

Scottish Director's Report To March 2014

Scottish Powerlifting launched their new look website in March 2013.

SP's competition calendar for 2013 featured 6 competitions, the Open and the Unequipped attracted about 49 lifters each. The others were not so well attended averaging out at 17 lifters per competition.

A number of 2013 GBPF competitions saw Scottish lifters taking part, including the GBPF Bench, Masters, Seniors and Classic. A full team was fielded at the 4 Nations held in Northern Ireland and not only did Scotland win the best equipped team trophy, but was the overall winner.

Scottish lifters also had success in International competitions. Robert Love lifted at the European Senior Powerlifting Champs in Pilsen, Czech Republic as part of the GBPF Team. At Hamm, at the European Masters, in July Michelle Brand and Steve Cumming competed and won 4 medals each. Steve also broke the Commonwealth record with his 190kg bench. The Western Union was attended by Louise Murray, where she won gold. She also lifted in the IPF Open in Stavanger. The GB Masters team included Steve Cumming who, once again broke the Commonwealth Bench record at the IPF Masters in Orlando.

The GBPF Referee's Course was run in August, 4 people attended, all passed with excellent scores.

Pat Higgins, stalwart of SP, has been unwell for quite some time. She was hospitalised about the beginning of November 2013 and remains very poorly.

The SP AGM took place on the 8th December 2013. The SP Constitution had been re-written to take into account the re-integration with GB and was approved at the AGM. A full Committee was elected and now includes a Child / Vulnerable Young Person Safeguarding Officer.

Our Chairperson, Michelle Brand, stood down on the 27th January. Willie Lincoln, as Vice Chairperson, has taken up the reins and is being supported by the rest of the Committee. Our Open competition, on the 8th February, attracted 46 competitors and was a successful day.

The number of Scottish members peaked at 119 in 2013, compared to 57 in 2012. The membership for 2014 is presently standing at 103. The notable thing about this total is, that 54 of the 103 are new members, and quite a few of these have come from BDFPA.