

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013

The GBPF has continued to grow with the membership increasing substantially over the last twelve months. The increase was helped immensely with the reintegration of The Northern Ireland Powerlifting Federation and Scottish Powerlifting into the GBPF. The General Secretary and I attended a meeting with Sport England earlier in the year and it would appear that the main reason, if not the only one, for not being recognised for National Governing Body status is membership numbers and a few alterations to our constitution.

The GBPF is now in a good financial position, we were able to pay rebates for the first time these being for years 2011 and 2012. Our national teams have had a very successful year in all age groups and bench press, my congratulations and thanks to lifters coaches and managers as our teams are self-funding. Our National Championships continue to be of the highest standard thanks to all promoters and their teams, although we do rely heavily on the same group of referees to officiate at these championships. Drug testing has been increased at national championships and dependant on their finances,, some Divisions have introduced testing. Rest assured we will continue to increase testing within the GBPF.

The 2013 Four Nations were hosted by Northern Ireland and in my opinion possibly the most successful to date Scotland being the eventual winners.

I would like to thank members of the executive for all their hard work on behalf of the Federation and their home countries.

Our General Secretary has worked tirelessly on our behalf; I would ask all our members to recognise this, we are very fortunate to have someone so dedicated to the sport working on our behalf.

I wish GBPF members success in all their endeavours in 2014.

Fred Sterry

GBPF Chairman