



ENGLISH POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting took place at Moulton College 14th November 2010.

Meeting opened at 10.10am

1. **Members present;** Richard Parker (SW) Pete Weiss (EM), Chris Simmons (SE), Marc Giles (NM), Fred Sterry, Doreen Dowsett, Kevin Jane & *Fred McKenzie (YNE) late arrival*
2. **Apologies;** John Mitchell and Dennis Unitt (WM) John Halfacre,(SE) Dave Kirkland (NM), Kevin Green (SW), John Jackson (GL).
3. **Date for 2010 AGM** Sunday 23rd January 2011 10.30am at Thorpe Centre, Gate 4, Moulton College, Pitsford Lane, Moulton, Northants NN3 7RR.
4. **Minutes of inaugural meeting (17/1/2010);** There were three minor alterations to be made to these minutes which will be presented at the forthcoming AGM for acceptance.
5. **Report of GBPF AGM:** Richard raised an issue surrounding the appointment of the Director of English Powerlifting and the lack of communication pertaining to this matter from the GBPF secretary Arthur Hoey. In order to clarify the position Richard had sort advice from a solicitor (Keith Roberts). There clearly are areas of discrepancy around the appointments of home country directors which need to be questioned and also with regard to GBPF by-laws substantiality. – Richard Parker agreed to draft a ‘notice of motion’ for the council to consider at the AGM.
6. **GBPF Rebates;** There were some 660 members of the GBPF in October this year and the Council agreed to therefore invoice the GBPF in line with the decision made at the AGM for a £10 rebate per member (£6,600) which would then be used to help ensure the continued development of the English Divisions.
7. **GBPF AGM Minutes;** There are still no written minutes available of the GBPF 2009 AGM, despite requests for these. The meeting discussed the need for these to be produced far more rapidly so that divisions and members can see what is going on. Richard will draft another proposal for the EPA AGM that in future such minuets are made available within two months of the AGM taking place.
8. **GBPF Membership;** A lengthy discussion took place around the issue of the current GBPF membership system. There were several instances where individuals were not prepared to join the association at the latter end of the year because of the cost, i.e. £40 plus a competition entry fee £15, was not good value. The meeting felt that some reduction towards the end of the year should be given and publicised. The Council were unanimous in putting forward a proposal to the GBPF that each home nation should determine and be responsible for its own membership fees and insurances, relieving the GBPF of this task. Each home nation would pay an agreed fee per member to the GBPF, this proposal to be voted upon at the AGM.
9. **Finances;** Fred produced a statement of the current accounts which stands at £550.

10. **Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships 2011;** Richard highlighted the need to raise funds to help towards the costs of sending a team to the CPC in South Africa next December.. Kevin Jane will contact Pullum Sports and Blackburn Distributions to see if they will contribute in some way, and will also enquire about the costs of pin badges and pens etc. that could be used to raise income..Richard Parker had produced a flyer for members to distribute inviting donations towards the CPC.
11. **Club Affiliation Scheme;** The Council agreed to set up a Club Affiliation Scheme to help generate further income and help support any funding bids, this to cost clubs £20 annually which in return they would receive a certificate and be listed on the EPA web site along with brief details (opening hours/ address /contact) of the club.
12. **Power league;** Marc Giles has offered to organise a new power league with the aim of attracting more members to join the Association from the general public as well as from institutions such as Air Bases and Prisons . The league would also provide more competitions for those lifters who do not have sufficient events at their level. Freed Sterry having a number of trophies left over in his collection, will be looking into the possibility of staging an English Bench Press Championship for next year
13. **English Powerlifting Championships;** Kevin provided a short report about the English Championships which netted the association a profit of £170.11 which help pay for the English team shirts for the Home Nations . As there are no dates/venues set by the GBPF for next years' major competitions provisional dates for next years' English Powerlifting Championship are to be looked into. The event will be again held at Moulton College Northampton and the dates of 30/31 July and the 6/7 August are to be considered.
14. **Divisional input;** Pete Weiss had asked via the East Mids newsletter if any members wanted points to be discussed at this meeting to get in touch with him, no one replied. The only input was from the SW (Richard Parker) who reported on the success of the recent Home nations Championships staged at Cheltenham.
15. **A.O.B.** The council discussed the need to advertise and appoint a head coach for the Association

Meeting Closed at 12.30pm

Kevin Jane - Gen Secretary