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British Powerlifting Board of Directors

Dear Board,

Resignation

It is with great sadness that I submit my resignation as CEO of British Powerlifting. I had not intended to stand again at the next AGM, but the unprecedented action of a small minority of members (~1%) in calling an EGM has forced my hand.

I was elected as General Secretary of the GBPF in 2012 and subsequently appointed CEO British Powerlifting. During my tenure membership has increased fivefold and we have gained National Governing Body recognition by Sport England. This was only achieved by considerable effort and persistence on my part assisted by the late Fred Sterry and Kevin Jane. NGB recognition has raised our profile considerably and led to other organisations like BUCS and UKAD wishing to engage with us. I'm sure British Powerlifting will continue to thrive under the right leadership and I leave the Federation in a very strong financial position.

Following this, we gained recognition by BUCS (British University and College Sport). This also necessitated considerable effort and administrative overhead. We are in an advanced stage of negotiation with UKAD and have satisfied all 24 requirements of their Assurance Framework. There is considerable ongoing work associated with this to satisfy all their requirements for confirmation of educating all our athletes, for example. This is not a one off and must be completed each year.

Please be assured I will do everything necessary to ensure a smooth transition and will always be available to provide help and advice. I thank the Board for their support and wish my successor the very best of luck.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Parker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard