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## **The English Powerlifting Association**

### **Minutes of committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Moulton College, Pitsford Road, Northampton.**

#### ***Meeting opened at 11.00am***

1. **Members present:** Richard Parker, Doreen Dowsett, Fred Sterry, Peter Weiss, John Jackson, (11.10am ) Kevin Jane
2. **Apologies:** Fred McKenzie, Bryn Evans, Dave Kirkland, John Halfacre.
3. **Matters arising from previous meeting (8/5/2011)**

No certificate had been received by the Secretary to confirm the EPA affiliation to the GBPF for this year, similarly the East Midlands as a division had not received any confirmation. As the GBPF is comprised of the home nations it was thought that the EPA affiliating to the GBPF was pointless as without English lifters the GBPF in terms of membership would hardly exist.

Ian Hampson was unhappy at the way the recent changes in body weight categories effected the established records up to 31/12/2010 and it seems had resigned as records officer. The Secretary will contact Ian to see what his intentions are. If Ian is resigning the position will be offered to someone else and if need be advertised on the web site.

There was a brief discussion about setting up an English club membership scheme, whereby clubs for a small fee paid to the EPA could receive some incentive such as space on the web site to promote themselves. This subject to be discussed further at the next meeting to give members time to think of additional possible incentives.

#### ***The minutes were accepted as a true record, PROPOSED Pete Weiss SECONDED Richard Parker***

4. **Divisional Reports:** Due to the late notice of the meeting there were no Divisional reports. There was concern that not all Divisions were represented at meetings, the South Midlands had not been represented at any EPA meeting to date although Dean Bowring is hoping to take up this position as from January 2012. This meeting did clash with the British Bench Press championships and therefore a valid reason for some Divisions not being represented.
5. **English Bench Press:** Fred reported that the entry forms and details of the events planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> September were on the web site. Fred will send additional info/entry forms to be distributed by the in due course.
6. **All England Championships:** So far there were 21 entries which was positive with over three months to go. Jaswinder Singh has offered to bring weights and accessories from the GBPF

stock stored at his club in due course for the duration of the competition. Various sponsors have been contacted and some discounts on t-shirts were already in place. The main issue at this stage is finding enough willing loaders, although this is in hand.

7. **The Commonwealth Championships:** Despite numerous communications between the GBPF and CPF over the past few months there was still no decision made regarding the event being sanctioned to go ahead. The GBPF were asking for reassurances and guarantees that there would be no financial implications or responsibilities for the GBPF and that adequate drug testing would take place to minimise the potential impact on future GBPF members competing internationally. Richard Parker informed the meeting that the CPF had responded to the GBPF indicating that the championships would adhere to the IPF rules which in itself would suggest many of the GBPF concerns are answered. The CPF were aiming to use the same doping test company as the GBPF as this is WADA approved. A lengthy debate followed pertaining to the amount of time so far taken for the GBPF to make a decision on this matter and it was suggested that this could have been speeded up if those involved in decision making communicated with one another more effectively and discarded any personal issues they may hold against each other. John Jackson offered to speak with Arthur Hoey ASAP to help prompt a quick decision as deadlines needed to be met if the event is to go ahead and all requirements are to be put in place.
8. **A.O.B.** Richard had purchased a 100 lapel badges with the EPA logo on which he is selling for £2 each.

The next meeting will include an update on the EPA accounts which were not on this meeting agenda but Fred reported that there was no change since the last meeting.

Date of next meeting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 at Moulton College 11.00am Room to be confirmed.

**Meeting closed at 1.15pm**