

Canadian Powerlifting Union

Official Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Powerlifting Union
Wednesday, April 1, 2009 – Moose Jaw, SK

1) Roll Call

Jeff Butt, Mike Armstrong, Bill Jamison
AB – Jon Stewart, Kain Lyon
SK – Ryan Stinn
MB – Brock Haywood
ON – Glyn Moore, Barry Antoniow
QU – Louis Levesque, J.S. Rheume
PE – Heather Ayles
NS – Mike Eldridge
NF – Scott Simmons

2) President's Message

Read by Jeff Butt

3) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting++

Previously posted on the website, Motion to accept as is, unanimous

4) Treasurer's Report**

Read by Jeff Butt - money on hand down from 8600 to 3000, mostly do to higher drug testing costs.
Motion to accept – MB - QU

5) Report from CPU Officers**

a. Referee Chairman

Read by Bill Jamison

b. Registration Chairman

Read by Mike Armstrong

- note to post for current year on statements for membership funds (treasurer)
- restore Club field on cards

c. Records Chairman

Read by Mike Armstrong

d. Public Relations Chairman

Read by Mike Armstrong

6) Reports of Standing and Special Committees**

a) Selections Committee

- no report

b) Disabilities Integration Committee

- Discussion lead by Barry Antoniow, regarding possible alignment with Canadian Paralympic Committee to take on responsibility for Para-PL

- Motion submitted by Barry and amended:

Barry Antoniow to investigate the creation of a ParaPowerlifting Division of the CPU, and report on all responsibilities, obligations and benefits of such by July 1

2nd SK, passed

c) Funding Committee

Read by Ryan Fowler – inactive

- d) Disciplinary Committee
 - Discussion regarding the case of Dave Gratton, suspended for one year.
- e) Doping Control Committee
 - Discussion lead by Jeff Butt, regarding costs, OMT.
 - Louis Levesque discussed CCES education requirements (all lifters subject to testing must take the online educational program)
 - Louis will get more details on the above, costs, time period effective, etc.
 - Committee members shall be Chris Robb, Chairman by election, Louis Levesque, Bruce Ball, Harnek Singh Rai, as appointed by President
- 7) Reports from Affiliated Provinces
 - Read by each provincial leader
- 8) Old business
 - Louis asked about affiliation fees that sometimes went unpaid – Mike reported all are up to date.
 - Louis asked about doping test payments and setup for doing tests.
 - If you want testing, 2 minimum at about \$600 each, contact Louis.
- 9) New Business- Action on Proposed Amendments
 - See below
- 10) Items for Discussion
 - two items added to proposals below
- 11) Affiliation of new Member Provinces
 - none
- 12) Delinquent Provinces
 - none
- 13) Future Championships Bids
 - 2010 – Quebec most likely, AB as a fall back, TBD within 30 days
 - 2011 – PEI
- 14) Any other business
- 15) Athlete of the year awards
 - Female Bencher – Rhaea Fowler
 - Female Powerlifter – Rhaea Fowler
 - Male Bencher – Alex Mardell
 - Male Powerlifter – Tom Kean
 - Bill Jamison Award – Jerry Marentette
- 16) Adjournment

Proposals

1) From Quebec

Re: Bylaw 7:03

Original Wording:

All lifters must qualify within two years prior to the dates of their respective National Championships.

Proposed Wording:

All lifters must qualify within one year prior to the dates of their respective National Championships."

Reason: none provided

2nd – SK - Motion Failed

New Proposal

All lifters must qualify for their respective national championships not earlier than January 1 of the previous calendar year, excluding the previous nationals.

2nd - ON - Motion Failed

2) From Alberta

Re: . ARTICLE II: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

Original Wording:

The official language of the C.P.U. is English. All publications, meetings, and correspondence of the C.P.U. shall be written or conducted in English. Representatives of affiliated provinces may speak their mother tongues at national meetings but they must provide interpreters to render English translations.

Proposed Wording:

The official language of the I.P.F. is English; therefore, all C.P.U. national meetings with both anglophone and francophone attendees will be conducted in English. Representatives of affiliated provinces may speak their mother tongues at national meetings but they must provide interpreters to render English translations. CPU publications, namely the CPU website and the CPU constitution shall be available in both official languages.

2nd – SK - Motion passed

3) From Alberta

Re: ARTICLE XVI: AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS:

Original Wording:

2. Each province must have at least three provincially-certified referees, who have passed both a written and a practical examination.

Proposed Wording:

2. Each province must have at least three provincially-certified referees, who have passed both a written and a practical examination. The provincial federation shall supply provincially-certified referees with ties that indicate the referees province of origin.

Reason:

Would make referees appear more professional as well as an easy indicator of what provincial federation certifies them. Would like to aim for implementation by January 1st, 2010

2nd – Bill J - Motion failed

4) From PEI

Re: ARTICLE XIX: NATIONAL RECORDS:

Add

6. If a lifter has a positive doping test for substances listed under the WADA prohibited drug list S1-S5 or refuses a drug test, all national records under that lifter's name shall be deleted.

Reason: none provided

2nd – MB - Motion Failed

5) From PEI

Re: ARTICLE XXI: PENALTIES:

Add

3. If a lifter has a positive doping test for substances listed under the WADA prohibited drug list S1-S5 or refuses a drug test, all national records under that lifter's name shall be deleted.

