

# **BRITISH POWERLIFTING BOARD MEETING 23/10/22**

## **MINUTES**

Present: Ian Finch, Richard Parker, Tony Cliffe, Kevin Jane, Chris Curtiss, Tom Morgan, Ben Davis.

Apologies: Dave Turner

1. Date of next Board meeting – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
2. Minutes of meeting 24/7/22 – accepted as distributed.
3. Abridged 27/7/22 minutes for publication - approved.
4. Matters arising:
  - a. International Masters Championships organisation (Agenda item 12.5) – CEO wrote to IPF/EPF and the IPF replied that streaming depends on volunteers and the opening ceremony is held after the start to have more people attending.
  - b. Disability disclosure for championships (Agenda item 12.6) – is being included in next tranche of website changes.
  - c. Strategic Plan update (Agenda item 12.9) – accepted by the Board and uploaded to website.
  - d. Alignment of “Constitution” with Sport England Tier 1 requirements (Agenda item 12.10) – nothing received from Bryn Evans to date – Tony to chase nothing emerged.
  - e. Lesson Learned register (Agenda item 12.11) – will be prepared as applicable matters occur.
  - f. Safeguarding Officer at all championships (Agenda item 12.12) – Kevin Jane is progressing.
  - g. Consideration of email from Jenni Sherwood re safeguarding complaining that it wasn’t mentioned in the Strategic Plan etc; meeting request and said no SO at British Masters? Discussed and pointed out that there was an SO at the British Masters, albeit not made a song and dance about. SOs should be made more visible for future championships. It was greed that Safeguarding is adequately covered in the safeguarding policy and does not need to be in the Strategic Plan.
5. Finance:
  - a. Report accepted – small operating loss of £437 in Q3.
  - b. Euro bank account – not set up as yet, but we do have a PayPal Euro account.
  - c. Consideration of reduction in membership rebates to fund a more comprehensive anti-doping programme. Estimated total rebate for 2022 is ~£41K. Agreed half to be retained.
  - d. International fees outstanding – 12 lifters owe entry and doping fees. CEO to send reminders with warning on future selections.
6. Organisation
  - a. Isle of Man as separate entity for membership etc. – agreed subject to agreement on membership fees. £25 agreed, website to be amended.
  - b. Succession Planning – plan to be produced. Deputy Chairman suggested.
  - c. Assistant Secretary as per By-Law 72 – role description drafted, expense allowance to be discussed with Dave.
  - d. Sub-committees & non-executive officers: University Committee discussed publicise

7. Performance:
  - a. Middlesex University held awaiting PAT testing
  - b. Liaison with head coaches to be done.
  
8. Development:
  - a. £6K allocated for development budget to end 2023.
  - b. Match funding initiative – proposal to be prepared by Ben.
  - c. Gymshark Squad held 15<sup>th</sup> October, but only 11 attendees plus a photographer. Next one scheduled for December.
  - d. SBD University Development Programme – details required from SBD.
  - e. Derby Arena mentioned.
  
9. Sponsorship:
  - a. SBD – continuing as agreed. Team tracksuits may be possible. Discussions on funding for equipment.
  - b. Eleiko – Q3 commission £516.66 invoiced.
  - c. White Lights Media – agreement for 2023 championships to be signed.
  - d. Neofit – not renewing and have been removed from website.
  - e. A7 – proposal for 2023 not yet agreed.
  - f. Union Jacked – agreement signed for 2023.
  
10. Membership – to date 4896 for 2022 and 593 for 2023.
  
11. Athletes' Commission - some off-line feedback. White Lights competition – high entry fee.
  
12. Disciplinary – one positive from NI being processed.
  
13. Anti-Doping
  - a. Teams meeting with UKAD 30/9/22:
    - i. We need to complete and deliver our Education Strategy (Chris Gilbert).
    - ii. UKAD will need to prepare a Test Distribution Plan (TDP).
    - iii. Further discussion required to determine how we deliver education.
    - iv. It's likely that UKAD will not be in a position to take over until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at the earliest. This means we have to extend our agreement with the IPF.
  - b. We are working through all the elements of the Assurance Framework and each has to be signed off by UKAD (Chris & Richard). There are 24 to be completed and six annual tasks.
  - c. Anti-doping education – all international lifters have to complete the WADA ADEL on-line program and send in their certificate. Consider extension using the UKAD app or all members (at least those entering British championships). However, UKAD's advice on this will be sought.
  - d. Richard, as the BP Board Anti-Doping Lead, participated in a webinar 21/10/22 with the UKAD Chairman, CEO and a number of NGBs. There were breakout meetings for general discussion. It was mentioned that there is an Outreach programme, which could be used for education, but there may be a cost. We should consider having an anti-doping information banners at all national championships and maybe leaflets.

- e. Consideration of rule change to restrict warm-up room access to BP members only. This is to ensure that all officials in contact with lifters are under our jurisdiction for anti-doping rule compliance.

This will require a change to By -Law 31, viz:

The following rules apply for access to the warm-up and holding areas of a competition. **The restriction to British Powerlifting members applies for all British and National Championships and is a recommendation for lower-level competition:**

31.1 Those below **cannot** enter the warm-up area of a competition:

- a. **an individual who is banned by British Powerlifting or the IPF; an individual who is not a current member of British Powerlifting.**
- b. an individual who the competition jury, within their powers outlined at Paragraph 27 determines should not be permitted to enter the warm-up area and
- c. an individual who is currently suspended on an interim basis, unless the suspension states otherwise.

