

USA Powerlifting
National Governing Body Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2003 – 2:00pm
Rapid City, South Dakota

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CREDENTIAL CHECK OF PARTICIPANTS

44 registered voting members.

2. READING OF MINUTES FROM NGB 2002

Motion to adapt as presented – Passed

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Michael Overdeer:

-Membership numbers. Because we now use an anniversary date to renew membership it is difficult to compare numbers. Looking at the first 2 quarters of enrollment dates our numbers look like this:

- 2,182 members
- 916 youth (14-19)
- 669 open (20-39)
- 481 masters (40+)

- National Office –

Quarterly Reports have been sent out.

American Records are being done at the National Office by Angie Overdeer

A local bookkeeper has been hired. Our daily financial functions are now more streamlined.

He is also working with Geoff Plant, our treasurer.

-General Statements:

Meet Director Incentives. This is a tough job and most do not make a lot of money running a meet. We need to, as an organization, give some type of incentive to put on a meet. Possible idea – Subsidize /underwrite a state championship in every state. We also need to get some states up and running.

-Youth Factor

We need to embrace the younger and pre-teen lifters. The myth of how young lifters are injured needs to be debunked. International groups have large youth programs (USOC). In the US the young kids want to play basketball or football. Amateur/Power sports are not as important. Right now the AAU is who the USOC looks at when they are looking at national programs because they have a youth division. Our program has more junior lifter in the open divisions. We need to see youth divisions in our organization. In September, we will be covered by a new insurance policy that will cover all ages. We will need to develop a strong coaching program based on technique. Possibly look at scoring youth a different way to focus on technique and not total weight lifted (i.e., like USA Weightlifting – adding two out of three lifts together, instead of just taking the top one of three, to make total “feel” big, but need the proper technique to get there). This is our opportunity to promote a strong and healthy lifestyle.

-We continue to package ourselves for Olympic recognition.

-Thank you for a year of hard work as we continue to grow.

4. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Larry Maile:

-Thank you to everyone that has stepped up to work on funding and discussion groups that have been formed. These groups are now shifting focus to project teams.

-We are now dealing with competition from other national organizations/federations. This is the most viable threat in our existence. At Women's Worlds, held in Chicago, the IPF met with another organization about sanctioning a meet for that organization. This would allow another way outside USAPL to get to worlds.

-We need to make it clear that we are the biggest and most functioning organization. We need to market ourselves to the public. Youth programs are a must and it must be done soon.

-We need to continue to work toward Olympic recognition. We need to bring ourselves to the USOC now so we are there when they look for the organization to recognize.

-Drug testing is important to the USOC. We need to keep improving ours. OMT and IOC lab testing must continue, but we must have a plan on how to proceed.

-Meet Promoters. We need to get into places we aren't. More states need to be brought on line. We need to work in states to bring in the casual lifter.

-There are a lot of similarities with us and other organizations. There are lifters that cross over and back. We need to have a brand loyalty to USAPL. This is the time we need to develop this.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Geoffery Plante:

-Treasurer's report was presented on PowerPoint. The following information was included.

- Income Statement:

Amounts are for six months ended June 30

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Gross Revenue | \$119,268 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$115,212</u> |
| Net Operating Income | <u>\$ 4,056</u> |

- Revenue Breakdown:

Membership Dues – 63%

Drug Testing – 21%

Sponsorships and Donations – 10%

Meet Sanctions – 2%

Merchandise Sales – 2%

All other income – 2%

- Expense Breakdown:

Salaries and Commissions – 38%

Drug Testing – 19%

Insurance – 8%

Office Supplies and Support – 7%

Card Reimbursement – 7%

Postage and Freight – 7%

Athlete and Coaching Reimbursement – 6%

Facilities – 3%

Miscellaneous Expense – 5%

- Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash \$ 62,600

Inventory 7,200

Accounts Receivable 4,000

Investments 145,000

Total Assets \$ 218,800

Liabilities 1,300

Fund Balance \$ 217,500

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 218,800

Nectar Kirkiris:

-Presentation of the new Fund Raiser for USAPL – Credit Card. Available to all members/public. This is a project that we must really promote. It will bring in money to the national office with minimal footwork. Information can be found on the USAPL web site and applications are being distributed to members renewing membership, meet directors or can be done on-line.

