

**6th Annual
North American Powerlifting Federation (NAPF) Congress
Verschillend Restaurant – Oranjestad, Aruba
June 18, 2008 [1:00 – 3:00pm]**

I. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Robert Keller, NAPF General Secretary, called the meeting to order, with Dr. Maile, NAPF presiding over the Congress.
- b. Mr. Sergio Centeno, NAPF Championship Secretary and Scoring Manager from Puerto Rico, provided translation for the Spanish only speakers.

II. Role Call of Voting Members & Delegates

- a. Aruba – Mr. William Woodley, APF General Secretary
- b. Bahamas – Not present
- c. Barbados – Not present
- d. British Virgin Islands – Not present
- e. Canada – Not Present
- f. Cayman Islands – Not present
- g. Costa Rica – Jorge Hernandez, Executive Committee Member
- h. Cuba – Not present
- i. Dominican Republic – Not present
- j. El Salvador – Not present
- k. Guatemala – Marcos Morales, GPF Executive Committee Member
- l. Haiti – Not present
- m. Honduras – Not present
- n. Jamaica – Not present
- o. Mexico – Gabriel Corona, President of Mexico Powerlifting Federation
- p. Nicaragua – Not present
- q. Netherlands Antilles – Not present
- r. Panama – Not present
- s. Puerto Rico – Sergio Centeno, PPF Executive Member
- t. Trinidad & Tobago – Andrew Bernard, President TTPF
- u. United States of America – Mr. Bill Clayton
- v. United State Virgin Islands – Not present
- w. NAPF President – Dr. Larry Maile
- x. NAPF General Secretary – Robert Keller
- y. NAPF Technical Chairman – Bill Clayton
- z. NAPF Athletes Representative – Tony McInerney

III. Approval of Minutes from 2007 NAPF Congress – Guatemala City, Guatemala

- a. Passed [10 – 0]

IV. NAPF President's Address [Dr. Larry Maile]

- a. Welcomed the athletes and delegates to the NAPF Congress.
- b. Thanked Mr. William Woodley for hosting the championship this year.
- c. Praised and thanked the member federations for their continued developed even despite the many obstacles and challenges they face.
- d. Encouraged the member federations to undertake robust and vigorous youth development programs to develop their member federations.
- e. Mandated that each member federation be very familiar with the WADA Code and the IPF Anti-doping rules/guidelines and ensuring their championships are in compliance with the established anti-doping guidelines.

- V. General Secretary Address [Robert Keller]**
- a. Welcomed the athletes and delegates to the NAPF Congress.
 - b. Thanked Mr. William Woodley for hosting the championship this year.
 - c. Praised and thanked the member federations for their continued developed even despite the many obstacles and challenges they face.
 - d. Thanked the Aruba Anti-doping organization for their generosity in volunteering to oversee the anti-doping controls at the championship.
 - e. An IPF/WADA Anti-doping seminar will be hosted at the Pan-American Bench Press Championships in Costa Rica on September 26 – 28, 2008.
 - f. Thanked our sponsors – Titan Support Systems, Inzer Advance Designs, Ivanko Barbell, ER Equipment and Weightlifters Warehouse for their generous and kind support of the championships. Special thanks go out to Bill Ennis for oversee the delivery of the new weights to Aruba in time for the championship.
 - g. Panama and Nicaragua were accepted as provisional members at the 2007 IPF Congress.
 - h. The Aruba Powerlifting Federation, the British Virgins Powerlifting Federation, the Trinidad and Tobago Powerlifting Federation, and the US Virgin Islands Federation have submitted the necessary documents to be moved from provisional to full members of the International Powerlifting Federation. Full membership will be determined at the IPF Congress in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada on Sunday, November 02, 2008.
 - i. Official guidelines on NAPF championship direction, fees, and guidelines will be finalized by the end of 2008 and will go into effect January 2009.
 - j. It will be mandatory that a WADA drug control officer be present at all NAPF Regional/Sub-regional championships.
 - k. The 12th Pan-American Powerlifting Championships will be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala during June 2009. Both the South and North American Championships will be included with this competition.
- VI. Elections**
- a. All by acclimation [10- 0]
 - i. President – Dr. Larry Maile [USA]
 - ii. Vice-president – Nestor Gregory [Puerto Rico]
 - iii. General Secretary – Robert Keller [USA]
 - iv. Technical Chairman – Bill Clayton [USA]
 - v. Championship Secretary – Sergio Centeno [Puerto Rico]
 - b. Appointments by the NAPF Executive
 - i. Board Member Representative – North America / Jeff Butt [Canada]
 - ii. Board Member Representative – Central America / Dr. Hugo Velasquez [Costa Rica]
 - iii. Board Member Representative – Caribbean Islands / Mr. William Woodley [Aruba]
- VII. Congress Agenda Items**
- a. 2009 World Games Selection Guidelines – Taiwan
 - i. Primary championship for selections will be the IPF World Championships in Canada. Secondary qualifiers for the World Games will be the respective regional championships. Selections will be made after the completion of the IPF World Championships in Canada and posted onto the IPF and NAPF websites.

- b. Central American & Caribbean Games [Gregory/Keller]
 - i. Robert Keller visited Puerto Rico during February 2008 and met with the Major of Aguadilla, the Minister of Sport, and the Minister of Finance and Nestor Gregory, President of the PRPF to secure and finalize this championship. The NAPF North American Championships will be included with the Games to ensure the best possible turnout. It will be moved from Mexico.
- c. NAPF Development Conference [Keller]
 - i. The conference is being proposed for the fall of 2009. The conference will focus on training, coaching, officiating, anti-doping procedures, competition direction, and organizational development of the member federations and the region as a whole.
- d. Youth Development / IOC Code of Conduct [Maile/Keller]
 - i. The NAPF proposal, passed at the 2007 NAPF Congress, on youth development, was presented to the IPF Congress and passed by unanimous vote. The motion allows for and encourages IPF member federations to pursue youth development clinics, contests, seminars, demonstrations and programs. The motion to institute an IPF Code of Conduct was also passed and now mirrors the IOC Code of Conduct for all athletes, coaches, officials and administrators
- e. IPF Membership Dues – [Keller]
 - i. Please ensure that all NAPF “full” members pay their IPF Membership Fees, via wire transfer to Gaston Parage, in a timely manner.
- f. NAPF Membership Dues [Keller]
 - i. Invoices will be sent at the beginning of the year and should be paid at one of the regional or sub-regional championship during the course of the calendar year.
- g. NAPF Member Federation Sanction Fees for Championships [Keller]
 - i. Sanction Fees remain at \$100 USD per championship.
- h. Review WADA Code – Standards and Guidelines [Keller]
 - i. An IPF/WADA Anti-doping seminar will be hosted at the Pan-American Bench Press Championships in Costa Rica on September 26 – 28, 2008. All Member federations of the NAPF are encouraged to attend.
 - ii. On a “positive” note there have been no positive test results during for the past three [3] years, at an NAPF Championship. The NAPF is the leader in anti-doping education.

VIII. IPF/NAPF Calendar of Events

- a. 2008 Caribbean Championships – Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI
 - i. Very successful event – 30+ lifters, one IPF World Record.
Compliments for a directing a very good championship go out to Robert Massey, President of the USVI Federation.
- b. 2008 North American Regional Powerlifting Championships – Oranjestad, Aruba
- c. 2008 Central, North and Pan-Am Regional Bench Press – San Jose, Costa Rica
- d. 2008 IPF World Masters Powerlifting Championships – Palm Springs, California
- e. 2008 Central American Powerlifting Championships – Guatemala City, Guatemala
 - i. Scheduled for the fall/winter of 2008.
- f. 2008 IPF World Powerlifting Championships – Newfoundland, Canada

- g. 2009 Caribbean Championships - Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI
 - i. Cayman Islands Federation withdrew their bid due to government funding and elections.
 - h. 2009 North American Regional Powerlifting – Guatemala City, Guatemala
 - i. 2009 Pan-American Powerlifting Championships – Guatemala City, Guatemala
 - i. The FE.SO.PO South American Championship will be held with this championship ensuring the largest championship in the Pan-American Region ever.
 - j. 2009 North American Regional Bench Press – Acapulco, Mexico
 - k. 2010 Caribbean Championships – Trinidad & Tobago
 - l. 2010 Central American & Caribbean Games – Aguadilla, Puerto Rico
 - m. 2010 North American Regional Powerlifting Championships – Aguadilla, PR
 - i. Moved from Mexico to Aguadilla Puerto Rico
 - n. 2010 North American Regional Bench Press – Puerto Rico
 - o. 2010 Central American Bench Press Championships – Undecided
- IX. Bids for Future Championships
- a. 2011 Caribbean Championships
 - i. Awarded to Aruba
 - b. 2011 North American Regional Powerlifting Championships
 - i. Undecided – the championship may be hosted with Pan-American Championships in Argentina. Confirmation during October 2008.
 - c. 2011 North American Regional Bench Press Championships
 - i. Managua, Nicaragua
 - d. 2011 Central American Powerlifting Championships
 - i. Managua, Nicaragua
- X. IPF Motions to Congress
- a. Technical Rule Change – Jury Procedures.
 - i. See attachment A
- XI. New Member Federations
- a. Turks and Caicos Islands and Bermuda
 - b. Both accepted [10 – 0]
- XII. Disciplinary
- a. Nothing to report. However, all athletes, coaches and administrators of the IOC Code of Conduct accepted and passed at the 2007 IPF Congress in Soelden, Austria
- XIII. Motions from the Floor
- a. Recognition of Asociación de Levantamiento de Potencia del Valle de México A.C. (ASOLEPO VAME A.C.)
 - i. Since June 2006, the Asociación de Levantamiento de Potencia del Valle de México A.C. (ASOLEPO VAME A.C.) has fully supported, without reservation, the development of Powerlifting within the North America, Central America and the Caribbean Islands. President Gabriel Corona has fully supported both the enforcement of the WADA Code, and well as the NAPF's educational efforts in combating the use of performance enhancing drugs.

- ii. The Federación Mexicana de Levantamiento de Potencia A.C. (FEMELEPO A.C.), under the leadership of Mr. Victor Gomez has officially withdrawn from the NAPF and IPF. Mr. Gomez's federation has decided to pursue activities with the World Powerlifting Federation [WPF], a non drug-tested Powerlifting organization that is based in Austria, on both a national and international level.
- iii. Attempts in communicating with Mr. Gomez have met with silence.
- b. The NAPF Congress to voted [10 – 0] to give provisional recognition to the Asociación de Levantamiento de Potencia del Valle de México A.C. (ASOLEPO VAME A.C.)
- c. Per Dr. Maile, an official letter will be sent to both Mr. Gabriel Corona President of the Mexican Federation - a ASOLEPO VAME A.C. and to Detlev Albrings, the President of the IPF [Completed].

XIV. Adjournment

Signed, prepared and certified: September 18, 2008

Robert Keller

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General Secretary

North American Powerlifting Federation

Attachment A:

Technical Rule Motion to the 2008 IPF Congress

MOTION #1

JURY

The current technical rule #9 under Jury reads as follows:

9. Only in extreme circumstances when there has been an obvious or blatant mistake in the refereeing will the Jury in consultation with the referees, **by majority vote**, reverse the decision.

Change technical rule #9, under Jury to read as follows:

9. Only in extreme circumstances when there has been an obvious or blatant mistake in the refereeing will the Jury in consultation with the referees, **by unanimous vote, reverse the decision of the seated referee on the platform.**

Rationale

Technical rule #9, changed arbitrarily, after the 2008 IPF World championships in Austria, hypothetically now allows the possibility of two [2] IPF Category I Referees on the Jury, to overturn the decision of three [3] IPF Category I referees on the platform as well as the other Category I Jury Member – Hardly, at all, fair to the athletes.

MOTION #2

IPF Technical Committee

Add the following:

11. The Chairman of the Technical Committee will be present at all sessions of lifting during the course of the Men/Women's Open World Powerlifting Championships.

Rationale:

11. the chairman of the Technical Committee will be required to be present during the entire championship, so as to oversee and ensure the IPF Technical Rules is being correctly applied and followed.