



**2017 General Assembly
NAPF North American Powerlifting Federation
Briefing Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel
Hyatt Regency Hotel – Orlando, Florida, USA
July 3, 2017 | 10:00am – 12:00am**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call of Member Federations

NAPF EC and Committee Members

Dr. Hugo Velasquez – IPF EC Board Member
Alex Alvarado – Secretary General
Technical Chairman – Bill Clayton
Robert Keller – Championship Secretary

Member Federations

Bahamas – Not Present
British Virgin Islands – Not Present
Canada – Garrett Benttely
Cayman Islands – No Present
Costa Rica – Manola Campos
Dominican Republic – Not Present
El Salvador – Not Present
Guatemala – Not Present
Mexico – Not Present
Nicaragua – Not Present
Puerto Rico – Michael Correa
Trinidad and Tobago – Dr. Maia Blackman
US Virgin Islands – Akeame Jones
United States of America – Joe Lewis

Guests

Guyana – Edwin Spencer
Panama – Jacques Tibi (Observer – Currently making application to the IPF).

9 Total Votes
Simple Majority 5
2/3 for Constitution Changes 6

2. Championship Director -- Welcome Message / Robert Keller

Thank you for coming to Orlando, Florida.

3. Review Minutes from 2016 General Assembly Minutes from St. Croix, USVI

See NAPF website for report.

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3. NAPF President's Report / Dr. Larry Maile

This year in the North American Powerlifting Federation has been one of steady progress in the nations. We have had a return to competition and participation among our friends who have been inactive for a while, and interest among several nations that have not participated in the past. We have had interest in hosting meets in new locations and by new organizers which will provide exposure for the countries involved and the opportunity for our athletes and officials to meet new friends. As you know, 2017 is a World Games year. At this moment, we have 12 athletes from the NAPF nominated to participate, with the possibility of several more late substitutions. Having them participate in the Games underscores the progress we are making in developing athletes at the elite level who can compete with the best in the world. The NAPF continues to be the sanctioning body for the professional events at the Arnold Sports Festival, which is likely the largest multi-sport event in the world, with more than 500,000 spectators. This year, our friends in Canada kicked off a similar event, the Toronto Pro Show that was extremely well run and well received. Events like these raise the level of competition for our athletes, and give them an opportunity to be recognized financially for all the hard work it takes to reach the elite level. We continue to struggle to some degree with uniformity of drug testing in all of our nations. As the IPF continues to work for International Olympic Committee recognition, education about use of prohibited substances, and testing to assure a clean and fair platform for our athletes will be critical if we are to advance. The logistics and resources necessary to run adequate programs are sometimes difficult to secure in some of nations given the cost and complexity in transportation. As we look forward to the next year, we hope to place competitions in new locations, to bring several of our friends back into the NAPF, and to continue to develop in the area of participation in multi-sport event. Best regards, L.J. (Larry) Maile, President

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4. Vice-President's Report / Mr. Ivan Cancel

Dear all:

First of all, I do apologize for not being able to be present at the General Assembly and congress. One more year we meet for the annual NAPF Powerlifting Championships, the main competition event in our region. This year we have the chance to a mix up championship together with then Pan-American Championships. It is a great opportunity to have both regions, the North American and the South American region, as we have this championship every 4 years in our region. As to the NAPF organization, I can mention that I'm please that as a region we have work against anti-doping as to the previous year we had more countries having an anti-doping program than never before. Even though, we have to keep working against doping, countries need have to do more anti-doping at a national level. This is necessary for the IOC recognition. We also need to be more active, not only at our regional meets, but to be more responsible with our duties as IPF member nations (Ex. Responding and filling any necessary documents the IPF requires before due time).

As a region we also need to keep fighting anti-doping not only during the championships held, but we need to start doing an OCT program, installing a Whereabout system for our

region top athletes and any rising potential athletes. All efforts that approximates us the so wished IOC recognition has to be made.

Another step we have to start doing is that each President of the national federations in the Pan-american region needs to let their National Olympic Committee know their national Powerlifting organization with full information of their EC board members, associations within their federation, number of members, anti-doping program information, and any other information. This will help both regions in an attempt to enter regional games like the Pan-american Games, Central American and Caribbean Games. An effort to enter on these regional games has to start as other sports has done these steps and have succeeded. We cannot stay behind as a region and not doing anything by just hoping to get and IOC recognition. A good step on this final idea would be to install a Pan-American Committee, in which representatives from both EC, NAPF and FESUPO, can form it to work together in this goal. If we are to succeed, all the member federations within the region will have more support from their National Olympic Committee by participating in a regional games. My best regards to you all and see you soon.

