

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 2024 AGM

2023 saw another substantial rise for memberships, reaching another all time high of 6036 (3980 Male and 2029 Female) by the end of the year. We have also started off this year strong with just over 4600 members so far. This growth would not be possible without the teams of volunteers, at all levels of British Powerlifting and the Home Nations, working tirelessly to keep the sport moving forward.

We ran another full championships programme in 2023 and I am grateful to the promoters and competition directors who enabled this to happen. Looking to 2024, we have seen the implementation of the new National Series which has already proven to be a great success with the competitions that have already been run. I would like to extend my thanks to James Brincat-Smith and his team, who's vision and dedication have enabled this to happen. The creation of the National Series has also seen British Powerlifting invest in a full competition package, which will be available at all championships throughout this year and the years to come.

We have managed to secure significant investment through new sponsorship agreements which will allow British Powerlifting to grow for a great many years to come. We have also seen the addition of individual sponsors for the national series which has allowed for an even greater competition experience for our members.

The board has continued to grow with the addition of new members who have diverse experience, expertise and ideas which will help continue to drive the sport forward.

Our anti-doping programme continues to grow, with testing carried out at all major championships last year and a record number of tests conducted so far in 2024. We are also in the process of transitioning over to UKAD, which will allow for further growth of our anti-doping programme.

The number of referees within British Powerlifting continues to climb, with the creation of the new online course and exam this will only help bolster this number

allowing for more competitions to be run. A note of thanks to Adam Riley who is responsible for the creation and implementation of this new format.

We continue to progress the development of the coaching courses thanks to Charlie Marillier and her team. Charlie is currently working on finalising the re-accreditation with CIMSPA and having our Level 2 course approved with the IPF. Obtaining approval from the IPF will allow our team coaches and head coaches to obtain the documentation they need without having to travel to take part in the IPF coaching courses.

The results from our international teams continue to highlight the standard of athletes we have in Great Britain. I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to every lifter that represented us in 2023 and I look forward to seeing more success at our international competitions in 2024. This March, in cooperation with the IPF and EPF, we ran our third Arnold Classic in the UK with a packed spectator area on all three days of lifting. It is our hope that this will now become a regular event within our calendar, allowing us to showcase our incredible athletes at such a large expo.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Board and committees for their support during the last 10 months. Although my time in office has been relatively short I leave this role with the Board, finances and membership in a very strong position. I am confident that whoever my successor is will continue to bring British Powerlifting from strength to strength.

Tom Morgan

Interim CEO

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