

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR 2022 AGM

Without doubt, the achievement of National Governing Body status is the most significant event in the history of British Powerlifting. Our final NGB recognition application was submitted February 2020, but it was not until March this year that our NGB status was confirmed. The whole process involved detailed scrutiny and approval of our governance, procedures and policy documents. However, we have been told this does not guarantee any funding and we are in dialogue with the Executive Director Partnerships at Sport England to explore what may be open to us. There is no confirmed timescale for this, but our initial objective is to obtain some support for our costly anti-doping programme.

Our IPF administered anti-doping programme is now well underway and the first tranche of athletes have been informed of their inclusion in the out-of-competition Testing Pool. This will be followed by some 144 lifters being included in the National Testing Pool. Whilst our contracted programme only covers national level competitions, we have agreed the IPF that divisional level testing can be carried out subject to agreement on terms and conditions. In parallel, discussions are ongoing with UKAD who have now offered to work in conjunction with the IPF and ultimately take over our anti-doping programme. However, both entail a commitment to anti-doping education and our lead on this, Chris Gilbert, is fronting this.

We are well advanced with getting full BUCS approval for the inclusion of powerlifting into their competition programme. Again, this is a protracted process with several stages to get thorough. We are now in the final "Implementation Phase" which should be completed by the end of July for inclusion in the 2023 programme. I would like to thank Nathan Gevao and Ade Omisakin for their valuable help, particularly in getting through the initial phase.

Our website has been revamped to give a much more modern and attractive look. We are continuing to introduce new features and improvements in operability as required. Many thanks to the Media Team for all their hard work getting this implemented. In conjunction with this, our magazine has been relaunched under the editorship of Jon Wilkinson and I would like to thank him for the excellent first issue this year.

The coaching course Tutor Team has been expanded to give us wider coverage country wide for our courses. This has been spearheaded by Charlie Marillier, who has done an excellent job. Charlie is also leading re-accreditation of our coaching courses with CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity). We have run a good number of both Level 1 and

Level 2 courses across the country and these are a valuable source of new coaches.

Membership is recovering strongly from the severe pandemic downturn and by the close this year we should be somewhere near our 2019 figure. It's also very encouraging to see the large number of divisional competitions listed and this, of course, is essential for membership growth. We are now back into a full programme of championships after the pandemic hiatus and these would not be possible without the raft of paperwork required. All this is prepared by our intrepid Championships Secretary, Jim McGill, who also manages all the on-line entries, not a trivial task.

The results from last year's curtailed internationals are detailed on the subsequent pages with some very impressive results, particularly from the junior classic men. Out of the World Open Championships, Tony Cliffe, Ellie Steel and Emma Goodwin have been selected to lift in the 2022 World Games. In addition, Carole Springett has been selected as a referee. Many congratulations to all four. Last year, in cooperation with the IPF, we ran a very successful Arnold Classic at the NEC Birmingham and as a result the IPF have agreed with the organiser an expanded programme for this year's event. There will be three days of lifting – equipped powerlifting, classic powerlifting and equipped bench press – all with generous prize money.

We are very pleased that we have now filled all the Board appointed director positions and welcome Chris Curtiss as Performance Director and Ben Davis as Development and Competition Director. These are challenging roles and will take a while to develop results. They are both valuable additions to the Board.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Board for their continuing support, particularly our Chairman Ian Finch for his valuable guidance.

Richard Parker

2021 INTERNATIONAL MEDAL TABLE

CHAMPIONSHIP	LIFTER	CAT	SQUAT	BENCH	DEAD LIFT	TOTAL	
World Classic Open							
	Tony Cliffe	120kg	Silver	Gold		Silver	
	Wesley Hall	120+kg			Silver		
	Leoni Tatman	52kg		Gold			
	Joy Nnamani	57kg			Gold	Gold	
	Bobbie Butters	57kg	Gold	Silver		Bronze	
	Sabrina Moore	63kg			Bronze		
Sophia Ellis	76kg			Bronze			
World Classic Sub-Junior							
	Theo Goff	83kg		Gold		Bronze	
	Jack Hopkins BL	93kg	Silver	Bronze	Gold WR	Gold WR	
Lauren Recci	52kg	Bronze		Gold	Bronze		
World Classic Junior							
	Salman Desai	53kg	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	
	Ade Omisakin	74kg	Gold		Gold	Silver	
	Luke Wilson	83kg	Bronze				
Melissa Bird	84+kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold		
World Classic Masters							
	M1	Malcolm Long	74kg	Bonze	Silver	Bronze	Silver
		Ross Brimsted	105kg	Bronze			
		Catherine Shamel	52kg	Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Bronze
		Helen Hughes	57kg	Bronze	Gold		Silver
		Abi Graham	63kg		Silver		Bronze
		Genevieve Collins	69kg	Bronze		Bronze	Bronze
		Rebecca Allen	76kg	Gold		Bronze	Silver
Helen Ferguson-Ford	84+kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold		
M2	Angelina Lane	52kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	
	Karren Burns	57kg	Silver		Silver	Silver	
	Heather Tagg	69kg	Silver	Silver	Gold ER	Gold ER	
	Georgina Hazell	84kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	
	Jo Whiteley	84+kg	Bronze	Silver	Silver	Silver	
M3	Daryl Peter	52kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	
	Caroline Calver	63kg	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	
World Masters Equipped							
	M3	Allen Ottolangui	74kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
	Maureen Gordon	63kg	Silver	Gold	Gold	Gold	
M2							
World Open							
	Tony Cliffe	120kg			Bronze	Silver	
	Emma Goodwin	52kg			Gold		
	Ellie Steel	57kg	Silver	Bronze			
European Classic							
	Open	Jurins Kenngamu	83kg	Gold			Bronze
		William Pickering	93kg	Bronze		Silver	Silver
		Abdul Majeed Sulayman	105kg	Bronze			
		Kieran Gray	120kg		Silver		Gold
GBR Men's Team 3 rd							

European Classic	Open	Ajay Sharma	120+kg	Gold			Bronze
		Lenka Pilnikova	47kg		Bronze		
		Melissa Hexter	57kg	Silver	Silver		Gold
		Jodie Cook	57kg			Silver	
		Annie Nelson	63kg	Bronze		Silver	Bronze
		Susanna Argile	69kg	Silver	Bronze		Bronze
		Sophia Ellis	76kg		Silver	Gold	Silver
		Emily Greenway	76kg	Silver			Bronze
		Camille Holland	84+kg	Gold			
Sub-Juniors		Theo Goff	83kg		Gold	Bronze	Silver
		Aaron Hoxellari	83kg			Silver	
		Jack Hopkins	93kg	Silver	Silver	Gold	Gold WR
		Lauren Recci	52kg			Gold	
GBR Men's Team 1st	Juniors	Jansen Zhen Hao Law	59kg			Bronze	Bronze
		Connor Leadbeater	66kg		Bronze		
		Ade Omisakin	74kg	Silver	Bronze	Gold WR	Gold
		Nathan Gevao	83kg	Gold		Silver	Gold ER
		James Adcock	83kg	Bronze		Gold	Silver
		Chris Onuoha	93kg			Gold	Silver
		Ashley Butler	120kg				Bronze
		Erin Aldcroft	52kg		Silver	Silver	
		Mariella Fisher	69kg	Bronze			
		Alice Freeman-Francis	76kg	Silver	Silver	Gold	Silver

BL = Best Lifter, WR = World Record; ER = European Record