



ENGLAND

English Powerlifting Association – Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting for 2021.

Meeting took place on ZOOM at 11.00am Sunday 13th February 2022.

- Members present:** Richard Parker, Adam Reilly, Bryn Evans, Ian Finch, Sophia Ellis, Paul Marsh, Jenny Hunter, Allen Ottlangui, Richard Caine, Joy Nnamani, Andrew Hurren, Mathew Hallett, Carole O'Neill, Sam Cadman, Charlotte Reynolds, Mick Elender, Helen Tomes, Faye Jordan, Phil Frost, Emily Greenway, Craig Wilkins, Dave Murray, Dean Bowering, Ashra ?, Kevin Jane.
- Apologies:** Doreen Dowsett, Matthew Parker, Kim Cowell
- Minutes of previous AGM :** Accepted Unanimous)
- Officer reports.** Reports were received from the Chairman, Treasurer, Championship Secretary, Development Officer, and Secretary.
- Election of officers:** There were no changes to officer positions so they remain as below

Position	Officer
President	Fred McKenzie
Chairman	Richard Parker
General Secretary	Kevin Jane
Treasurer	Adam Reilly
Assistant treasurer	Doreen Dowsett
Sponsorship secretary	Fred McKenzie
Championship secretary	Kim Cowell
Development officer	Bryn Evans
Selection secretary	Paul Marsh
Records Officer	Craig Wilkins
Web Master	Matthew Parker
Director for England	Kevin Jane
Social media officers	Matthew Parker & Kim Cowell

7.Divisional representatives : Currently

DIVISION	REPRESENTATIVE
East Midlands	Faye Jordan
North Midlands	John Hamson
South Midlands	Dean Bowering

West Midlands	Jaswinder Singh
Greater London	Joy Nnamani
North West	Bryn Evans
South East	Mick Elender
South West	Emily Greenway
Yorkshire North East	Samantha Cadman

8. Championship dates:

The Commonwealth championships is still to be confirmed, if not hosted in New Zealand it will be in South Africa 2022.

The All England men's and women's championships will be held in Oldham , May 28 -30th 2022,

The English Bench press 12th June 2022 Newark.

The inter Divisional and Home Nations championships details still to be confirmed.

9. Qualifying standards: Craig Wilkins had proposed two changes to the English Qualifying standards, these it seems were not published in time for all members to see but as only minor alterations were discussed.

a) The meeting agreed that as for January 2023 the English qualifying totals will be set at 5% below the British national qualifying totals for both classic and equipped lifting as well as single bench press championships. (PASSED unanimously).

b) **Qualifying totals for British Equipped championships and British Equipped bench press championships from 2023 will be raised to match that of Classic championships and Classic bench press championships where totals are currently lower."**

To be discussed at the British AGM.

Helen Toms asked Craig if qualifying standards for older masters categories (specifically women) could be included which he will consider in due course

10. Amendments to the English constitution: similarly with the above there was concern that not all members had received these items in sufficient time to provide comment. However as the suggested amendments were minor the meeting agreed that these should be passed.

a) All disciplinary issues to be dealt with by British Powerlifting.

b) By-laws amended

2.1 Divisional AGM

All Divisions must hold an AGM before the end of January of the following year to present divisional accounts and elect officers for the forthcoming year. A copy of the minutes and accounts must be provided to the EPA General Secretary within two months. This is to ensure Divisions have proper governance and entitles divisions to receive their membership rebates from British Powerlifting.

2.2 Divisional Council

That all Divisions must elect a Divisional Council comprising as a minimum the following:

- i) President
- ii) Chairman
- iii) Secretary
- iv) Treasurer

- v) Representatives from constituent counties
- vi) A representative to sit on the EPA Council, who must be a resident of the Division.

11. Divisional boundaries: A lengthy discussion took place around the suggestion that the current divisional boundaries are altered. Richard presented a map indicating a possible alternative that in effect would involve 5 of the 9 divisions being changed.

There was some stern criticism of the suggestion from the YNE and East Midlands divisions in that it would necessitate deciding how funds and equipment would be split. Also that the suggestion would not alter the anomalies within the Milton Keynes area. No decision was taken to alter the existing English divisional boundaries.

The debate went on to discuss ways to improve some of the issues lifters residing near to divisional boundaries presented. Ian Finch to word a notice of motion to be discussed at the British AGM around allowing lifters some leeway in specific circumstances if they wish to compete in a division other than that they reside in.

12. Any Other Business: NONE

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm