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**British Powerlifting Annual Chair report 2023–2024**

I took up the Interim Chair role Sept 2023 after the resignation of the former chair.

From take over with the resignation also of the CEO and several BP positions available, there were numerous issues needing resolved. Subsequently an EGM was called.

Since this time with a new interim CEO in place, the priority was to fill vacant positions and bring British Powerlifting board members together with shared goals and clear plans on moving the Federation forward.

This as you can imagine has been a long road and something that cannot be rushed. The appointments made have brought people in who have a vision for the future, with members needs at the forefront.

There has been significant work gone into improving national competitions, giving lifters a more professional experience, as with all change there will be teething problems, which the current board take on board and will implement improving in the future.

We have invested in competition approved kit to significantly improve warm up conditions, this investment allows all national championships access to these to enable a consistent warm up room.

We have also secured significant sponsorship deals, not only for the coming year but also individual sponsors for championship events, again allowing for a greater competition experience.

We continue in our efforts to align with WADA and work in progress to drug test at all championship events, education also at the forefront.

We have also increased our financial support for referees and volunteers, whom without we could not run competitions.

There are numerous ongoing initiatives that will come to fruition over the coming year.

I give thanks to our board members and volunteers for their efforts and see a bright future for British powerlifting.

All home nations work hard and continue to grow, with membership increasing year on year, a big thanks to all committees involved.

Lastly, I give thanks and praise to lifters, who are the ones we aim to give the best experience and support we can.

The international success lifters continue to achieve makes it all worthwhile and shows what a great platform to success British Powerlifting have.

Yours sincerely

Bernie McGurk (Interim Chair)

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