

GB Powerlifting Federation Ltd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 12th September 2021 Moulton College

MINUTES

Present: Richard Parker, Ina Finch, Kevin Jane, Craig Wilkins, Teneka Walford, Cameron Keyes, Adam Reilly, Sue Curtiss, Gary Hills, Owen Hubbard, Tony Cliffe, Jim McGill, Dave Turner, Jenni Sherwood, Moa Wikner, Jenny Hunter, Allen Ottolangui, Martin Bass, Ben Davis, Carol Parker, Fred McKenzie, Bryn Evans, Phil Guise, Carole O'Neil, Sophia Ellis, Paul Marsh, Joy Nnamani, Mick Ellender, Charlotte Reynolds, Ramsay Kirkhy, Ammar Farouk.

Total of 32 members in attendance with 11 members voting by proxy.

1. The Acting Chairman opened the meeting and requested a minute's silence in memory of our late Chairman Fred Sterry.
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM – were accepted nem con.
3. Matters arising - none.
4. Finance Report - Dave Turner presented his financial report.
 - 4.1. Reduced income was due to Covid and hence reduced membership.
 - 4.2. Expenses for the early part of the year were normal.
 - 4.3. The losses in previous year were made up as a result of the above.

ACCEPTED NEM COM

5. Agreement of budget for 2021 – Dave Turner explained the rationale for the figures presented.
 - 5.1. A view was taken on the actuals through 2019/20.
 - 5.2. The question of streaming costs was raised and it was explained that these were a best estimate. It's an ongoing issue, is being worked on.
 - 5.3. Owen Hubbard suggested contacting those who how to do it locally. Richard replied this was trialled last week at the Open Classic, but that the availability of hard-wired broadband or good Wi-Fi were limiting

factors. Ben Davis mentioned that we have a potential sponsor for next year and commitment for several national championships, but these need good venues.

- 5.4. Bryn Evans asked about web-site expenses. Richard explained that the bulk of these were for the redesigning of the website. This is nearing completion.
- 5.5. Paul Marsh raised anti-doping costs. Richard reiterated we were no longer permitted by the IPF to arrange our own testing programme. It has been done either by the IPF or UKAD and our three British championships this year have all been tested courtesy of the IPF. We have not been invoiced for these, but we expect these will be similar to previous year's costs.
- 5.6. Bryn Evans asked if the IPF decide to test at a divisional championship who pays? Richard answered that this had not come up yet, but that divisions would be required to pay.
- 5.7. Craig Wilkins asked about NI and it was explained that they didn't get any rebate as they paid a reduced membership fees to BP.
- 5.8. Martin Bass said that GL wanted to test and that's what they have used their rebates for.
- 5.9. Nathan Turner questioned trophy costs and Dave Turned answered this was the best estimate for the expected number of championships.

Proposed Nathan Turner; seconded Paul Marsh. ACCEPTED NEM COM

6. Appointment and remuneration of accountants.

D. Turner & Co proposed Adam Reilly; seconded Phil Guise. ACCEPTED NEM COM

7. Chairman's Report – not presented.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report.

- 8.1. Richard gave an overview: year began well with three championships, but then the pandemic hit and everything halted. Membership also started well then effectively stopped. Discussions regarding NGB recognition continued and we are now in the end game. Congratulations on excellent results to Martin Bass and the Masters' Classic team at the 2020 European Masters' Classic Championships.
- 8.2. Ben Davis asked about the new website. Richard commented that the last few changes were being made, but the switch over wouldn't be made until everything was sorted.

Proposed Adam Reilly; seconded Sue Curtiss and ACCEPTED NEM COM

9. Committee Reports:

9.1. England – Kevin Jane presented his report

- 9.1.1. Standard of refereeing at national championships not as good as it should be.
- 9.1.2. Divisions need to claim their membership rebates.
- 9.1.3. Adam Reilly is the new EPA Treasurer.

9.2. Scotland – Alex Mathieson submitted a brief written report – very little happened in 2020.

9.3. Wales – no report.

9.4. Northern Ireland – no report.

9.5. Disciplinary Committee – Ian Finch presented the DC report for 2020.

- 9.5.1. Less work now that anti-doping results management taken over by the IPF.
- 9.5.2. A lot of issues arising from social media posts. Divisions need to pass on the message that offensive posts will be actioned.
- 9.5.3. A complaint regarding a coach's behaviour is ongoing.
- 9.5.4. Bryn Evans is now the DC Chair.

