

## **Scottish Powerlifting – GBPF AGM March 2017**

### **Director for Scotland Report**

I ran a BP Referee's Exam on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 3 SP members sat the exam. Only 2 were successful in attaining Divisional status. We are currently arranging to have another exam this year, hopefully there will be more applicants.

Stuart Crichton and Amanda Mulholland were approved as National referees, at the beginning of this year.

SP membership in 2016 peaked at 310, a small increase of 19 over 2015. As at 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 membership stands at 220.

Drug testing took place at 3 SP competitions in 2016, a total of 14 lifters were tested, there were 2 positive tests. These resulted in one lifter receiving a 4 year ban and the other a 1 year ban (after appeal).

We will continue with a full drug testing programme this year.

A full ladies Team from Aberdeen University represented British Powerlifting at the first IPF University Championship in Minsk, Belarus and did very well.

We have a full calendar planned for 2017, plus we are hosting the British Powerlifting Juniors at Ravenscraig, Motherwell on the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> November. Our first competition of 2017 had to be changed to a 2 day event because of the number of entries received.

A full SP Team were entered into the GB 4 Nations which took place in Cardiff on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 and finished a creditable second overall, for the second year in a row.

Hopefully, SP will be sending a team to South Africa for this year's Commonwealth.

A number of young members were voted onto the SP Committee at the AGM in December 2016. It is encouraging to see younger members willing to take on committee work. This brings fresh blood and new ideas into the running of Scottish Powerlifting. I hope this trend continues.

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