

Draft Minutes of GBPF AGM 17th March 2013
Moulton College

1. Chairman, Fred Sterry welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

Attendees: Fred Sterry, Richard Parker, Kevin Jane, Marc Giles, Roger Powell, Rod Regler, Ian Finch, Doreen Dowsett, Kevin Green, Peter Weiss, Dave Kirkland, Willie Clelland, Richard Scott, Arun Singh, Dean Bowring, Ben Banks, Frank Kamau, Jim McGill, Allen Ottolangui, Jenny Hunter, Chris Cooper, Jim Dulling, Phil Guise, Fred McKenzie, Jas Singh.

Apologies : Paul Coke, Mike Edwards, Rob Thomas, Phil Richard, Carol Parker, Matthew Parker, Ricky Mullen, Alex Mathieson, John Halfacre, Michelle Brand, Carole Springett.

25 voting members were present and had registered and signed in:

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM were present in printed form and available to all at the meeting. These were accepted as true and accurate with a comment from Rod Regler that they were very well prepared.
3. There were no matters arising raised by members present.
4. Copies of the GBPF Financial Report, prepared by Finance Director Mike Edwards, were available to all members and presented in Mike's absence by the General Secretary. The Gen Sec explained some of the detail on the available report, any questions to be taken back to Mike Edwards if any queries could not be answered.

The main points arising:

- a) GBPF is now in a much stronger financial position than this time last year.
We now had an operating profit of over £10K when this time last year the accounts showed an overall loss. This was the result of austerity measures introduced, cutting right back on any personal expenses when compared to what was being allowed before and substantial savings with regard to our insurance.
- b) There were some comments from the floor asking specifically, "is there any specific evidence of financial misappropriation up to this time last year. Gen Sec answered there was no evidence although in hindsight it appears that money was possibly spent unwisely. Several members commented that they were not happy about the way GBPF finances were handled to year ending 2011 and wanted this recorded.
- c) The Gen Sec explained the system around rebates (shown on the report) from GBPF to home countries and then to be passed on to Divisions at the agreed rate of £10 per Division member.
- d) Rod Regler questioned the £2112 amount shown for tracksuits. It was unclear what this was for and Mike to clarify, but it may be an amount

carried over from last year's accounts. Rod Regler also pointed out that there should have been an income and indeed a profit from previous tracksuits sales that didn't seem to appear on previous accounts.

The accounts were accepted:

Proposed by Rod Regler
Seconded by Peter Weiss

There were thanks from the floor for Mike Edwards and the rest of the executive for the job that has been done over the last year in turning around GBPF finances.

5. Printed copies of the 2013 budget plan were available to all members present. This clearly stated the proposed budget for GBPF main business for 2013. The Chairman and General Secretary explained the items shown:
 - a) Notably, insurance costs were substantially reduced due to a reduction in the level of items of cover that was deemed to be un-necessary. The insurance company Perkins-Slade, however are still providing best value. Civil liability is now in place for all GBPF officers with cover going down to Divisional level with cover for accidental damage that may occur at competitions. All Divisions should be aware that all equipment used at competitions should be IPF approved.
 - b) Drug testing budget was then debated with each WADA approved drug test costing approximately £400/test and a budget for 20 tests to be carried out in 2013. GBPF use IDTM in accordance with WADA rules. They offer the best value, completely independent testing. It was mentioned that Divisions can contribute some of their rebate towards testing if they wished.

The 2013 budget was approved from the floor with thanks to Mike Edwards and Richard Parker for its creation.

6. Appointment and remuneration of accountants – it was felt that there was no specific need to change this but it was agreed that MA Edwards Accountants should now carry out this function from now on.

Proposed by Rod Regler
Seconded by Peter Weiss

7. The Chairman's, Secretary's and Committee reports for England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Disciplinary were all available and circulated and agreed on block.

Proposed by Marc Giles
Seconded by Roger Powell
These are available to view on the GBPF website.

8. Election of officers – not applicable this year (every 3 years)

9. Notices of motions:

9.1 From South East division:

- That the junior membership fee be amended to under 23.

These were debated and it was agreed that the Junior Membership fee would apply to under 23 years from year commencing 2014.

- That records for the British Deadlift be kept and may only be broken in a single lift competition.

After much discussion it was unanimously agreed to reject the British deadlift proposition.

9.2 From Executive; copies of each document were presented by the General Secretary:

- That the Strategic Plan be adopted by the GBPF
 - a) The main purpose of the Strategic Plan is that of a living / evolving documented plan of GBPF objectives.
 - b) The Gen Sec asked for any ideas with regard to increasing GBPF membership. Please send any idea's by e-mail.
 - c) The Strategic plan was accepted unanimously. This also is available to view on the GBPF website.
- That the Disciplinary Procedure be adopted by GBPF
 - a) The main reasoning behind the Disciplinary procedure is that it is required for National Governing Body status.
 - b) Any complaints should be referred to the Executive and they will implement the Disciplinary procedure.
 - c) The Disciplinary Procedure is available on the GBPF website. It was unanimously agreed to accept the Disciplinary Procedure.
- That the Child Safeguarding Policy be adopted by GBPF
 - a) The purpose of the Child Safeguarding Policy is to ensure that we are promoting child safety in all of our operations.
 - b) This is also available to view on GBPF website.
 - c) This was accepted unanimously.
 - d) It was also thought that this policy should be extended to include all vulnerable persons.

10. Membership fee changes. There are no proposals to change these at present except for the junior fees age limits from 2014 as mentioned above.

There was some discussion from the floor about the possibility and merits of reducing fee's for active referees, who were non competing.

There was currently no notice of motion on the agenda for this. It was felt that this should feature as a notice of motion via EPA for next year if this was still required.

11. There was no other business from the floor.

Jim Dulling from Yorkshire North East division commended the executive for their work during 2012

The AGM was then closed.

Willie Clelland gave a presentation with regard to his work with disabled lifters including people with low IQ. Willie asked for all present to welcome these people into gyms and he could be contacted for advice as necessary. Willie invited all present to the Special Olympics competition in Ashington on 5th and 6th July 2013.

There was also a request that a £50 donation from each of the Divisions would raise the amount of money required to one country's team to this event. This event is a prestigious one and will attract a lot of attention to the GBPF.

The 2012 Hall Of Fame awards presentations were then made to those elected:

Male athlete: Dean Bowring

Female athlete: Jenny Hunter

Official: Fred Sterry

All of the above will also receive honorary GBPF life membership.