



USASF Board of Directors Meeting September 2, 2015

PRESENT:

Brian Elza, Dan Kessler, Debbie Love, Happy Hooper, Jeff Fowlkes, Jim Chadwick, Joelle Antico, John Nichols, Justin Carrier, Kathy Penree, Kristen Rosario, Mike Burgess, Morton Bergue, Roger Shonder, Steve Peterson

ABSENT:

John Newby, Shawn Smith, Tara Harris

GUESTS:

Amy Clark, Karen Wilson, Ali Stangle, Lynn Singer

AGENDA:

CONVENTION WEEK

Jim opened the meeting with an overview of the priorities that were presented at Convention Week, then facilitated a review of committee outcomes. Notes from each meeting are posted on USASF.net. The Board will continue to discuss recommendations coming forward from Convention Week at the October and November meetings.

TRANSGENDER POLICY

The question of transgender athletes arose during last competition season and at Worlds. Some event producers have had transgender athletes at events and have come to the USASF for advice and direction on how to manage the process.

The USASF worked with the Transgender Law Center (TLC) to establish recommendations on developing a policy and process for transgender athletes. Discussion included the importance of a governing body to have an inclusive policy established. The proposal follows a self-declaration and prior verification model that the Regional Directors would facilitate under the direction of a professional from TLC.

The proposal was approved.

DISCIPLINARY CASE #20150601

The Disciplinary Committee reviewed a case of two athletes on two different teams from the same gym who were both ineligible to compete. One athlete was over age and the second athlete was not a USASF member. Following review of the information that was submitted by the gym that was accused, the Disciplinary Committee found that both athletes were ineligible to compete and recommended a \$1000 fine for each offense (total \$2000 fine) to be paid by the program to the USASF Scholarship Fund.

The recommended fine was approved.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2015

Meeting Adjourned