaches to be certified as well. <http://safesport.org/> Joe will create a spreadsheet public to track. **11 votes of yes, unanimous**

2016-2017 meet schedule reviewed to update the liftWHSPA.org site.

The WHSPA will recognize, starting in the 2017-18 season that we will offer two levels of meets. An individual qualifier meet and a regional meet. At the regional meets we agree to medal 1st-3rd in both varsity and JV across both genders in both equipped and raw divisions. At the individual qualifiers, athletes will medal 1st-5th. All athletes will medal in one division per gender, no distinction between varsity and JV or raw and geared. Team trophies and 'best lifter' awards determined by meet director. Yes – 9 votes, No – 1 vote, Abstain – 1 vote

Creation of a single style of entry form – removed this as an agenda item as we haven't agreed on all awards being uniform.

No activity has been done with code of conduct since last meeting. April 2017 meeting is the next target date for draft to be reviewed by WHSPA BOD. Dennis Smits and Joe Lewis are the leads.

Penalty for a team that has not paid their \$3 sanction fee per lifter at their regional meet if not paid before state meet? Not able to score team points at state meet...? Little to no discussion.

Conversion of the old state records to kilo version – Joe presented the conversion and the amount needed to break the existing record. Will be posted on the liftwhspa.org site.

WHSPA 20th Anniversary Merchandise designs presented, three options. Option 1 – 2 votes, Option 2 – 0 votes, Option 3 – 8 votes. Tonya to work with Jeff of Decom to be ready soonest, possibly still for the earliest WHSPA regionals on Dec. 3rd.

Jeff Hahn needed to depart for home, one vote no longer eligible in the original eleven.

WHSPA formerly established in '97. How to promote 20 years of the WHSPA. Website content, FB content, banners for each regions, vote on spending funds for standup banners. \$1,000 limit on four banners. A banner to be sent to each of the four regions to be present prominently at the regionals and qualifiers, all present at the WHSPA state meet in Racine. We authorize the WHSPA to spend up to \$1,000 on banners to commemorate our 20th anniversary. Yes – 10 votes, unanimous

WHSPA equipment use and rental (6 platforms of colored kilo plates RG, Erich, Joe L) – Rental prices were not calculated before meeting, yet to be done by Joe Lewis and Dennis Smits. Rent by the platform? \$150 per platform was proposed by Kleinhans. Rental to USA Powerlifting meet directors would be the main customer base. As a committee, we would like to purchase the fourth ER rack for use at state meet and '18 hs nationals. Targeting \$2K or less. Rental of ER racks and kilo plate sets – Joe Lewis presented on the new Rental of the light systems and monitors for Nextlifter scoring system for the state meet.

Any recommendations of individuals for referee testing. Contact Tonya / Kat – USA Powerlifting co-chairs Wisconsin.

No state meet bids were presented at this meeting. Soliciting bids for April meeting. Discussed the idea of the event being ran by the WHSPA at a commercial location.

Kleinhans proposes redistributing the regionals as more programs come up, many programs travel to another region due to proximity. He proposes five regions instead of four. Discussed but no actual review of current to new was done. Tabled potentially until next meeting.

GymAware software / app / program – max velocity is interesting to Joe. Formlifting collar was shown to the group.

Provide content for regional and state entry regarding permission for pics taken at events.

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