## Chairman's Report 2017

2016 has been a very successful year for British Powerlifting, membership continued to increase 3,050 at the close of the year. This means a lot of hard work for our Membership Megistrar Carol Parker processing this number and we must thank Carol for her endeavours.

National, Divisional, and Home Country championships continue to be well attended, with a very high standard of lifting. Our international teams have had great success notably our classic teams. We acknowledge the outstanding work of the National Coaches Managers and International Referees.

Entry to all National Championships is now by electronic entry, it has been necessary to revise some qualifying totals to help keep competitions manageable. British Powerlifting is continually looking for new venues and anyone who feels they and their Division have facilities to promote a National Championship should contact the executive.

Our application for Governing Body Status continues, this requires changes to our Article and By-Laws to conform to Sport England requirements, this will be explained in the body of the meeting This has involved a great deal of hard work by Michael Patterson of our Law and Legislation Committee and our CEO.

I must emphasise to our new members that British Powerlifting does not use social media to conduct its day to day business, contact details of all officers are available on the BP web site; I would urge anyone with queries to please contact an official.

I would like to thank all officials for their hard work in taking British Powerlifting forward to a positive future.

I wish a successful 2017 to all our members.

Fred Sterry

Chairman

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