

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual WPF World Congress Minutes**

**Call to Order** by WPF Secretary-General Courtney Stanley at 1700hrs.

### **Roll Call:**

**Austria:** Mr. Gerhard Holleitner ( APC)

**Finland :** Absent

**Georgia:** Absent

**Germany:** Mr. Jorg Rodiger (PAG)

**Great Britain :** Mr. David Carter (BPO)

**Holland :** Absent

**Iceland :** Mr. Hermann Heraldson(Íslenska Kraftlyftingafélagsins Metal)

**Ireland:** Mr. Shane Brodie (IPO)

**Luxembourg :** Mr. Frank Engel (Powerlifting Luxembourg)

**Mexico :** Mr. Mario Hernandez(Femelepo,AC)

**USA:** Mr. David Jeffrey(USPF)

**Presidents Welcome Message and Annual Address:** Mr. Erik Butzelaar

\*\*at the conclusion of the President's address Mr. Butzelaar receiving no support to his proposals left the room. Holland was no longer represented for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Stanley having prepared the meeting agenda was left to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual WPF World Congress Meeting** were read and a motion was received to approve.

**The Secretary's Report** was given by **Mr. Stanley**

**The Treasurer's Report** was given by **Mr. Holleitner** : The Treasurer reported the WPF had 4,287 Euro's in reserve after the expenditure of 341 Euros for the WPF Banner.

**The Technical Officer's Report** was given by **Mr. Robert Campbell**

**The Finance Officers Report is defferred until 2011** :(Position having been restored at this meeting.\*\* See proceedings of Ballot Issue)

**Committee Reports:** Safety Committee Chaired by Mr. Shane Brodie reported on Monolift Safety. The text of which will be placed on the WPF Website.

### **National Affiliate Reports:**

**Austria:** Reports that several federations in Austria are vying for control. GH is attempting to bring them all under one umbrella.

**Finland:** Absent

**Germany:** Reports nearly 80 members predominately Bench Pressers. Germany has 26 Team members in Bath.

**Great Britain:** Reports 89 entries to the BPO Nationals and 95 Entries in the 2010 WPF Worlds. The BPO is showing coninued progress in deeds and membership.

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## National Affiliates Reports (Continued)

**Holland:** Absent

**Iceland:** Reports increasing momentum with 30 lifters at Nationals and despite a natural disaster at the time of the EPC Championships ,were able to conduct a succesful event.

**Ireland:** Reports 52 lifters at the IPO Nationals and is ready to be the Host Country for the 2011 EPC Championships in Limerick.

**Finland:** Absent

**Luxembourg:** Reports that they have bee with the WPF since it's inception,and despite being a small country are encouraged by an increase in activity in country.

**Mexico:** Introduces their new President **Mr. Mario Hernandez** who reports that the Political situation in Mexico regarding Powerlifting has stabilized, and Mexico is experiencing a growth spurt of young lifters.

**USA:** Reports a difficult year due to US Powerlifting Politics, but there has been new growth within the USPF and the US is fully prepared to host the **2011 WPF World Meeting.**

**\*\*Nigeria:** Until dues are paid remained an invited guest to the Meeting and a presentation by **Mr. Prince Kennedy China Nwampka** outlined Nigerias' wish to affiliate with the WPF and Host a future World Championship Meeting.

## Election of the Officers:

**The Office of Vice President: Jorg Rodiger** from PAG Germany was nominated and elected by unanimous vote.

Note was made by the Secretary of the Constutional Requirement of 4 years service by elected officers. It was also noted that this requirement when fulfilled would naturally result in a rotation of officers terms to prevent critical vacancies.

## Resolutions (Proposals) to change the By-Laws of the WPF were entertained. (Moderator Mr.Courtney Stanley)

### **Proposed Great Britain**

- That in the Constitution (By-Laws) of the WPF, it shall state that the Executive Committee shall comprise of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Officer and Finance Officer.
- **Passed**
- That all Executive Committee decisions made between Congress are approved by two thirds majority of the Executive Committee and reported to the next Annual Congress for endorsement.
- **Passed**
- That Officers of the WPF are only eligible to hold office if they hold Office as an Officer of their own affiliated Nation.
- **Passed**
- That all affiliated Nations shall make their proposals to the WPF Secretary 42 days before the Congress date. That the WPF Secretary circulates the Agenda and all Nations proposals 28 days before the Congress date. Thereafter, no new proposals shall be added to the Agenda on rules, policy or elections.