Reason: none provided

Pulled by proposer, after failure of previous

6) From PEI

Re: Bylaw 3. RECORDS, AWARDS, AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Original Wording

3:08 The C.P.U. shall maintain a special award called the BILL JAMISON AWARD, which will be presented at the next appropriate national championship. This award shall be presented to the member who best exhibits sportsmanship, perseverance, and dedication to the sport of Powerlifting. The winner of this award shall be selected by 2/3 majority of the C.P.U. Executive Council. This award will not necessarily be presented each year, if no suitable candidate can be chosen and recipients may only receive this award one time.

Proposed Change:

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by 2/3 majority of the C.P.U. Executive Council. This award will not necessarily be presented each year, if no suitable candidate can be chosen. (deletion of last part)

Reason: none provided

2nd – Mike Armstrong - Motion failed

7) From Mike Armstrong

Re: Bylaw 7:04, Qualifying totals

Original Wording :

“A lifter may qualify for masters competition by lifting at an open event, the required qualifying total or single lift, within one year before achieving the minimum age requirement as a master.”

Proposed Change:

A lifter may qualify for *their next higher age category* by lifting at an open event, the required qualifying total or single lift, within one year before achieving the *exact specified age for the category*.

EG: 39th birthday for 40 – 49, 49th birthday for 50 – 59, etc.

Reason:

A lifter who turns 40 late in a year has been able to qualify since January 1 of the year before, while they may have been just an early 38 years old. This may give them an unfair advantage.

2nd – QU - Motion passed

8) From Mike Armstrong

Re: Article XIX, National Records

Proposal:

Add new item 3 c)

If a lifter sets a national record on one lift, with properly ranked referees, and a total record is also set by the lifter, the total record will be accepted, regardless of whether the referees for the non-record lift were correctly ranked.

If a total record is surpassed, but no other single lift records were set, and at no time were national or higher ranked referee's used, the total record will not stand.

Reason:

It has occurred that a lifter will set a single lift record using substitute national referees for that lift, then be told that his total record cannot stand because there were incorrect referees for the other lift(s). Often the lifters are unaware that this may be required because those lifts were not records, or that they may even be in contention for a total record.

2nd – AB - Motion Failed

9) From Louis Levesque

Article III.8 (National meetings)

Original Wording:

To constitute a quorum at any National Meeting, representatives from at least 50% of the affiliated provinces must be present.

Proposed Change:

At Nationals Meetings, excluding the AGM, quorum will be constituted with members present

Reason:

With the size of this country, this could eventually cause a problem. Although it never happened, but just in case.

2nd – Jeff - Motion passed

10) From Louis Levesque

Article V.3 (Executive council and officers)

Original Wording

At National meetings and in other circumstances requiring a vote, voting shall be limited to the members of the executive council.....

Proposed change:

At National meetings and in other circumstances requiring a vote, voting shall be limited to the members of the executive council **or a delegate of the province who's President is absent...**"

Reason:

We have delegates voting every year instead of the Provincial Presidents

2nd – Mike Armstrong - Motion passed

11) From Louis Levesque

Re: Article XIX, National records:

I don't think we have a rule that states that you must have 2 National referees for all lifts for a Total record being granted. Maybe it should be added

Proposal: National records in the total will only be accepted if the correctly ranked national referee's were used on all successful lifts, regardless of whether they were single lift records, with the same requirements as for single lift records.

2nd - AB - Motion passed

12) From Louis Levesque

Re: Bylaw 4.04

Bylaw 2, Finance, list the sanction fee for National Championships as \$500, yet bylaw 4:04, regarding national championship bids, states: "...accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$75.00, as payment of the sanction fee..."

Reason: Housekeeping, to correct an oversight

2nd MB - Motion passed

13) From Ontario

Re: National Championship's Scheduling

Proposal:

That future Nationals be started a day early with the Banquet on Saturday Evening.

Reason: People can make their way home on Sunday and return to work at the start of the following week.

Note: There is no specific day range required according to the bylaws, Bylaw 4, Competitions, only states "between March 15 and April 15". Article III, states the AGM shall take place "on the Wednesday immediately prior to the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS."

2nd – SK - Motion failed

14) From Jeff Butt

Re: Bylaw 3.06, Awards

Original Wording

Where a Champion-of-Champions Award is to be presented, the winner shall be selected from among the class-winners.....

Proposed Wording

Where a Best Lifter Award is to be presented, the winner shall be selected from all lifters.....

Reason:

To be consistent with IPF policy, recently changed.

2nd - QU - Motion passed

15) From Jeff Butt

Re: Bylaw 3, Awards

Proposal to insert new bylaw 3:06:

At the annual Bench Press National Championships the award for the Best Male Bench Press (by Wilks Formula) shall be known as the Bill Jolley Memorial Award, in recognition of an exemplary CPU member who passed away in 1997. (Re-number subsequent bylaws)

Reason:

This reflects current practice of the last 10 years or so, as voted on by the EC, but never recognized in the bylaws.

2nd – Jeff Butt - Motion Passed

16) From Mike Armstrong

Re: Bylaw 8.0, Doping Controls

Proposal to insert new bylaw 8.08:

Should the new national record(s) set by a lifter in any category also be IPF World records, the Record Application fee mentioned in 8.05, 8.06, or 8.07 above, shall be waived.

Reason:

Some small recognition of the accomplishments of our members at the world level.

2nd – AB - Motion passed

17) Article 3 / Bylaw 4 - National Records

Change wording to “day prior” rather than “Wednesday” for the AGM

2nd AB - Motion passed