There was some discussion concerning the use of the income. At this point it will be used as a general fund raiser. We can decide later if it should be directed toward specific areas. Possibly to start up our newsletter.

Bettina Altizer and Priscilla Ribic:

-Presentation on how to better promote our organization to the outside world. We need to sell ourselves to compete with other organizations. We need someone to sell us. At this point Bettina and Priscilla will look into a company in Virginia to get feedback and ideas on what we could do and the cost of doing this.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Armed Forces Committee**

Lynette Lopez – Military Nationals were held in Houston. There were 45 lifters. Next year it will be held in Killeen.

- **Coaching Committee**

Patrick Anderson – At the end of 2002 a data base of potential coaches was developed to select coaches for EC approval. Coaching Evaluations, some teams are not completing them or sending them back. Men's World team, following a new procedure for working with the lifters. Dividing team into three groups with a coach attached to each group. This coach is in contact with the lifter prior to the meet and this is the coach that the lifter will deal with monthly and at the meet. May not work with all teams, but can use it as a guideline. World Games July 2005, will discuss protocol for lifter and coach selection. Opening attempt selection at worlds is now a written policy that the coach picks all openers.

- **Collegiate Committee**

Jon Magendie – Collegiates were held in St. Louis. It was a big meet and everything went well.

- **Drug Education Committee**

No Report

- **Drug Testing Committee**

Mike Hartle – In 2002, 639 tests given, 10 positive (1.6%). In 2003 to July 1 – 413 tests – 13 positive. The new forms are being used. When giving a test take your time and do it right. Do not have the athlete sign until done with test. The lab that we use is now in Las Vegas. When hosting an event, ask for extra kits to cover any mistakes that may be made. We are expanding Out of Meet Testing. Looking to create an OMT Board. Any one interested should contact Mike Hartle. If you are asked to help with an OMT, please do so. Doping Control Passport: IPF has put this on hold, but USAPL will go ahead with it. We will lead the way at this year's men's and women's worlds. The passport will show that the lifter has been tested within the last 6 months at an IOC lab. Responses to some questions raised by NGB: *Positives tests cannot be reported/posted until the entire appeals process is completed. Some take longer than others. *Please look at drug testing forms when they arrive to make sure that they are correct and you have everything you need.

- **Finance and Ethics Committee**
Kim Newman – this committee is the middleman for the EC. It is helping to clear up rules and equipment questions, as well as dealing with complaints. All is done as anonymously as possible. Want people to feel comfortable coming to the committee with concerns. The financial end looks in order. Looking for more members for this committee. Information dealt with in this committee must be kept confidential. A financial or auditor background is helpful but not necessary.
- **Law and Legislation Committee**
Lucian Gillis, Jr. – Proposed bylaw amendments were made by this committee to make the organization ready for Olympic acceptance. They are based on federal mandates and will put us into compliance. Will be addressed during amendments.
- **Masters' Committee**
Johnny Graham – 2002, we had a very successful world team. 48 slots were sent to Argentina. The masters' team won all 5 categories. Thanks to the coaches and help that went along. Looking at adjusting the dates for bench and masters to keep dates apart. 2003 team selection completed.
- **Police and Fire Committee**
No report
- **Publicity and Fund Raising Committee**
No report
- **Referees' Committee**
Bill Clayton – try to score judges tests within a week. Recertification for CAT II needs to be done. Looking into how it will be done.
- **Sports Medicine Committee**
Mike Hartle – Adding new doctors to the committee.
- **Teenage/Junior Committee**
Trey Cunningham – HS nationals in Omaha, NE. It was a great meet. Teen/Juniors was held in Baton Rouge – also a great meet. Looking at holding meets in an alternating North/South location to make available to all. Bids for 2006 should be sent to Trey. No sub-jr team this year – being held in India. Not considered a safe location. Junior team is ready to go.
- **Women's Committee**
Liz Willett – Great year. 2003 nationals was the biggest ever. World team was 20 points away from best possible score. The number women lifters is soaring.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none known)

8. PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS (By-laws require 2/3 vote of the NGB)

A. **Motions** submitted by Lucian Gillis, Jr., Chairman – Law & Legislation Committee

In keeping with my duties under USAPL By-law sections 1.5, 1.6, and 14.1, I propose the following changes to the By-laws. In 1978 the United States enacted very specific statutory requirements for the national governing body of the amateur sports organization for any sport included on the program for the Olympic Games. These same requirements are mandated for any sports organization seeking to be recognized by the USOC. By federal statutory mandate, no amateur sports organization is eligible to be recognized as a national governing body unless it complies with all of the requirements provided in 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(1) to (13). A copy of this and related statutes is attached.

Most of these requirements were put in to be politically correct and are absolutely non-controversial from our standpoint. A few will require changes to our structure, but I do not think there is anything here we cannot live with. Notably, we must provide that certain disputes are to be resolved by mandatory arbitration. We also must provide that at least 20% of our Executive Committee membership and voting power be held by those who are actively engaged in powerlifting or who have represented the U.S. in international competition within the last 10 years. USA Weightlifting has met all these requirements, as have all sports the USOC recognizes. Quite simply, since 1978 Congress has decreed that any sport that does not meet every one of these requirements is not eligible to be in the Olympics. We must comply with all of them before we can even be considered for USOC recognition. Note: When we need to be 100% compliant the EC will revisit withdrawn amendments.

1. Withdrawn Add section 6.4 to provide:

Section 6.4 USOC-mandated arbitration. Upon demand by the USOC, USA Powerlifting must submit to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association any controversy involving its recognition as a national governing body, as provided by 36 U.S.C. § 395. Athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and other officials who are aggrieved by decisions of the Discipline Committee or the Executive Committee concerning that person's opportunity to participate (or attempt to qualify for selection to participate) in international athletic competitions may submit the matter to a regional office of the American Arbitration Association for binding arbitration according to Article IX of the USOC Constitution and Chapter IX of the USOC Bylaws, and according to 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(3). Any demand for arbitration must be made within six months after the date of the decision giving rise to the person's alleged denial of the opportunity to participate in the protected competition involved.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(3). This language is taken partially from USA Weightlifting's constitution & by-laws, §107.8.

2. Passed Insert at the end of section 1.3:

USA Powerlifting is autonomous in governing powerlifting. It independently determines and controls all matters central to such governance, it does not delegate such determination and control, and it is free from outside restraint. It is a member of only one international sports

federation that governs a sport included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(4).

3. **Withdrawn** Insert at the beginning of section 2.1.A:

A. Group membership. Membership is open to any amateur sports organization that conducts programs in powerlifting.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(5).

4. **Passed** Insert at the beginning of section 2.1.B:

B. Individual membership. Membership is open to any individual who is an amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official active in powerlifting.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(5).

5. **Passed** Add the following additional condition to section 7.3:

F. All amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials must have an equal opportunity to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination of the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(6).

6. **Withdrawn** Insert at the end of section 8.1:

Any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official must be provided with fair notice and opportunity for hearing under section 6.3 before being declared ineligible to participate.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(6).

7. **Passed** Insert at the end of section 4.2:

Executive Committee members are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex, except that there should be reasonable representation of both males and females. The officers must not also be officers of any other amateur sports organization recognized by the USOC.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. §§ 391(b)(7) and (10).

8. **Withdrawn** Insert at the end of section 4.2:

At least two Executive Committee members must be actively engaged in amateur powerlifting competition or have represented the United States in international powerlifting competition

within the preceding 10 years.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(8).

