

**Women's Meeting of World Masters Championships Rovaniemi,  
Finland – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Held at Venue**

1. Present: Manon Poulin (CAN,) Dagmar McSwain (AUT), Denise Offermann (CYP), Dorte Lauridsen (DEN), Mary Hyder (USA), Diane Trebillock, (GBR), Monika Pipke (GER), Sabine Kraut (GER), Claire Cameron (GBR), Trisha Forbes (GBR), Lucy Moore-Fox (IRE), Deborah Werenko (USA), Sandra Smith-Vokroj (GBR)
2. Apologies: Marga Jorgensen (DEN) and Coral Quinell (AUS) Dagmar McSwain AUT, Some of the Australian Women.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held in Copenhagen Denmark were placed on the IWF masters website prior to the championships, and they were also circulated at the meeting. Caroline also read out the main points, and the minutes were accepted.
4. Competition venue –No small weights in the training room. There was an issue with the warm up area as athletes were not able to enter the warm up area until after the competition had finished for the previous class. There were not instructions on this prior to the competition and there was a lot of confusion o the schedule of how much time lifters had to warm up. The screen was in the area before the warm up to follow the competition but no clock in warm up area which made it difficult to know how long you had to lift.
5. Equipment was great.
6. Facilities – Good showers and saunas and the food area was good. No water in warm up area and it was very hot. There was also for the women's groups a lack of communication between the boys manning the entrance into the warm up area as they would not let everyone in without a badge/card and sometimes there were with the coach.
7. Support –
8. Women's Schedule – The schedule is increasing and most women like it to remain the same with the women all lifting in the first few days, there seemed little support to amalgamate the women in with the men's age group.
9. Age Group Review – No one at present 75+ so at present will leave age group as it stands. We will need to consider whether or not this may deter or restrict, so will keep it on review.
10. Women's web page –Needs improving any items, testimonials, please send to Caroline her email address is on the website.

## 11. AOB

Anti Doping Denise Offermann has produced the new 2015 anti doping policy please contact her if you have any issues or queries.

Some of the categories covered are depression i.e. anti depression medication; some are accepted but must have a TUE as it is limited. You can also check out the USA website???

All Country's have own website and new website on supplements on UD Nada. Also if suffering injuries retrospective TUE can be provided, please contact Denise for this.

Denise explained the procedure which will be place on the website along with all banned athletes.

Female loaders would be nice, but accepted present loaders were very good.

There was an issue raised about the schedule and how some lifters did not know if they had the same body weight and age group what they needed to do to win.

It was also raised that the marshals desk were not experienced in masters qualifying total and that caused problems with the starting weights.

A few technical were raised, jury decisions and not stopping the clock, it was raised that this could be covered if there were a technical meeting prior to the championships.

Manon Poulin, raised again not receiving her money from the World Cup in Malaysia where prize money for women was halved but not for the men, and Manon never received the balance. Manon understands we cannot do anything about this but it is not equal or fair and just wanted to put this on record again.

Sandra Smith-Vokroj, raised that they are selling gold medals at the championships which seems strange that you can buy one if you have not won one.

Caroline Charles  
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