Iván Cancel
NAPF Vice-President

Note: Mr. Cancel's report was received 20 minutes after the start of the General Assembly.

5. Secretary General's Report

This year we celebrate the 16th edition of the NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Powerlifting Championships, around 185 athletes from 16 countries (10 countries participated in 2015) will be participating in Orlando, FL. This represents a participation increase of 27% from the 2015 NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Championships held in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, it clearly demonstrates the increase in popularity of the sport in our regions.

The 6th Pan-American Bench Press Championships were held in San José, Costa Rica, another successful championship with an impressive increase in participation of 32% compared to last Pan-American Bench Press Championships held in Acapulco, Mexico (2014). Also, we had an increase of participation of 12% when compared to the NAPF Bench Press Championships celebrated in Ponce, Puerto Rico in 2015.

I am very committed to the development of the sport in our region, and I will continue to work to get more countries involved. I will help those countries that are not IPF Members yet, to become new members and keep our region growing.

Alex Alvarado, Secretary General NAPF

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6. Championship Secretary's Report / Mr. Robert Keller

Last year's championship in St. Croix was a huge success. Over 200 lifters from 10 member federations took part and was capped with one of the best banquets ever held by our federation. Due to the fact that last year's championship was a World Games qualifier, the NAPF and the USVI teamed up together to make this championship happened. Special thanks to Mr. Robert Massey and to the USVI Federation as well as to all of the volunteers from the NAPF. Likewise, the NAPF Bench Press Championship in Costa Rica was exceptionally well directed by Mr. Manolo Campos, the President of ADELEPO. The Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio directed by Dr. Larry Maile and Priscilla Ribic is one of the best productions in the sport of powerlifting, bar none. Our membership

continues to grow and we're looking to strategically place championships in new member federation countries in our region. We're looking forward to the NAPF Championship in Mexico City in 2018.

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7. Treasurer's Report / Mr. Michael Liccardi

I want to stress once more that all membership, participation and anti-doping fee payments must be wired to the NAPF Account. This is to ensure transparency of our financial records. The IPF has instituted financial guidelines for ALL Regional Federations to follow and we shall ensure those procedures are adhered to. Those guidelines includes providing a financial report to the IPF yearly for review. The NAPF has engaged an independent auditor that has no personal relationship or association with the NAPF Executive Board or any of its member federation representatives. The federation's accountant will ensure that our finances will fall in line with the IOC mandate to the IPF.

Approved 9-0

8. Technical Chairman's Report / Mr. Bill Clayton

As in previous reports, I'd like to thank all member federations, referees and championship directors for the outstanding work they've done the past year at all the championships. Our championships have been excellent. I also want to acknowledge our member nations for their active participation & support to make the 2016 Arnold the success it was. I continue to request that member federations increase their numbers of IPF officials and consider adding more female officials. Thanks again to all, Bill Clayton

Approved 9-0

9. Caribbean Report / Mr. Robert Massey

Good news from the Caribbean Powerlifting Federation for the year 2017. Currently there are six active members participating in NAPF Competition: Bahamas, BVI, Guyana, Puerto Rico, USVI and Trinidad and Tobago. One former members have expressed interest in being reinstated -- Aruba. The Cayman Islands and the Dominican Republic are currently inactive. To further enhance the Caribbean membership there are two new member federations, Jamaica and the island of Anguilla, recently expressing their interest in joining the IPF and the NAPF. Bob Massey, Caribbean Representative 2017

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10. Central American Report / Dr. Hugo Velasquez

Four countries in Central America are full members of the NAPF/IPF: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador. Belize and Honduras at the moment doesn't have any powerlifting organization. Even though some gym club owners in Honduras are taking step forward for national representation. Panama's membership documents are now being reviewed by the IPF.

Costa Rica – is the powerlifting federation with most participation in NAPF championships, both Bench Press and Powerlifting championships as well as IPF World Championship. Last year organized the NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Bench Press Championship with great success. They are very much involved in taking part in the development of powerlifting in the region.

