



## The English Powerlifting - Annual General Meeting minutes for 2010.

The meeting took place at Moulton College, Pitsford Road, Moulton, Northants on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.

### Meeting opened at 11.25am

1. **Members present;** Richard Parker (Chairman) Fred Sterry, John Mitchell, Bryn Evans, Phil Guise, Pete Weiss, Steve Jones, Ian Finch, Harry Turner, John Jackson, Arthur Hoey, Marc Giles, John Halfacer, Chris Simmonds Dave Kirkland, Sue Wilkinson, Kevin Jane  
Also present Doreen Dowsett, Rod Regler, Roger Powell
2. **Apologies;** Fred McKenzie, Steve Gibson, Kevin Green
3. **Minutes of Inaugural meeting;** Minuets were accepted, proposed by Pete Weiss , Seconded by All
4. **Officer reports.;** The Chairman, and Secretary presented written reports and the Treasurer presented a statement of accounts. (all attached)
5. **Election of officers;** No nominations were received. Due to the untimely death of Mick Barry last year a new President was sort. Harry Turner had been approached to take over this role and was duly elected, Proposed by John Halfacre, Seconded by Fred Sterry.

POSITION	OFFICER
President	Harry Turner
Chairman	Richard Parker
General Secretary	Kevin Jane
Treasurer	Fred Sterry
Assistant Treasurer *	Doreen Dowsett
Sponsorship secretary	Fred McKenzie
Championships secretary	Kevin Jane
Selections secretary	Fred Sterry
Merchandising officer	Kevin Jane
Records officer	Ian Hampson
Web master	Steve Gibson
Supplies officer	Dave Kirkland

- Pending GBPF membership renewal
- 6. Divisional representatives, no changes since last year

DIVISION	REPRESENTATIVE
• East Midlands	• Peter Weiss

• North Midlands	• Fred Sterry
• South Midlands	• Not Represented
• West Midlands	• John Mitchell
• Greater London	• John Jackson
• North West	• Bryn Evans
• South East	• John Halfacre
• South West	• Kevin Green
• Yorkshire North East	• Fred McKenzie

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- **7. Championship dates for 2011;** All England 8/9<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Moulton College. Commonwealth Powerlifting championships now not to be held in South Africa, interest shown by New Zealand and England (Newcastle and Bournemouth, decision to be made by end of February. No discussion re this years 4 Nations.
- **8. Date of next EPA Committee meeting** – to be decided by the Secretary and likely to be towards the end of April. (Venue and date to follow)
- **9. Notices of motion for GBPF AGM;** A lengthy discussion took place around pertaining to the EPA being affiliated to the GBPF. Although a certificate was awarded for last year it is not to be a straight forward for this year In order to resolve the situation, disagreement and confusion, it was agreed that the GBPF Director of Powerlifting Arthur Hoey will look through the EPA constitution given to him at the meeting and then meet with the EPA Secretary to discuss any alterations that may need to be made. Once agreement is reached any amendments can be presented to the respected committees for approval. In the meantime any notices of motion agreed upon by the EPA committee will need to be presented to the GBPF for the AGM by individual members.
- The meeting carried forward a proposal from Richard Parker that the following three notices of motion be held in abeyance ;

- a. *The GBPF General Secretary has chosen to deny the decision taken at the 2010 AGM that Home Countries should appoint their own Directors. In particular, he has gerrymandered due process to retain a Director for England who does not and cannot represent the EPA. The EPA therefore proposes a Vote of No Confidence in Arthur Hoey as GBPF General Secretary.*
- b. *The Chairman has been delinquent in his duties to see fair play and legitimacy and so the EPA also propose a Vote of No Confidence in Ralph Farquharson.*
- c. *The GBPF Treasurer, in supporting the stance of the General, is complicit in the manipulation and hence a further Vote of No Confidence is proposed by the EPA in John Jackson.*

A further proposal put forward by John Jackson was also agreed; That the Secretary write a letter to the Director of the GBPF expressing the dissatisfaction felt by those present at the EPA AGM in respect of Ian Kinghorn in carrying out his role as Director of English Powerlifting.

Ian Finch nominated Richard Parker (carried unanimously) put forward the following motion to the GBPF AGM as an individual member;

- The minutes of the 2010 AGM have not been issued and furthermore the General Secretary has refused legitimate requests for these. The EPA therefore propose that AGM minutes must be issued within two calendar months of the date of the AGM.*

The following motion was discussed;

*The situation with Home Countries is very unsatisfactory and the GBPF approach has considerably weakened powerlifting in Scotland and NI. For example, what was the Four Nations was this year reduced to just England and Wales. The EPA therefore proposes that each Home Country if they wish, have responsibility for their own affairs, including management of membership and insurance. An agreed proportion of each membership fee would be retained and the balance given to the GBPF.*

A vote was taken resulting in, 7 for, 3 against and 8 abstentions that this motion be present by an individual to the GBPF AGM.

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- **10.**English Disabled Power lifter's Association; Harry Turner gave an outline of the current situation and history of the EDPA and informed the meeting that there was around £900 in the account that he is happy to see transferred to the EPA if they can identify new trustees and cater for disabled lifters.
- Some issues regarding this took place which included the position of the BWA (Formerly BWLA) WCW and other organisation involved with disabled lifting, as well as the potential funding available . It was agreed that as this is a complex matter it would be discussed more fully at the next EPA Committee meeting.
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- **Meeting closed at 1.30pm**

**Kevin Jane – General Secretary**