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- **Passed**
- That all adverts and product providers' details on WPF web site are removed.
- **Tabled**
- That the WPF Officers only engage in financial negotiations that are of financial benefit to the WPF.
- **Passed**
- That financial support be obtained by WPF from adverts and product providers, as are with other International Federations
- **Tabled**
- That only pictures, photo's and images of athletes and officials of WPF, EPC and affiliated Nations be displayed on the WPF web site.
- **Passed**
- That only Affiliated Nations and the EPC are linked with the WPF web site
- **Passed**
- That all product providers' details are removed from the WPF rule book.
- **Failed**
- That all lifter entries and fees for the World Championships shall be with the Meet Director 42 days before the start date of the championships.
- **Passed**
- That the WPF shall purchase a new full size flag with its emblem out of WPF funds; and that the holder of the flag shall be the President of the host Nation, who shall deliver the flag to every World Championships Meet Director three weeks before the championships; and retrieve at the end of the championships to pass on to the President of the subsequent year host Nation for safe keep.
- **Passed**
- That all future Congress Meetings shall be held the day preceding the World Championships.
- **Passed**

### **Proposed Ireland**

- That the 2009 WPF meeting of congress be void Due to Germany not being present and Great Britain having been removed .
- **Withdrawn**
- All agreed proposals pass and disagreed on revert back to 2008
- **Withdrawn**
- Voting should not take place on less all countries are present. If any country officers are not present a lifter from the country must stand in.
- **Failed**
- It must be up to the host nation to make sure that an officer or lifters from each nation are present before the meeting can proceed.
- **Passed**
- If any officers or lifters of country are not attending a championships' that country must have a person from another country stand in for there vote other than a member of the host nation.
- **Failed**
- They must notify the WPF secretary with the persons name and country there from who will stand in for there vote.
- **Withdrawn**

### **Proposed USA :**

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- Adopt **Robert's Rules of Order** for conduct of the Congress Meetings.
- Provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership - the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved. Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation.
- **Tabled**
- Appoint a Committee to review the **WPF By-Laws** and establish a WPF Constitution.
- **Failed**

### Resolutions ( Proposals) to change the Rules of Competition will be presented.

(Moderator Mr.Courtney Stanley)

#### Proposed Great Britain:

- That no Velcro shall be allowed with bench shirts.
- **Passed**
- That no talcum (baby) powder shall be used on thighs on dead lift, only pool chalk.
- **Passed**
- That there will be no start signal on the bench press.
- **Passed**
- That leg's are allowed in briefs, but not protruding outside squat suit.
- **Passed**
- That it shall be mandatory the Mono Lift is used on the competition platform for squats at all World and European Championships.
- **Passed**
- That World and European records can only be broken at European and World Championships.
- **Failed**
- Confirming Technical Officers ruling, that the boss suit shall not be allowed to be used.
- **Passed**
- That the referee's dress code shall exclude polo shirts.
- **Passed**
- That no referee shall adjudicate when the lifter is their spouse, partner or relative, like brother, sister, son, daughter, cousins etc.
- **Passed**
- That rule 6 should now be fully implemented from its suspension in the 2001 Congress.
- **Failed for lack of Second**
- That new Nations affiliating to the WPF will only have a vote in Congress after completing one full year's affiliation with WPF.
- **Passed**

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- That all amputee lifters able to lift according to the rules shall be eligible. At weigh-in, should the lifter be amputated:
  - A, ankle amputation, then 0.5kg will be added to the lifters bodyweight.
  - B, below the knee, then 1 kg will be added to their bodyweight.
  - C, above the knee, then 1.5 kg will be added to their bodyweight.
  - D, hip disarticulation 2,5kg will be added to their bodyweight.A to D up to 67.5kg bodyweight classes only.  
A to D 67.5 to 100kg and over bodyweight classes add A 0.5kg, B-1.5kg, C- 2kg and D 3kg.  
This is will not included the weight of the prosthetic the lifter uses.
  - **Passed**
- That all new rules for lifting passed a Congress will stand for 3 years before any review or amendments.
- **Passed**

### Proposed Mexico :

- Mexico proposes a vote be taken that would either mandate the use of Full Leg Brief's or specify that **NO** Brief's be allowed of any kind.
- **Withdrawn**

