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.


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:
   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.


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.


17. Home Country Reports:
   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.
c. University Championships – 1st to 5th April at Moulton College. BUCS
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, Thisted, 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 - Bleddyn 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, Reykjanessbær, 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.


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

24. Meeting closed at 15.50