



DRAFT MINUTES OF GBPF AGM HELD 13/3/16

AT MOULTON COLLEGE

Chairman Fred Sterry welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. 27 voting members were present.

Present as per register: Fred Sterry, Richard Parker, Kevin Jane, Carol Parker, Mike Edwards, Doreen Dowsett, Charlotte Reynolds, Mick Ellender, Bill Dadley, Dean Bowring, Jack Johnson, Sue Giles, Marc Giles, Jo Whiteley, Joe Whiteley, Craig Wilkins, David Cridland, Bryn Evans, Phil Stringer, Sue Hollands, Tony Hollands, Jenny Hunter, Allen Ottolangui, Pete Weiss, Joy Nnamani, Paul Marsh, Fred McKenzie.

Apologies: Tanya Bull, Lucy Cohen, Matthew Parker, Dave Kirkland, George Leggett, William Murray, Tony Cliffe, Mike Patterson, Kevin Green, Ted Brown, Ian Finch, Mark Walker.

1. Minutes of the 2015 AGM - were available to all present. The Chairman read through the minutes and they were accepted as a true record.
2. Matters arising:
 - 2.1. Minute 10.4.5.1 - International Roll of Honour notice of motion was passed on the basis that the YNE provided someone to take it on. They have not done this, so it's in abeyance.
 - 2.2. Minute 10.6 - Referees' expenses at £20 per day has been implemented.
 - 2.3. Minute 10.5 – The General Secretary wrote to the IPF and received an explanatory reply from IPF President, Gaston Parage.
3. Finance Report:
 - 3.1. Copies of the financial statements were distributed to all attendees.
 - 3.2. Mike Edwards highlighted the salient points:
 - 3.2.1. Income has trebled over the last five years, mainly due to the increase in membership, particularly in 2015.
 - 3.2.2. We experienced an attempted fraud on the bank account and as a result have set up other accounts where the bulk of our money is held. A minimum amount is kept in the working account.
 - 3.3. Jo Whitey asked for a breakdown and the General Secretary said this was detailed in the draft budget and the main income sources were explained.
 - 3.4. Tony Hollands asked about stock held if the new logo is introduced. Gen Sec replied that there would be a gradual changeover.

- 3.5. Jo Whiteley asked why income was up, but profit was down. Mike explained we are a non-profit making organisation; therefore we can spend as much as we get in.
- 3.6. Mike was asked and explained where the money was going, viz: membership rebates, international entry/doping fees, contributions to foreign travel and drug testing.
- 3.7. Tony Hollands asked re having a paid official and Mike said yes.
- 3.8. Marc Giles congratulated Mike Edwards for making such a dramatic improvement.

The Financial Report was accepted unanimously.

4. Agreement of budget for 2016

Printed copies of the 2016 budget plan were available to all members present. The Gen Sec emphasised this was only a best estimate and shows the proposed budget for GBPF main business for the next 12 months. The General Secretary explained the reasoning and decisions for the forecasted and planned budget.

- 4.1. Bryn Evans asked if there would be a bigger increase in cost of trophies with competitors' medals. Gen Sec said this was compensated by the greater number of lifters in each class.
- 4.2. Phil Stringer asked about competitor's medals for YNE and was pointed in Phil Guise's direction.
- 4.3. Mike Edwards highlighted we were increasing divisional rebates and spending a lot at international level.

The 2016 budget was unanimously accepted.

5. Appointment and remuneration of accountants.

Unchanged from 2015 – M A Edwards Limited

6. Chairman's Report.

Printed copies were available for all members present.
These were read and accepted

7. General Secretary's Report.

Printed copies were available for all members present.
The General Secretary gave a summary explanation of some of the main points, including status of our NGB application.

The General Secretary's report was accepted

8. Committee Reports:

8.1. England

- 8.2. Scotland
- 8.3. Wales
- 8.4. Northern Ireland
- 8.5. Disciplinary
- 8.6. Athlete's Commission

Printed copies were available, except Scotland's which was shown on the screen, for all members present and were also available on the web-site. These were read and accepted.

9. Elections (every three years): none this year.

10. Notices of motion:

- 10.1. To accept the resignation of Brian Coombs as Director for NI – unanimously passed.
- 10.2. To appoint Ricky Mullan as Director for NI – unanimously passed.
- 10.3. To accept the resignation of Rob Thomas as Director for Wales - unanimously passed.
- 10.4. To appoint TBA as Director for Wales – Gen Sec explained that until this position was officially filled, Tanya Bull and Lucy Cohen would jointly carry out this role.
- 10.5. To “re-brand” the Great Britain Powerlifting Federation as “British Powerlifting”. So we will be known as British Powerlifting rather than the GBPF and a new logo launched. A presentation on the proposed new logo was shown and explained to all those present and comments noted.

Passed: 20 votes for, 1 against and 5 abstentions.

- 10.6. To replace the office of General Secretary with a fully expensed Chief Executive Officer.

Mike Edwards commented that this should be considered the first phase, followed by a part-time paid post, then a fully paid position.

Passed unanimously

- 10.7. To adopt the GBPF Anti-Doping Policy.
 - 10.7.1. Mick Ellender asked about identifying a definitive list of what not to take and was advised to contact the DCO. Gen Sec pointed out that this policy only detailed processes and procedures and the list of banned substances was available via WADA.
 - 10.7.2. Joe Whiteley commented that it's a moving document anyway.
 - 10.7.3. Bill Dadley mentioned TUE validated and the Gen Sec answered that these are normally required to be renewed on an annual basis vis the IPF for international lifters. However, it should be noted that TUEs are not always approved.

10.7.4. A vote of thanks was made to Mark Walker for his hard work producing the Policy.

Passed unanimously.

10.8. To accept the formation of the Law & Legislation Committee.

Details of the four members who had come forward to be on this committee were available to all members present.

Passed unanimously

11. Agreement of membership fees for 2017 – no changes proposed.
12. Strategic Plan – The updated plan was accepted unanimously.
13. A Hall of Fame Award for 2015 was presented to Sue Hollands.
14. Meeting closed at 13.30hrs.