9. **Withdrawn** Add another classification for group membership under section 2.1.A.:

6. *Other national sports organizations.* This consists of those amateur sports organizations of general or special jurisdiction that conduct – on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur powerlifting competition – regular national programs of powerlifting competitions, including an annual national championship. Such organizations will have reasonable direct representation on the Executive Committee, based on the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of the organization in relation to all other such programs and competitions in such sport in the United States.

Author's comment – This is mandated generally under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(9). This language is taken partially from USA Weightlifting's constitution & by-laws, §102.1(2).

10. **Withdrawn** Delete section 12.2.B. (disqualification for competing for money), section 12.4 (defining competing for money) and section 13.2 (eligibility for reinstatement after competing for money), and renumber other sections appropriately. Change the beginning of section 12.2 to read:

Section 12.2 Grounds for disqualification. USA Powerlifting does not have eligibility requirements relating to amateur status that are more restrictive than those of the IPF. A person is, however, disqualified or suspended from competing in powerlifting by committing any of the following acts:

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(12). In 2001 the IPF Congress deleted all references to amateurism and professionalism from the IPF Constitution, By-Laws, Technical Rules and other official IPF documents. The reason given for that proposal was, "The IPF should recognize and cater for both amateur and professional powerlifting. This will recognize the 'real world' situation, as it is realistic in the modern era to recognize that powerlifters are entitled to benefit financially from their sport."

11. **Passed** Insert at the end of section 1.5:

USA Powerlifting is prepared to meet the obligations imposed on a national governing body under 36 U.S.C. § 392.

Author's comment – This is mandated under 36 U.S.C. § 391(b)(13).

B. Motion submitted by Steve Howard **Withdrawn**

Amend article I section 1.4 to allow for the national office to remain in it's current location if an incoming President and the NGB are in agreement that it is prudent to do so.

Rationale:

It is no longer practical to be potentially moving the national office every three years. More flexibility in the by-laws regarding national office location will be less burdensome to the organization and help to make the position attractive to a larger number of qualified potential candidates in the future.

C. Motion submitted by James Hart

The position of Past President be added to the Executive Committee.

Amended to read: The position of the most current Past President be added to the Executive Committee for a period of 1 year. This position will be advisory and non-voting. Passed

D. Motions submitted by Larry Maile

1. Eliminate the salaries of USAPL President, Vice President, and Treasurer. USAPL will pay for the travel, e.g. airfare, of the President to each National Competition, and the IPF World Congress. USAPL will pay the travel of the Vice President to four National Championships, and to key state or regional competitions in his/her region. USAPL will pay the travel of the Treasurer to three National Championships. Failed
2. Designate a full-time, permanent National Office. Withdrawn
3. Allow awarding of prize money at USAPL competition. Withdrawn

E. Motion submitted by Steve Heyl

Deferred to the Marketing and Promotion Committee.

Motion to add to the bylaws the category of memberships called: Try and Buy Membership:

1. Try and Buy Membership: The Try and Buy Membership is designed to reduce the cost of membership barrier for lifters new to competition.
 - a. Try and Buy Memberships will be one quarter the cost of a full year USAPL membership. The membership must be purchased at a local or state meet and will be valid for the duration of that meet only. The full amount paid shall go to the National Office. Try and Buy Memberships will not be offered at national or international meets.
 - b. Try and Buy Members will not receive a membership card but will receive a dated receipt for their membership.
 - c. Try and Buy Members will be subject to drug testing.
 - d. Try and Buy Members will not be eligible to set records at any level.
 - e. Try and Buy Members will be eligible for awards at the meet for which their membership is effective.
 - f. The fee for paid for one and only one Try and Buy Membership may be applied towards the fee for a full USAPL membership by presenting one Try and Buy Membership receipt, dated not more than one year from the date of application for full membership, along with the application for full membership.

