

**11th Annual
North American Powerlifting Federation General Assembly
Regency Ballroom: Hyatt Regency Hotel - Orlando International Airport
Orlando, Florida USA
Tuesday, July 2, 2012 / 10:00am – 12:00pm**

I. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 hrs with introduction of delegates of the NAPF, IPF, and FESUPO
- b. Roll call of attending NAPF and IPF Executive members and the NAPF and FESUPO member Federations. Attending were the following:
 - i. Mr. Robert Keller – NAPF President
 - ii. Sr. Fernando Baez – NAPF VP / Absent
 - iii. Mr. Johnny Graham – IPF Vice-President
 - iv. Dr. Larry Maile – IPF Board Member for North America / Absent
 - v. Mr. Sergio Centeno – NAPF Secretary General and Championship Secretary
 - vi. Mr. Michael Licciardi – NAPF Finance Secretary / Treasurer
 - vii. Mr. Bill Clayton – NAPF Technical Chairman
 - viii. Mr. Ivan Cancel – NAPF Records Manager
 - ix. Mr. PJ Couvillion – IPF Technical Committee
 - x. Ecuador
 - xi. Guatemala
 - xii. Brazil
 - xiii. Mexico
 - xiv. Costa Rica
 - xv. Venezuela
 - xvi. Canada
 - xvii. Uruguay
 - xviii. Guyana
 - xix. Puerto Rico
 - xx. Trinidad & Tobago
 - xxi. USA
 - xxii. USVI
- c. The Bahamas, the BVI, and the Cayman Islands were absent.
- d. Mr. Sergio Centeno was designated official translator for the General Assembly.

II. IPF Board Member Address

- a. Mr. Robert Keller informed the delegates that Dr. Larry Maile is unable to attend and regrets not being a part of these Championships.

III. NAPF President's Message

- a. Mr. Robert Keller urged member Federations to continue to work to ensure that the spirit of Powerlifting is kept alive. This, he said, will only be achieved if member Federations remain updated about the rules of the sport.
- b. Mr. Keller reiterated the need for Federations to do national testing of athletes in an effort to keep the sport clean.

- c. The President pointed out that many Federations still have not done any form of testing of athletes and this must cease without delay. Athletes must be tested. These are all concerns that came out of the 2012 Review of the Anti-Doping Report.
- d. Mr. Keller reviewed the Puerto Rico World's Championships and gave it a thumbs-up and extended his compliments to the Sr. Fernando Baez and to his staff for a job well done. Overall, the championships was a success. He explained that five (5) athletes from the NAPF have qualified for the World Games in Colombia via the NAPF Championships held in the Cayman Islands and the World Championships in Puerto Rico.
- e. A Coaching Certificate Course was conducted in Trinidad and Tobago at which four (4) coaches were certified. This was a major success. As a result, another course will be conducted and Guyana is expected to send participants. This is scheduled for December.
- f. **IOC** recognition is still pending. The decision to recognize Powerlifting as an Olympic sport was postponed. However, greater effort is needed from Federations to convince IOC Members that Powerlifting be accepted as an Olympic recognized sport.
- g. **Out of Competition Testing (OCT)** is another important area for the Sport. National Federations must ensure that athletes are tested both in-competition and out-of-competition.

IV. NAPF Vice-President's Address

- a. Sr. Fernando Baez, Vice President of the NAPF, sends his best wishes for a successful Championship as he is unable to attend due to illness. President Keller encourages everyone to pray for his speedy recovery. He can be reached at **masterfernandobaez25@yahoo.com**.

V. NAPF Secretary-General's Address

- a. Mr. Sergio Centeno, General Secretary of the NAPF, has followed in the footsteps of his predecessor in calling for all athletes to ensure that they remain within the limits of the sport. He mentioned that drug cheats put a bad face on the sport and this must not be allowed to happen. Supplementation is an important element of the sport but it must be conducted according to WADA Rules. Senor Centeno urged all affiliated members to honor their membership commitment.

VI. NAPF Finance Secretary's Report

- a. Mr. Michael Licciardi said there is no major concerns but reiterated as in previous years that member federations must pay their memberships and fees to the IPF in a timely manner. The IPF is prepared to expel members if dues are not paid.

VII. NAPF Technical Chairman's Report

- a. Mr. Bill Clayton reiterated the importance of recertification of IPF Referees. This, he emphasized, will ensure that they remain in tune with the changes revolving around the sport. Referees were briefed on their roles at these Championships.
- b. Mr. Clayton told delegates that a referee should have at least two (2) international assignments and two (2) national assignments in order to be able to re-register in 2015.

- c. A re-certification seminar was conducted for all referees at the Championship. This was conducted by P.J. Couvillion, member of the IPF Technical Committee and Mr. Bill Clayton, the Chairman of the NAPF Technical Committee.

VIII. **NAPF Championship Secretary's Report**

- a. Mr. Sergio Centeno updated Championship officials that all nominations/invitations procedures were done in a timely manner and this allowed for a relatively smooth preparation of all necessary information. While expressing gratitude for the timely manner in which nominations were addressed, he reiterated that it still remains vitally important for officials to continue along this path to ensure that all IPF/NAPF Championships are conducted in a professional manner.

NAPF Records Manager Report

Mr. Ivan Cancel informed that all records are in place for these Championships. These records include NAPF, Caribbean, and Pan-American. He alluded to the fact that these are Championship records and can only be broken at these Championships. He encouraged all member federations to keep updating their records.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Plans are afoot for the 2013 World Games to be held in Cali, Colombia. The South American Championships held in Colombia in 2012 was a successful dry-run for the World Games in terms of organizing. Coming out of the Worlds Open in Puerto Rico in October/November, 2012, athletes have been selected for the World Games. The World Games is held every four (4) years, similar to the Olympics.
- A Development Seminar was held in El Salvador. There are on-going discussions to have this nation recognized as a member nation. El Salvador Power-lifting Federation is directly affiliated to their Sports Ministry. All efforts are being made to have their affiliation status worked out.
- The newest member to the IPF is Anguilla.

UPDATES ON FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NAPF Secretary General gave an update on Championships billed for the remainder of 2013. He indicated that all arrangements are in place and IPF/NAPF officials are working assiduously with Championship organizers to meet deadlines.

These Championships are:

- 2013 IOC/IWGA World Games – Cali, Colombia
- IPF World Junior Power-lifting Championships – Killeen, Texas, USA
- IPF World Masters Power-lifting Championships – Orlando, Florida, USA
- 2013 North American Bench-Press Championships –October

2014 (To confirm)

- 2014 Caribbean Championships – Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
- 2014 North American Regional Power-lifting Championships – US VI
- 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games – Mexico/July
- IPF World Open Championships – Denver, Colorado/November