



GBPF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29th MARCH 2015 11.00hrs

MOULTON COLLEGE GATE 4, THORPE CENTRE, ROOM P7/8

**ALL REGISTERED GBPF MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
AND MUST SHOW THEIR 2015 MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

AGENDA

1. Register of all voting members present.
2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM
3. Matters arising.
4. Finance Report.
5. Agreement of budget for 2015
6. Appointment and remuneration of accountants.
7. Chairman's Report.
8. General Secretary's Report.
9. Committee Reports:
 - 9.1. England
 - 9.2. Scotland
 - 9.3. Wales
 - 9.4. Northern Ireland
 - 9.5. Disciplinary
10. Elections (every three years):
 - 10.1. Chairman – Fred Sterry nominated by the Executive
 - 10.2. General Secretary – Richard Parker nominated by the Executive
 - 10.3. Finance Director – Mike Edwards nominated by the Executive
 - 10.4. Director for England – Kevin Jane nominated by the EPA
 - 10.5. Director for Scotland – Alex Mathieson nominated by SP
 - 10.6. Director for Wales – Rob Thomas nominated by the WPA
 - 10.7. Director for NI – Brian Coombes nominated by the NIPF.

11. Notices of motion:

11.1. Additions to Constitution – submitted by Executive

4.2.5 b) Late Year Membership - Any member joining between July 1st and October 31st shall be entitled to member at half price provided they pay for full membership for the following year at the same time.

7.1 ..and Athletes' Commission Chairperson.

10.5 Coaching Committee - The Coaching Committee shall have overall responsibility for all aspects of coaching within the GPPF. This shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) Developing and keeping up to date suitable coaching courses for powerlifters and general gym users.
- b) Ensure that courses are approved by national organisations such as SkillActive.
- c) Organising and running coaching courses.
- d) Maintain a register of all qualified coaches.

10.6 Athletes' Commission – Comprises a Chairman and male and female athletes from each age group. Note that master's age groups and sub-junior/junior shall be taken en-bloc, e.g. two members each from junior/sub-junior, senior and masters age groups. The athletes selected must be international level, in good standing and have the support of their peers. The Chairman shall be a member of the GBPF Executive.

The Athletes' Commission represents the interests of the athletes and shall bring the views of the athletes to the Executive Committee. The primary responsibility for this rests with the Chairman.

The Chairman shall select the members of the Commission and inform the Executive Committee.

11.4 Penalty for bringing the sport into disrepute - Any member who is found to be guilty of bringing the sport into disrepute by **..or posts on social media..**

12 Anti-Doping Rules - Paras c and h

- c) In addition, any lifter who having been weighed-in leaves the venue without permission may be subject to disciplinary action. Permission may only be given by the GBPF DCO or senior official.
- h) Any lifter found positive may apply for membership again after their suspension term has been served. However, the lifter must first have repaid the cost of the anti-doping test.

11.2. Additions to By-Laws – submitted by Executive

1.4 Chairman Athletes' Commission

1.4.1 To maintain an open channel of communication with lifters at all levels.

1.4.2 To allow lifters' views to be considered without resorting to potentially damaging public discussion on social media.

1.4.3 To consider any matter brought to their attention by a lifter and bring this forward to the Executive Committee, if required.

1.4.4 To monitor all posts on social media and advise when they consider any action is required.

1.4.5 To promote the GBPF as the only credible powerlifting organisation in the UK.

1.4.6 To promulgate a positive message via social media.

2.12 Coaching Committee Secretary

Shall be responsible for coordination the activities of the Coaching Committee as defined in paragraph 10.5 of the Constitution.

2.13 Doping Control Officer

Shall coordinate all anti-doping activities within the GBPF. These shall include, but not be limited to:

2.13.1 Arranging anti-doping testing at British championships as directed by the Executive Committee. Quotes shall be obtained from WADA recognised bodies such as IDTM and PWC and the best value quote accepted.

2.13.2 Shall attend all tested British championships and have responsibility for selecting lifters to be tested.

2.13.3 Liaising with English divisions and Home Countries to develop local test programmes.

2.13.4 Maintaining a register of tested athletes in accordance with IPF requirements.

2.14 Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary, if appointed, shall undertake specific tasks as determined by the Executive Committee.

11.3. Submitted by the Executive - That Dean Bowring is appointed Chairman of the Athletes' Commission.

11.4. Submitted by YNE via EPA:

11.4.1. That the Executive be commended for developing membership through BodyMASS.

11.4.2. That national records can be set at any GBPF competition where there are three at least national standard referees judging the lift, drug testing is carried out and there is a jury of international referees.

11.4.3. That the GBPF appoints a DCO and that the officer works with each division to ensure that drug testing happens at Divisional Championships.

11.4.4. That a banned lifter should be liable for any failed drug test fee, if they wish to rejoin.

11.4.5. That the GBPF identify individuals who can take control over national recruitment initiatives:- New Year Resolution Train with Weights, NHS Get Active, National Powerlifting Day, Weights for the Disaffected – 14 to 16 School Children, You haven't Got a sport – You have now!

11.4.6. That a category in the GBPF Hall of Fame be created for 'International Role of Honour' and that this can include historical nominations.

11.5. Submitted by NM via EPA

11.5.1. That the present subsidy of £20 per championship for those officials who are travelling a minimum of 100m round trip, should be increased to £20 per day of the championship attended.

11.5.2. That the GBPF inform the IPF of our members concern over the new rules regards to belts and singlets.

11.6. Submitted by SP

It was agreed at the SP AGM on the 7th December 2014 that Scottish Powerlifting wish to register an official objection to the IPF Rules, re Singlets and Belts, which are to come into effect on the 1st January 2015.

Scottish Powerlifting request that GBPF officially object to IPF regarding this new ruling on Singlets and belts.

11.7. Submitted by NIPF

Can we propose to the IPF to include " if a lifter fails a drug test he/she will be banned for 2 years but if they wish to re-join IPF they need to repay the cost if the test " This has been discussed at length on social media and looks to be a popular proposal .

12. Agreement of membership fees for 2016 – no changes proposed.

13. Strategic Plan – acceptance of update.

14. No other business.

NOTES:

a) A presentation will be made at the end of the meeting to attending members elected to the GBPF Hall of Fame for 2014.

b) For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if members could inform the General Secretary at richard.parker@gbpf.org.uk if they are attending.