

BRITISH POWERLIFTING BOARD MEETING 8/1/23

MINUTES

Present: Ian Finch, Richard Parker, Tony Cliffe, Tom Morgan, Kevin Jane

Apologies: Bernie McGurk, Dave Turner,

1. Date of next Board meeting – Sunday April 16th.
2. AGM – 23rd April at Moulton College. Notice will be issued shortly.
3. Minutes of meeting 23-10-22 – accepted.
4. Abridged 23/10/22 minutes for publication – accepted with one correction.
5. Matters arising:
 - a. Safeguarding – Scotland and NI responded.
 - b. New bench press rules discussed.
6. Finance:
 - a. Report – IPF Anti-Doping invoice for 2022 received and paid. Trading profit for FY2022 provisionally £64,513.
 - b. Insurance renewed.
 - c. Euro bank account – pending.
 - d. International fees outstanding – in hand.
 - e. Budget for British Championships required – base on past competitions.
7. Organisation
 - a. Resignation of Ben Davis as Competition/Development Director discussed. To be readvertised.
 - b. Succession Planning – plan to be produced. Deputy Chairman suggested readvertise.
 - c. Assistant Secretary applications – three applicants.
 - d. University Committee – Nathan Gevao has agreed to be the Chair and form an active committee to progress university lifting and championships.
 - e. Nathan (newly qualified solicitor) has also agreed to come onto the Legal Committee.
6. Performance:
 - a. Athlete testing. – Middlesex University meeting Thursday. Report requested.
 - b. Liaison with head coaches required.
 - c. Standards for selection required for website.
7. Development:
 - a. £6K allocated for development budget to end 2023.
 - b. Match funding initiative – proposal to be prepared.
 - c. SBD University Development Programme – details required from SBD. Squads being arranged at SBD. Richard to contact Ben Banks.
 - d. Ian will take on development in the interim.
 - e. International Selection procedure to be updated.

8. Sponsorship:

- a. SBD – continuing as agreed.
- b. Eleiko – meeting scheduled to discuss commission, equipment purchase and championships support. Wales interested in having the equipment.
- c. White Lights Media – Photo Packages can now be purchased via the competition entry page.
- d. A7 – proposal for 2023 not accepted.

10. Membership – to date 4896 for 2022 and currently 2343 for 2023. Memberships need to be checked at all competitions.

11. Athletes' Commission – next forum 21st January.

12. Disciplinary:

- a. One positive from NI now publicly announced.
- b. Alleged unprofessional behaviour by a Scottish coach – DC have not found sufficient corroborative evidence.

13. Anti-Doping

- a. Extension of our agreement with the IPF being progressed until UKAD take over mid year.
- b. UKAD Assurance Framework – being progressed. Website is being updated in line with their requirements.
- c. Anti-doping education – this is very important and we have to provide evidence:
 - i. Education Strategy – we have received help from Snow Sport Scotland via one of our classic lifters.
 - ii. Education Team – will be formed utilising DCOs from each division and Home Nation.

14. Communications and Media – we are running out of capacity on the website server for sending bulk emails so are switching over to use Mail Chimp. This will cost USD24/month but will give us much more flexibility as well as capacity. This is being managed by Blue Line Media.

15. Technical:

- a. Juries at British Championships to be introduced.
- b. Promotions to international discussed.

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

17. Home Country Reports:

- a. England – report accepted.
- b. Wales – report accepted. Home Nations discussed.
- c. Scotland – Steve McQuade passed away.
- d. NI – no report.

18. British Championships 2023:

- a. Equipped – 25/26th February, Regen Centre, Ricall, Yorks. Open for placings. Highly likely that this will be a one day event; YNE have been asked to say their preferred day.
- b. Bench Press (Classic Saturday, Equipped Sunday) – 4/5th March, Ashington.
- c. University Championships – 1st to 5th April at Moulton College. BUCS
- d. Open Classic (Men & Women) – Nottingham Strong, 16-19 March – organisation.
- e. Junior Classic – Gymshark, 27th to 30th April – budget and organisation. Ian to chase.
- f. Masters Classic – 3/4th June Belfast.
- g. Home Nations NI's turn.
- b. Sikh Games, August – issue with BP membership yet to be resolved.
- c. Entry fees discussed.

19. Internationals 2022:

- a. World Open 14th to 19th November – Deans report discussed.
- b. Commonwealth Championships, 28/11 to 4/12 – went well.
- c. European Classic December – excellent results

21. Internationals 2023:

- a. Reykjavik International Games 29th January.
- b. European Classic Masters Championships, 28 February to 5th March in Budapest.
- c. European Classic University Cup, 16th to 19th March, Albi, France.
- d. SBD Sheffield Championships, 25th March.
- e. European Equipped Championships, 2nd to 7th May, Thirsted, Denmark.
- f. World Classic and Equipped Bench Press, 20th to 28th May, Sun City.
- g. World Classic Championships & IPF Congress 10th to 17th June in Malta.
- h. SOI Games, 17th to 25th June in Berlin two GBR lifters selected - Bledwyn Gibbs, Geraldine Fitzsimmons.
- i. European Masters Equipped Championships, 5th to 9th July in Pilsen.
- j. European Bench Press, 31st July to 6th August, Merignac, France
- k. IBSA World Blind Sports Games, Birmingham, 18-27th August – this is currently a non IPF sanctioned competition.
- l. World Junior Championships, 24th August to 3rd September, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- m. Western European Cup, 8th to 10th September, Reykjanesbär, Iceland.
- n. World Masters Championships, 8th to 15th October, Mongolia.
- o. European Junior Classic Championships, 10th to 15th October, Budapest.
- p. World Open, 13th to 19th November, Vilnius, Lithuania
- q. European Open Classic Championships, 6th to 10th December, Tartu, Estonia.

22. Hall of Fame – nominations for 2022: Rob Palmer, Ted Brown, Bobby Butters, Chris Gilbert - agreed.

23. AOB:

- a. Military – RN & RAF have been in contact.
- b. Open Records/QTs – names agreed.

24. Meeting closed at 15.50