

11th Annual WPF World Congress Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by WPF Secretary Courtney Stanley

Roll Call:

Austria : Sonja Herzig non-voting representative

Georgia: Absent

Germany: Absent

Great Britain: Absent

Holland : Erik Butzelaar

Iceland : Fjolnir Gudmannsson

Ireland: Shane Brodie

Mexico: Dr. Victor Gomez

USA: Mr. David Jeffrey

President's Welcome Message and Annual Address: Erik Butzelaar

Minutes of the 2008 10th Annual Meeting Read and Approved

Finance Officer's Report : None

Treasurers Report: Given by Erik Butzelaar at the request of Gerhard Holleitner(Treasurer)

Secretary's report: Courtney Stanley

Committee reports: None

New Committee Formed to Formulate a Safety Standard for Monolifts:
Chair—Shane Brodie

National Affiliates Reports:

Austria: None

Georgia: Absent

Germany: Absent

Great Britain: Absent

Holland: Erik Butzelaar

Holland is seeking to host the 2012 WPF World Meeting in the City of Kampen

Iceland: Fjolnir Gudmannsson

Iceland recently changed Leadership with **Hermann Heraldsson** being installed as president. Mr. Heraldsson was unable to attend due to a broken arm suffered recently.

Iceland has had some very good meet turnout with over 50 lifters present at meets.

11 Icelandic lifters travelled to the World Championships in Las Vegas.

Ireland : Shane Brodie

Shane reports that the Irish Powerlifting Organization has been steadily growing with a membership of over 100 lifters...larger than the GPC in Ireland. He also states the Irish lifters continue to want to travel to meets outside Ireland and they are pursuing this effort with great zeal.

Mexico: Dr. Victor Gomez

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Dr. Gomez reports there has been some competition between Powerlifting Organizations in Mexico and things are beginning to level out. The WPF Organization currently in place is aggressively seeking to grow.

USA: David Jeffrey

The USA reports a record number of entries in USA Meets this year. The Federation has grown by over 150 Members, has added 12 new State Championships and 5 new State Chairpersons. The 2010 National Championships will be held in Rhode Island and the USA is Bidding for another World Championship to be held in Palm Beach, Florida.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made and seconded to eliminate the position of Finance Officer: **Motion Passed**

The WPF Vice President position was up for re-election:

Candidates were : Joerg Roediger Germany
Alan Aerts USA.

Mr. Aerts carried the vote unanimously and beginning 2010 will be the new **WPF VP**.

Resolutions:

The Following Resolutions were passed :

1. The Overall Team Championship will stay as a combined Team based on the same format as in previous championships (Ireland) : Motion passed Unanimously.
2. Guest Lifters at World Championships will pay an additional 50% entry fee.(Mexico) Motion passed unanimously.
3. Guest Lifters cannot participate at any WPF Competition without the Authorization of the respective affiliate Nation. (Mexico) Motion passed unanimously.
4. Allow the use of Baby Powder for Deadlifting. (USA). Motion passed unanimously.
5. Institute a Start Command for the Bench Press (USA) Motion passed unanimously.
6. Make the Texas Squat Bar (25kg.) Available at all competitions. (USA) Motion passed unanimously.
7. Reduce the mandatory Team declaration to the WPF Secretary from 21 days to 14 days. (USA) Motion passed unanimously.
8. Ban the use of undergarments which contain rubberized or elastic materials, or any other type of material that provides additional support not intended in Section 3.0 of the WPF Rule Documents.(USA) Motion passed unanimously.
9. Change the rule regarding Brief's from Legs allowed to **NO** Legs Allowed.(USA) Motion passed 3-2.
10. Establish a Minimum Standard for the Construction of Mono-Lifts.(USA) Motion Passed unanimously. Motion is assigned to Committee : Chairperson is Shane Brodie.

The Following Resolutions Failed:

1. Once a rule is adopted it can only be changed once every two years.(USA)
2. Change the Master 5 year Age Groups to Ten year Age Groups.(USA)

New Country Member Applications received: Georgia

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Future World Championships:

It was determined that there were no Bids other than Great Britain that were compete bids. Therefore Bidding was open for 2011 and 2012. Great Britain having already secured 2010.

Presentations were made by Holland and the USA.

Holland presented a very comprehensive and convincing bid in for the City of Kampen, Netherlands.

USA presented also presented a very comprehensive Bid with Video support for Palm Beach, Florida, USA.

The Voting Attendees at the Congress meeting were impressed with Both Presentations and it was felt both countries were able to convince the assembly that their respective Bids were acceptable. After some discussion regarding logistics, a resolution was arrived at, that granted Holland 2012, as that was the Date they originally desired; and that the USA would fill in the 2011 Date that Germany had vacated.

The Future WPF World Championship Venues Remain:

2010: Great Britain Venue: Bath University Bath, England

2011 : USA Venue : Palm Beach Marriott , Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

2012: Holland Venue: City of Kampen, Netherlands

2009 World Championship Referee selections :Mr. Robert Campbell Technical Officer

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2009 World Championship referee proctor candidates: Joe Dentice USA

Call for Adjournment: