



**ENGLAND**

## **Minutes of English Powerlifting Annual General Meeting for 2022 – Held at Moulton College, Northampton on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

*Meeting opened at 11.05am*

**Members present** – Richard Parker, Ian Finch, Charlotte Reynolds, Mick Ellender, Bryn Evans, Paul Marsh, Jenny Hunter, Allen Ottolanguai, Steve Walker (from 12.45pm) Tom Beech (from 12.45pm) Kevin Jane.

**Apologies** – Faye Jordan, Andy Champ, Adam Reilly, Kim Cowell, Sophia Ellis, Jenni Sherwood, James Brincat-Smith, Doreen Dowsett, Joy Nnamani

**Previous minutes** (13/2/2022) accepted *Unanimously*

**Officer reports – Chairman's** – Raised the point that as divisions cannot now arrange their own anti-doping testing British Powerlifting has reduced the membership rebates by 50% to fund local testing under the UKAD Plan.

Discussion followed highlighting the need for all divisions to appoint a DCO and have an anti-doping policy in place. Also that British Powerlifting have no control over when tests may be carried out or at what events and how many tests. The number of tests will be down to the amount of funding BP sets aside for this purpose each year. *Report accepted unanimously.*

**Treasurers report** – Current balance in EPA accounts £23,016.91 *Accepted unanimously*

**Secretary's report** – Emphasised the need for all divisions to forward DBS checks to the secretary for all of their referees and any safe guarding training that they have completed. Also to keep the secretary informed of committee member changes and up to date contact details for DCO's and safeguarding officers.

**Development officer report** – Bryn to continue to promote volunteer engagement which is helping to solve many of the issues for competition organisers. Also to hold forums during the year to include divisional representatives (development meetings) on line to improve divisional communications, agree targets and competition standards. *Report accepted unanimously*

**Greater London Reps report** – Paul reported that the division were aiming to promote equipped lifting by organising sessions and also could provide space and equipment to run squad training session.

**Championship Secretary's report** – Date for the English Bench press championships at Newark Academy 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

All England date is 11 -13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 venue to be confirmed in the NW division.

Inter - divisional championships, there was some discussion as to whether this event will continue although with no Commonwealth championships this year it may attract more interest. Paul Marsh to consider the possibility of Greater London running the event.

#### ELECTION of OFFICERS –

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

#### 6. Divisional representatives: Currently

DIVISION	REPRESENTATIVE
East Midlands	Andy Champ
North Midlands	James Brincat-Smith
South Midlands	Ashraf Alhason
West Midlands	Jenni Sherwood
Greater London	Joy Nnamani
North West	Bryn Evans
South East	Mick Ellender
South West	Emily Bennett
Yorkshire North East	Samantha Cadman

#### Notices of motion –

**Motion one - Officials expenses - Paul Marsh & Kim Cowell.** There was a lengthy discussion re the amount of funding the EPA contribute towards officials expenses when at international competitions and towards lifters participating. It was pointed out that a substantial change in this funding might impact on the number of officials who as a result put themselves forward for British international representation which currently offers less financial support. However in contrast the cost for officials was under the current climate increasing rapidly. The last part of the motion was rejected as needed to presented more formally if at all. *‘British Powerlifting would be open to contact the IPF and seek a formal arrangement that accommodation for coaches and officials would be offered at ‘cost’.* The motion was thus amended to read **‘The appointed head team coach and two international referees expenses will take priority over paying for lifters participation and anti-doping fees.’** **For = 6, Against = 3, abstentions = 2. Passed**

**Motion two Adam Reilly Virtual AGM meetings** – Some discussion around this issue as few members attend a physical meeting. The possibility of large numbers coming on line for such a meeting could be a problem in terms of how votes are taken, how memberships are checked, how it is chaired so all you want can contribute and how minutes may be taken, plus any costs involved. It was suggested that in future such meetings could be streamed.

The motion was voted on and **rejected For = 3, Against = 7, Abstained = 1.**

**A.O.B. None, meeting closed at 1.20pm**

**Kevin Jane**

**English Powerlifting Secretary**