

**FESUPO/NAPF Pan-American Congress/General Assembly Meeting  
Pan-American Powerlifting Championships  
August 5, 2009 [1:00 – 3:00pm]  
Jasmine Conference Room / Hyatt Hotel  
Miami, Florida, USA**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Meeting called to order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Robert Keller, Secretary General, North American Powerlifting Federation
  - b. Sergio Centeno served as the official translator for PanAm General Assembly.
- II. Roll Call of Voting Members & Delegates
- III. NAPF President's Address / Dr. Larry Maile
- IV. FESUPO President's Address / Mr. Julio Conrado
- V. NAPF Secretary General Address / Mr. Robert Keller
- VI. FESUPO Secretary General / Mr. Jose Luis
  - a. Not Present
- VII. Agenda Items:
  - a. Policy/procedures for athlete nominations to IPF / NAPF / FESUPO Championships.
    - i. Reviewed the IPF and NAPF guidelines concerning the nomination of athletes to international and world championships. Guidelines will be enforced and those member federations nominating athletes that do not attend without official confirmation of withdrawal will be held accountable for the participating as well as the anti-doping fees.
  - b. Pan-American Championship Results – NAPF Website / Robert Keller
    - i. All Pan-American Championship results are now archived on the NAPF Website.
  - c. Establishment of Pan-American Championship Records – NAPF Website
    - i. Special thanks to Ivan Cancel for the creation of the records
    - ii. Special thanks to Tony Cardella for creating the Pan-American Championship database.
  - d. Discussion Item: NAPF Regional Raw/Unequipped Championship – 2010
    - i. Majority and consensus of the member federation delegates attending the general assembly meeting rejected the concept of having an international raw/unequipped championship.
  - e. National Anti-doping Reports
    - i. Requested the member federations be timelier in sending their national anti-doping reports to the IPF.
- VIII. IPF Calendar of Events:
  - a. 2009 IPF World Junior Championships – Ribeirao Preto, Brazil
  - b. 2010 IPF World Masters Bench Press Championships – Orlando, Florida
  - c. 2010 IPF World Junior/Open Bench Press Championships – Killeen, Texas

- IX. Confirmation of future championships:
  - a. NAPF [All confirmed at General Assembly]
    - i. 2009 NAPF North American Regional BP Championships – Mexico
    - ii. 2010 NAPF North American Regional PL Championships – Puerto Rico
    - iii. 2010 NAPF North American Regional BP Championships – BVI
    - iv. 2010 NAPF Caribbean BP/PL Championships – Guyana
  - b. FESUPO [Uruguay confirmed/Colombia not confirmed]
    - i. 2010 FESUPO South American Regional PL Championships – Uruguay
    - ii. 2010 FESUPO South American Regional BP Championships – Colombia
  - c. Pan-American Championships [located to be confirmed by December 2009]
    - i. 2011 Pan-American Championships – Buenos Aires, Argentina
    - ii. 2011 Pan-American Games – Guadalajara, Mexico
  
- X. Motions to IPF Congress [Please see attachment A]
  - a. Technical Rule Change – Jury Procedures / Resubmission to IPF General Assembly.
  - b. Technical Rule Change – Allow Women’s 44kg and Men’s 52kg weight classes to be contested at annual continental/regional championships
  - c. Both motions passed unanimously.
  
- XI. New Member Federations:
  - a. Guyana Powerlifting placed forward to IPF Congress for Full Membership
  
- XII. Disciplinary:
  - a. Aruba [Suspended] Failure to pay Doping Fine / 2008 NAPF North American Championships
  - b. Peru – Mr. Lorenzo Allain / Lifetime suspension
  
- XIII. Motions from the Floor:
  - a. No motions from the floor were discussed.
  
- XIV. Adjournment:
  - a. 3:00 pm

**Signed, prepared and certified: August 15, 2009**

**Robert Keller  
Secretary General  
North American Powerlifting Federation**

## **Attachment A:**

Technical Rule Motion to the 2009 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 was changed after the 2008 IPF World championships in Austria without the approval of the IPF Congress. The [change in the process] 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 third Category I Jury Member.

### **MOTION #2**

#### **WEIGHT CATEGORIES**

Allow Women's 44kg and Men's 52kg weight classes to be contested at annual national/continental/regional championships.

#### **Rationale**

When the women's 44kg and men's 52kg weight classes were eliminated from the technical rules, the technical committee did not take into account the large number of member federations and regions as a whole [Asia, North and South America], have an abundance of lifters that take part in these two weight classes. At a minimum, the national and regional federations should be allowed to contest and set national, regional and world records in these two categories at their annual national and regional championships.