Rationale:

The cost for a new lifter to enter his/her first meet can easily approach \$100 between the meet fee and the cost of a full USAPL membership. Especially for single lift (e.g. Bench only) meets, this discourages lifters from entering who otherwise might become regular lifters. The Try and Buy Membership is designed to reduce this barrier for these new lifters. The rationale for the specific provisions are:

- a. This sets the price of the Try and Buy Membership as a percentage of the full membership so that this section doesn't need to be modified every time the full membership price changes. This sets the limit of the membership so we don't have people trying to use it for national meets. The local meet directors do not get any of this amount, thus encouraging them to sell full memberships if possible.
- b. Try and Buy Members don't get a membership card so there is no cost to the national office for printing and mailing and to minimize record keeping required by national office to implement the proposal. They do get a receipt for use in case they decide to become a full member.
- c. No one who lifts in a USAPL meet should be exempt from drug testing.
- d. Only full members should be able to set records. This prevents experienced lifters from using the Try and Buy to avoid full membership responsibilities..
- e. The Try and Buy lifter is probably entering the meet to see if they can win a trophy, so we need to give them this incentive.
- f. To truly make this a Try and Buy, the amount of paid for the trial should be able to be applied to a full membership. Note that it may be applied to a full membership only, not a high school membership. Note that only one Try and Buy receipt can be applied to the full membership regardless of how many Try and Buy memberships a person has paid for. Ideally, we would restrict a person to only one Try and Buy Membership, but that would require additional record keeping at the national level, so rather than that, this provision seeks to discourage multiple Try and Buy Membership purchases by allowing only one to be applied to a full membership. The receipt is the only proof of payment of the Try and Buy membership, so this must accompany the full membership application to use it. The one year restriction is to encourage people to convert their membership quickly.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The following agenda items were submitted for consideration.

A. Submitted by USAPL Coaching Committee

For Men's World Team selection only. Change the criteria for ranking alternates from the Carpino rule to a percentage of the current World Team qualifying standard, which is the average of the 5th place total from the previous five Worlds.

Rationale-The percentage system is more accurate, easier to compute and significantly decrease the likelihood of ties compared to the Carpino rule.

Passed – goes into effect for 2004

B. Submitted by Jim Hart

1. A Push/Pull National Championships be sanctioned, to be held in conjunction with the Deadlift Nationals. Passed
Discussion: Other organizations are having success with a Push/Pull, why not us too. Also, Deadlift Nationals need something to revive it. I prefer the name Ironman Championships (we in Nebraska call the Push/Pull the Ironman, and we recognize state records there also.)
2. Elevated platforms be limited to 18" off of the floor Withdrawn

3. National Referees must make themselves available for judging at least 4 National Meets over a 4 year period. Failure to do so will result in suspension of the referee's credentials. Passed
4. National Referees that have not made themselves available to judge at least 6 National Meets over a four year period must take a written test to renew their credentials. Withdrawn

C. Submitted by Larry Maile

Follow all IPF technical and equipment rules.

Amended to read: Follow IPF technical and equipment rules pertaining to supportive equipment and Rules of Performance. Passed

D. Submitted by Mike Rosenwald Dies

(Note: highlights and paragraphs added for focus on points presented.)

I have just returned from the Master's Nationals in Baton Rouge. While there I spoke with many other lifters and many of us have the same gripes. So I would like to send them in as three points.

First: Teams. Team Titan took the team trophy. That is unfair. Team Titan is a handpicked collection of the best lifters. **Teams should be local**, like Team Ohio or Team Utah. I came to the Nationals like many other people for competition. If there isn't any, why would I bother to show up? This should have been caught before the contest. But since it wasn't, let's get it together in the future.