### Proposed Ireland

- The boss suit is legal and it has always been. Its single ply and is with in the rules of the WPF.
- **Failed**
- That briefs be removed totally depending the out come on the boss suit.
- **Failed**
- Velcro straps are allowed in on all single ply suits. It dose not benefit the lifter lifts it only makes it easier to adjust the tightness of the lifters suit and don't make it 2 ply.
- **Failed for lack of second**
- That it shall be mandatory that the mono lift has support straps in use at all competitions Europeans and Worlds.
- **Passed**
- That the following changes be made on lifting rules and records.
- Depending on the out come of the boss suit.  
The following squat records be reverted back to 2005 all records have been Set using the boss suit with and without Velcro straps.
  - Justin Hurley 82.5kg Open 360kg WPF Worlds Ireland 24/11/06
  - Suggest Delete  
**Boss suit with Velcro straps.**
    - Shane Brodie 90kg Open 332.5kg EPC Europeans Amsterdam 27/06/09
    - Suggest Delete  
**Boss suit no Velcro**
  - Craig Coombes 100kg Open 405kg WPF Worlds Ireland 22/11/06
  - Suggest delete  
**Boss suit with Velcro straps.**
- **Passed..records are hereby Deleted**

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- That all international records can only be broken at European and World Championships.
- **Withdrawn**
- That all international results be placed on the WPF website results page and not On a forum.
- **Passed**
- That all lifting suits shirts and equipment and list of approved apparel can only be added to the list by congress.
- **Withdrawn**
- That medals must be given out for 1st 2nd and 3rd place in all international events and not trophies.
- **Failed**
- That the list of entrants for all international championships be released no later 3 days after the closing date given.
- **Amended to read 3 Weeks and Passed.**

### **Proposed USA :**

- Establish a Jury system **as and when required.**
- **Passed**
- Establish a Technical Equipment Committee subordinate to the Technical Officer to oversee the approved lifting apparel list. As and when required.
- **Passed**

### **Ballot Issue: Great Britain to raise a Ballot Issue for General Discussion : Mr. David Carter**

- **After a presentation of Grievances against the Presidency of the WPF, a discussion ensued among the seated WPF Country Affiliates regarding the issues raised on behalf of the BPO by it's President, Mr. David Carter. It was thereby resolved by unanimous consent of those seated that Mr. Carter should be re-instated as Finance Officer of the WPF. Condemnation of the WPF President's actions towards Mr. Carter was expressed by the seated body.**
- **The Ballot issue was then presided over by the Secretary Mr. Stanley due to the purposeful absence of the WPF President , in order to conduct this proceeding in accordance with WPF By-Laws. A Vote was taken to Re-instate Mr. Carter to the Office of Financial Officer and passed unanimously. ( Ballot issues by definition of the Constitution are binding)**

### **Statement requested by Mr. Shane Brodie**

- **Withdrawn**

### **Future World Championship Presentations**

(Mr. Courtney Stanley)

#### **2011 Championships previously awarded to the USA .**

Venue: Palm Beach, Florida, USA.

#### **2012 Championships previously awarded to Holland.**

Venue: Kampen, Netherlands

#### **2013 Championships awarded to Ireland.**

Venue: Limerick, Ireland

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**2014 Championships Awarded to Mexico.  
Venue: Torreon, Mexico**

**Amendment :**

**It was agreed that all bids are to be formalised with the Meet Director and President of the host Nation signing the Meet Directors Agreement and sending to the WPF Secretary.**

## **2010 World Championship Referee Selections**

(Mr. Robert Campbell: Technical Officer)

**Germany - Peter Malfa, Joerg Roediger**

**Great Britain - Dean Drury, Mark Eager, Robert Campbell**

**Ireland - Shane Brodie**

**Holland - Erik Butzelaar**

**Iceland - Hermann Harraldson, Flosi Jonsson**

**Luxemborg - Frank Engel, Franz Seul**

**U S A - Dave Jeffrey, Alan Aerts, Joe Dentice**

## **2010 World Championship Referee Proctor Candidates:**

(Mr. Robert Campbell)

**Franz Seul from Lux passed with 96% and Alan Aerts from USA passed with 96%.**

**Call for Adjournment by Mr. Courtney Stanley at 2400hours**