9.6. Athlete's Commission – Tony Cliffe presented his report.

- 9.6.1. Lots of meetings held re World Classic Championships – can we/can't we go?
- 9.6.2. Ought to open debate on entry fees.
- 9.6.3. Thanks to Ina Finch and lifters for taking part in the forums.
- 9.6.4. Ian thanked Tony – as the forums allowed many queries to be sorted.
- 9.6.5. Competition Director's role needs to be filled.
- 9.6.6. Championships – need all to run and encourage other promoters. Maybe separate committee – we need bigger crowds.
- 9.6.7. NGB recognition frustrations ongoing.
- 9.6.8. BUCS recognition – thanks to all who helped with this.

9.7. Law and Legislation Committee – no report.

9.8. Medical Committee – no report.

10. Elections: Ian explained the set-up of the Board.

- 10.1. Chairman – Ian Finch is nominated by Jim McGill and seconded by Doreen Dowsett. He has indicated in writing that he is willing to stand.

ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 10.2. Chief Executive Officer - In accordance with Article 45, Richard Parker wishes to be considered for re-election.

ELECTED WITH ONE VOTE AGAINST.

- 10.3. Finance Director - In accordance with Article 45, Dave Turner wishes to be considered for re-election.

ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY

- 10.4. Chairman of Athletes of Commission - In accordance with Article 45, Tony Cliffe wishes to be considered for re-election.

ELECTED WITH 3 ABSTENTIONS.

- 10.5. Acceptance of Kevin Jane as Director for England.

ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

- 10.6. Acceptance of Tanya Bull as Director for Wales.

ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Notices of motion from the Board:

- 11.1. To accept the resignation of Alex Mathieson as Director for Scotland.
11.2. To accept the appointment of Bernie McGurk as Director for Scotland.

11.1. & 11.2 ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.3. To accept the appointment of Jacqui Pope as Director for Northern Ireland.

Regretfully, Jacqui withdrew her nomination prior to the AGM. Ricky Mullan is standing in the interim, but there are concerns this could affect our NGB application.

- 11.4. To accept the resignation of Julian Harris as an Independent Director.

ACCEPTED NEM COM

A question was raised regarding the Competition Director role. Ian said no applications have been received, but there had been some interest. It would need to be readvertised. Ian gave an overview of the role and explained there would be a lot of work but would then level out. Richard added that this applied to all three new jobs. Ben Davis mentioned the difficulties of finding new sponsors currently, e.g. BA. Owen Hubbard asked about the timeline for finding somebody and whether there was support for whoever took on the job. Ian, Ben and Owen also raised relevant points.

12. Notice of Motion from members:

Mick Ellender: That the Coaching Levy should not apply for the Master's Equipped Team.

REASON - The team have a special atmosphere driven by everyone supporting each other. As Head coach I overview and just directly coach the difficult or nervous lifters. Limiting the number of coaches is the hardest. I also quickly learned who looked after who. I have noticed a negative change in the atmosphere since this was agreed. I have been uncomfortable with the levy from the get-go and would hope to restore the status quo.

Ian explained that the £30 levy was voted in at the last AGM and goes into a central fund for all coaches and officials to be supported at internationals.

Mick Ellender spoke in support of his motion. The Equipped Masters are a particular team – more of a family. He noticed the difference when the levy came in; a different atmosphere. This team is completely different and the role of the coach is entirely different; all the lifters support each other. Richard asked for the view of the master's lifters present and Kevin said he understood the levy, but agreed masters often coached each other. Allen agreed coaches should get some of their expenses paid, but not sure it should be the lifters; could lifters pay their own entry and doping fees? Charlotte picked up re referees -they have no problem with masters' championships.

Martin Bass said it was his idea originally; a pot of money to help coaches and referees. We do it because we love it and want to do it, but felt a need to have money to make aid available. Joy commented that nobody thinks money going into a pot is a bad thing, but discounting the fact that some officials go because they like it. Why coaches/officials and not the lifters? Ian commented that the pot would not cover all the coaches. Joy agreed it would de-stabilise.

12. (cont)

Tony said it had been discussed at Board level and feedback required but agreed coaches should be supported. Sue commented that lifters are getting something from the championships, coaches are not. Martin said BP/L couldn't afford the support needed. Jenni asked could we do a survey now and Ian asked Tony to send out a survey. Joy didn't disagree, but would like a less direct way of getting the pot rather than asking lifters.

In favour of the motion – 4 votes

Against the motion – 17 plus 11 proxy votes

Abstentions – 10

MOTION LOST

13. Hall of Fame: Paul Rees – Official
Rebecca Heath – Athlete
Roger Powell – Athlete

14. Meeting closed at 12.39 hrs