Second: Ages based on calendar year. Who came up with this? The Europeans? We should be leading them, like we do in everything else, not following them. This rule is REALLY dumb. For example, a 49 year old lifter having a super year now finds himself in a position where he is unable to set any records, for reasons not of his own choosing. If he retires or gets injured and takes 10 years to come back he'll find himself in the same spot, and never be able to set those marks. Why should he not lift for the AAU or IPA? We should not be chasing members away because of silliness. An unhappy membership is another organization's membership. And like it or not, the NGB, either national or international is not the association. Paid or not, they are the employees of the association. And no one voted on this. This rule was not made by God. It was made by the board & could be changed by the board. Age, like weight, only should have one standard. Either it is or it isn't. Reality should be the governing force. Bad rules should be changed. Bad officials keep those rules.

Third: Older lifters setting younger records. Did a breathing person actually come up with this? A super lifter who first competes at 60 and sets a high record also now holds the 40 & 50 year old records in the same weight class? Even though he never competed in those age groups? This has to be a misprint! Records should be earned. But according to this rule the 40 & 50 year old records could be set by no one. A lot of people avoid us because we're the strictest. Let's try to keep that the only reason we're avoided. You should lift with all your heart. And you should think with your head.

E. Submitted by Teen/Jr Committee Withdrawn

A lifter who is 13 years of age be allowed to compete in USAPL sanctioned meets during the year they turn 14. I.e. a 13 year old that does not turn 14 until July would miss out on any opportunity to qualify.

10.ELECTIONS

A. President (select one)

- i. Robert Keller – withdrew name
- ii. Larry Maile
- iii. Michael Overdeer

Elected: Larry Maile

B. Executive Committee (select two)

- i. Ray Benemerito
- ii. Steve Howard
- iii. Sandra Perron
- iv. Priscilla Ribic
- v. Ernie Surell

Elected: Ray Benemerito and Steve Howard

Motion to take nominations from the floor for Vice President and to hold election. Passed
Nominations:

- Johnny Graham
- Robert Keller
- Lance Slaughter
- Tod Miller – declined

Elected: Johnny Graham

11.HONORARY AWARDS

A. Brother Bennet Award (select one)

1. Bill Clayton
2. Lance Slaughter
3. Walter Thomas
4. Lloyd Weinstein

Selected: Bill Clayton

B. Coach of the Year (select one)

1. Patrick Anderson – withdrew name
2. Johnny Graham

Selected: Johnny Graham

12. USAPL CONTEST SCHEDULE

USA Powerlifting National Championships - Meets Awarded

2003

| Meet | Host | Location | Date |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Women's Nationals | Johnny Graham | Killeen, TX | Jan 24-26 |
| High School Nationals | Jim Hart | Omaha, NE | March 21-23 |
| Collegiate Nationals | Mike Cissell | St. Louis, MO | April 12-13 |
| Masters Nationals | Paul Fletcher | Baton Rouge, LA | May |
| Teen/Junior Nationals | Paul Fletcher | Baton Rouge, LA | May 31-June 1 |
| Squat Nationals | | | |
| Men's Nationals | Steve Howard | Rapid City, SD | July 18-20 |
| Bench Press Nationals | Joe Morreale/Pro Fitness | New Jersey | August 23-24 |
| Lifetime Drug Free | Tom North | Irving, TX | September 20-21 |
| Police & Fire Nationals | Tim Anderson | Nebraska | |
| Deadlift Nationals | Rick Fowler/Harold Gaines | St. Louis, MO | October 4 |
| Military/Armed Forces | JD Carr | Texas | March 8 |

2004

| Meet | Host | Location | Date |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Women's Nationals | Jim Hart | Nebraska | |
| High School Nationals | Bruce Sullivan | Racine, WI | March 26-28 |
| Collegiate Nationals | Jim Hart | Lincoln, NE | April |
| Masters Nationals | Tom North | Texas | May |
| Teen/Junior Nationals | Him Hart | Omaha, NE | June |
| Squat Nationals | Harold/Dawn Gaines | Missouri | |
| Men's Nationals | Paul Fletcher | Louisiana | July |
| Bench Press Nationals | Johnny Graham | Killeen, TX | |
| Lifetime Drug Free | | | |
| Police & Fire Nationals | | | |
| Deadlift Nationals | Daniel Gaudreau | Colorado | |
| Military/Armed Forces | Johnny Graham | Texas | |