Guatemala – They held elections last year and a new Board of Directors was elected, with Mr. Carlos Marroquin elected as his president. They have been more active than in the past

and participated in the NAPF Bench Press Championship in San Jose. They have registered 180 member athletes (30 women and 150 men)

El Salvador – also called ASALPO. Have run with financial difficulties and at the moment are in a stand still. ASALPO have not yet participated in any NAPF Championships. They have registered 130 member athletes (52 women and 78 men)

Nicaragua – also called FENIPO is a new member of the IPF. Mr. Oscar Matute has taken a leading in promoting the sport in Nicaragua and have encouraged his athletes to participate in NAPF Championship. They have registered 165 member athletes (45 women and 120 men)

It is important to point out that all Central America member federations agreed they are very much in need of Regional Seminars on Anti-Doping, Coaching, Powerlifting Training and Referees. Also of they are in need of powerlifting equipment, such as official weights and Powerlifting racks if possible thru donations in order to organize regional IPF sponsored championships.

Dr. Hugo Velasquez O.,IPF EC North America, NAPF Central America Representative
Approved 9-0

11. Record Manager's Report / Mr. Ivan Cancel

Dear all:

First of all, I do apologize for not being able to be present at the General Assembly and congress. As all of you know, the NAPF records and the Pan-American records are Championships records, which mean that they can only be established at a NAPF or Pan-american Championships respectively. Records can be found at: www.goheavy.net which serves as database for all records. Mr. Tony Cardella is the provider of this database, so big thanks to Tony. I do apologize we are still working on the Classic records. Unfortunately, we couldn't have the database in time for some inconveniences that was not in our dispositions. I hope to see big numbers during this Pan-American Championship, so we can continue having an increase on the records for the Pan-American region, and have world level records. My best regards to you all and see you soon.

Iván Cancel
NAPF Vice-President

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12. Women Committee's Report / Ms. Linda McFeeters

Dear Members of the NAPF Executive Committee, Committee Members and Member Federations,

I propose to establish the NAPF Women's Committee with the initiative to educate, promote and encourage women in the sport of power lifting throughout the NAPF nations.

- To provide a central committee to bring forth discussions, recommendations and developments of female and gender specific issues.
- To encourage the participation of women in the sport from local to international levels, both on the platform and in the areas of referees and coaching.

- To identify and reduce barriers to participation in all sectors of the sport and to promote inclusivity within the parameters of the technical rules of both the IPF and NAPF.

With your support I will ask federation members to reach out to me to build a committee of women whose purpose will be to collectively reach across borders to assist and develop the directive of the above.

Thank you for your consideration,
Respectfully, Linda McFeeters, Canada
Approved 9-0

13. Proposed Amendments / Motions

No motions were received for consideration.

14. New Business

- Announcement on the accounting firm that will be auditing the accounts for the NAPF.
- Clarification on the name/use of the Anti-doping fees.

15. Future Championships

2017 NAPF North American Regional BP Championships – Hamilton, Toronto, CAN
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2018 NAPF North American Regional PL Championships – Mexico City, Mexico
2018 NAPF North American Regional BP Championships – Nassau, Bahamas
Confirmed 9-0

2019 NAPF North American Regional PL Championships – Denver, Colorado (1 vote)
2019 NAPF North American Regional PL Championships – St. Johns, Newfoundland
2019 NAPF North American Regional PL Championships – San José, Costa Rica (8 votes)
San Jose, Costa Rica was awarded the Championship with 8 votes.

2019 NAPF North American Regional BP Championships – Panama City, Panama
2019 NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American BP Championships – Panama City, Panama
Confirmed 9-0

16. Motions from the Floor

Motion #1: The NAPF EC will prepare an analysis and generate a report to establishment of an NAPF office. To be determined at the 2018 General Assembly (Dr. Hugo Velasquez)
Approved 9-0

Motion #2: Create an NAPF Medical and Anti-doping Committee (Dr. Hugo Velasquez)
Approved 9-0

Motion #3: To nominate Robert Keller to the IPF Hall of Fame (Dr. Hugo Velasquez).
Approved 9-0

Motion #4:

Add Classic Powerlifting to the Caribbean Championship (Gordon Spencer – Guyana)

Approved 9-0

17. Adjournment

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