31.2 Those below **can** enter the warm-up area provided they do not meet the descriptions at 31.1 above:

- a. each official of the competition;
- b. each lifter in the competition (a **“Competition Lifter”**);
- c. in the case of a classic or being only Competition Lifter, up to 2 named individuals of the Competition Lifter, each of whom must be serving a coaching or supervising or spotting or loading role and in the case of a equipped 3 lift Competition Lifter, up to 3 named individuals of the Competition Lifter, each of whom must be serving a coaching or supervising or spotting or loading role.

In each case, access is only permitted within a reasonable time of the Competition Lifter’s platform lifts.

- d. **any White Lights Media personnel, provided they have DBS clearance to at least the basic level.**
- e. **any other media personnel with the express permission of the British Powerlifting Chairman or CEO.**

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- e. Consideration of rule change to By -Law 24, viz:

24.6. Any lifter found positive may apply for membership again after their suspension term has been served.

However, the lifter must first have repaid the cost of the anti-doping test **and associated processing costs.**

24.7. **All members shall remain subject to the Anti-Doping rules for a minimum of 12 months from the date they became British Powerlifting members or their last competition, whichever is the later.**

24.1. is a clarification. 24.2 is required for compliance to UKAD’s Assurance Framework.

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14. Communications and Media:

- a. Website updates being progressed.
- b. New IPF Media Policy – amendments being considered as a result of comments from one of our members (Andrew Ward).
- c. CEO report that a problem with the social media feed to the website had arisen due to new restrictions imposed by FB. A work around is being looked at by Blue Line Media.

15. Technical:

- a. Juries at British Championships – use of non-international referees approved; list to be published.
- b. University age limits and records – BUCS rules mean that any age lifter can enter. However, FISU rules will still have a 25 years old limit for World Cups. Following discussion with our records registrar, we will not introduce a two tier record system.
- d. New IPF bench press rules discussed – if they don't work the IPF will have to change them.

16. Coaching - Terms of Reference required for coaches at internationals – Bernie's draft.

17. Home Country Reports:

- a. England – report accepted.
- b. Wales – report accepted. New venue for Home Nations - PB Performance, Cardiff.
- c. Scotland – no report.
- d. NI – new Exec team voted in at their AGM and the new CEO is Marty Cummings. The official minutes awaited and the required paperwork will be prepared.

18. British Championships 2022

- a. Home Nations, Wales – PB Performance, Cardiff, 10th December 2022

19. British Championships 2023 & Competition Director Report:

- a. Equipped – 25/26<sup>th</sup> February, Regen Centre, Ricall, Yorks – should we make the championships open for placings – agreed, but lifters need to say which they're entering.
- b. Bench Press (Classic Saturday, Equipped Sunday) – 4/5<sup>th</sup> March, Ashington.
- c. University Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April at Moulton College.
- d. Open Classic (Men & Women) – Nottingham Strong, 16-19 March to be confirmed after Ian visits.
- e. Junior Classic – Gymshark, 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- f. Masters Classic – date and venue required.
- g. Home Nations NI's turn.
- b. Sikh Games, August – issue with BP membership yet to be resolved.

20. Internationals 2022:

- a. Euro Bench Press Championships, 2-7 August, Győr, Hungary.
- b. World Junior, 27/8 to 4/9, Istanbul - reported.
- c. Western European Cup – 9-11<sup>th</sup> September France - reported.
- d. UK Arnold Classic, 23-25<sup>th</sup> September, NEC Birmingham – reported.
- e. World University Cup, 31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, Istanbul.
- l. World Open 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November, Viborg, Denmark.
- m. Commonwealth Championships, 28/11 to 4/12 in Auckland.
- n. European Classic.

## 21. Internationals 2023:

- a. Reykjavik International Games 29<sup>th</sup> January.
- b. European Classic Masters Championships, 28 February to 5<sup>th</sup> March in Budapest.
- c. European Classic University Cup, 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, Albi, France.
- d. SBD Sheffield Championships, 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- e. European Equipped Championships, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May, Thirsted, Denmark.
- f. World Classic and Equipped Bench Press, 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, Sun City.
- g. World Classic Championships & IPF Congress 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June in Malta.
- h. SOI Games, 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June in Berlin.
- i. European Masters Equipped Championships, 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July in Pilsen.
- j. European Bench Press, 31<sup>st</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August, Merignac, France
- k. IBSA World Blind Sports Games, Birmingham, 18-27<sup>th</sup> August – we have been asked to help, but agreement is required between the IPF, IBSA and IPC.
- l. World Junior Championships, 24<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- m. Western European Cup, 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September, Reykjanesbär, Iceland.
- n. World Masters Championships, 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, Mongolia.
- o. European Junior Classic Championships, 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, Budapest.
- p. World Open, 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- q. European Open Classic Championships, 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, Tartu, Estonia.

## 22. Internationals 2024:

- a. European Bench Press – EPF verbal request for us to host! Fred McKenzie has been approached.

## 23. Meeting Closed at 1630hrs