2005

| Meet | Host | Location | Date |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|
| Women's Nationals | Tom North | Texas | |
| High School Nationals | Johnny Graham | Texas | |
| Collegiate Nationals | Paul Fletcher | Louisiana | |
| Masters Nationals | Lance Slaughter | California | |
| Teen/Junior Nationals | Johnny Graham | Texas | |
| Squat Nationals | | | |
| Men's Nationals | Johnny Graham | Texas | |
| Bench Press Nationals | Dawn & Harold Gaines | Missouri | |
| Lifetime Drug Free | | | |
| Police & Fire Nationals | | | |
| Deadlift Nationals | | | |
| Military/Armed Forces | | | |
| World Games | | | July 16 |

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Bids Received for Open Meets

Motion to accept committee recommendations for meets. Passed

All other bids voted by NGB. Only voted for meets in the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar years. 2006 bids will be held for future consideration.

Bench Press Nationals

- 2005 – Jim Hart – Nebraska
- 2005 – Larry Miller – Ohio
- 2005 – Dennis Brady – Illinois
- 2005 – Harold & Dawn Gaines & Kurtis Miller – Missouri - Awarded
- 2006 – Dennis Brady – Illinois

American Open

- 2003 – Johnny Graham – Texas

Masters Nationals

- 2004 – Tom North – Texas - Awarded

Men's Open

- 2005 – Dennis Brady – Illinois
- 2005 – Johnny Graham - Texas - Awarded
- 2006 – Dennis Brady – Illinois

Women's Nationals

- 2005 – Dennis Brady – Illinois
- 2006 – Dennis Brady – Illinois

Teen/Junior Nationals

- 2005 – Dennis Brady – Illinois
- 2005 – Tom North – Texas (Committee recommendation) - Awarded
- 2006 – Dennis Brady – Illinois

Squat Nationals

- 2004 – Harold & Dawn Gaines & Kurtis Miller – Missouri - Awarded

High School Nationals

- 2005 – Harold & Dawn Gaines and Kurtis Miller – Missouri
- 2005 – Johnny Graham – Texas (Committee recommendation) - Awarded

Deadlift Nationals and Push/Pull Nationals

- Daniel Gaudreau – Colorado - Awarded

13. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

- Tod Miller – Concerns about the dates of Teen/Juniors and Men's Nationals being back-to-back. Discussion.
- Jon Magendie – Collegiate Committee Motions:
 1. Team competition at the Collegiate Nationals shall be limited to teams composed of lifters all attending the same school; to with there shall be no teams entered that do not represent eligible institutions. Passed
 2. Allow one year extension of the age-limit for prior military or religious service, pending approval by Collegiate Committee; said request to be submitted six months in advance of the pending Collegiate Nationals. Passed
- Jon Magendie –
 - Motion to eliminate the Teen/Jr women's divisions from the Women's Nationals and move it to the men's Teen/Jr Nationals. Failed
- Steve Howard –
 - Motion to Amend article 1 section 1.4 to allow the EC to determine a location for the national office by 12/31/2003. In the future the national office may be relocated by a 2/3 vote of the NGB.
 - Discussion – motion to amend and strike 12/31/2003 from the above motion. Passed
 - Vote for motion to Amend article 1 section 1.4 to allow the EC to determine a location for the national office. In the future the national office may be relocated by a 2/3 vote of the NGB. Passed

Jon Magendie –

- Motion to not pull Teen/Jrs from Women's, but add a women's Teen/Jr division to the men's Teen/Jrs. It would serve as a National/World team qualifier. Failed

Teen/Jr Committee – Trey Cunningham

- IPF team scoring will be used for high school teams and men's junior teams, but not for men's teenage teams. Passed

Motion to adjourn at 9:40pm

Recognition of Michael Overdeer for his dedication to our organization.