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Director for English Powerlifting report for British Powerlifting AGM 2024.

The forthcoming English bench press championships to be held in Ashington, Northumberland (13/14th April) have around 114 entries with an additional number of lifters competing in a separate disabled bench press competition. There are several lifters who have requested dispensation because of other lifting commitments or injury issues, but early indications that we will have a large team for this year's Commonwealth championships, with entry numbers still growing for the three lift comps to be run in June.

I'm in the process of looking at dates to set up Divisional representative meetings as I'm aware of a number of decisions being made at BP executive level needing to be discussed. In particular what the EPA might gain from a BP/SBD agreement. Following discussions financial parity between Home Nation agreements would make these discussions and distribution of funds easier, and something we will look to push for in this coming term of the incoming Exec.

National qualifying standards also need to be looked at, because if not altered means having to cater for an increasing number of qualifiers and staging lengthy championships like this year's British Juniors. Alternatively breaking the All England down further by running separate English junior and master championships, which could prove difficult with an already congested calendar.

Vacancies still need to be filled at committee level if the EPA is to move forward, but I feel if nothing else the ship is for the moment at least stable.

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