

British Powerlifting 2024 AGM

Motion Vote Summary

Summary of Motions, Amendments, and Director Reports.

Motions and Amendments

14.1) Chairperson Election

Election for Chairperson.

Single-select motion from a list of multiple options. Regular Motion only needs a majority vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

Option	Votes	Winning Option
Ben Davis	216	Elected as Chairperson
Martin Bass	199	
Abstain	42	

Motion 14.2: Election for Chief Executive Officer

James Brincat-Smith is nominated by Tom Morgan and seconded by Bernie McGurk. He has indicated in writing that he is willing to stand

Regular Motion only needs a majority vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
335	48	74	Passed

Motion 14.3: Election for Finance Director.

Tony Cliffe is nominated by Tom Morgan and seconded by Bernie McGurk. He has indicated in writing that he is willing to stand.

Regular Motion only needs a majority vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
418	1	38	Passed

Motion 14.4: Election for chairperson of Athletes Comission

Annie Nelson is nominated by James Brincat-Smith and seconded by Ben Davis. She has indicated in writing that she is willing to stand.

Regular Motion only needs a majority vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
386	10	61	Passed

Motion 15.1: Amendment to article 104

104.No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present. Unless the Articles otherwise provide, twenty (20) Members present in person or by Proxy and entitled to vote on the business to be transacted shall be a quorum.

To read

104.No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present. Unless the Articles otherwise provide, twenty (20) Members present in person or by Proxy and entitled to vote on the business to be transacted shall be a quorum. For operational purposes and for the advancement of the sport this may take place purely online or of a hybrid nature at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Rationale.

To deliver an AGM that the membership have requested at previous AGM's but have not been assisted in ensuring changes to articles were made.

Special Resolutions require 75% of the vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
370	23	64	Passed

Motion 15.2: Amendment to Article 110

110.At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is demanded:

To Read

110.At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is demanded: For operational purposes and for the advancement of the sport voting may take place purely online prior to the AGM at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Under the proviso that the membership have the opportunity to make comment on motions for a period of no less than 7 days prior to voting opening. That voting via an online platform is opened no less than 14 days prior to thew AGM, that a proxy may be appointed for the interest of fairness and inclusivity, and that voting be closed 48hrs before the date of the AGM.

Rationale.

To deliver an AGM that the membership have requested at previous AGM's but have not been assisted in ensuring changes to articles were made.

Special Resolutions require 75% of the vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
360	24	73	Passed

Motion 16.1: International Athlete Badges

From David Gray

The addition of international recognition badges.

REASON

At present there is no tangible item of evidence that a lifter can possess to say he/she has represented their country other than a medal. Considering that many lifters unfortunately don't make a podium finish, I feel it would be beneficial to award all lifters chosen to represent their country with a badge.

This would serve two fold as a thank you and recognition for their hard work, being picked for their country and sacrifices made.

Prior to GB Powerlifting changing its name from BWLA recognition for those who represented their country was in the form of a badge. I still cherish my badges which have been shown to relatives and friends as a sign of my achievements.

I conducted a survey which resulted in 100% of powerlifters agreeing that this would be an excellent idea.

I think some recognition in the form of a badge or medal would be highly valued.

Regular Motion only needs a majority vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome

331	76	50	Passed
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Motion 16.2: Isle of Man

From William Brown and Lisa Grant

SPECIAL RESOLUTION - Isle Of Man Inclusion I submit a special resolution to update British Powerlifting's current Articles of Association definition of 'Home Countries' to include the Isle Of Man.

I submit a special resolution to update British Powerlifting's current Articles of Association definition of 'Home Countries' to include the Isle of Man.

Current format: 'Home Countries means the Member organisations representing Powerlifting in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;'

New format: 'Home Countries means the Member organisations representing Powerlifting in England, Scotland, Wales, The Isle of Man, and Northern Ireland; each Home Nation is to have a British Powerlifting Board Member representative save for the Isle of Man who shall be represented by the English Powerlifting Association'

The justification is that The Isle of Man (Manx) was not written into our articles when given home country status, which has led to issues in memberships and disciplinary issues and how they interact with the British Powerlifting disciplinary committee. Inclusion would also hold them accountable for all the other responsibilities of a home nation such as, but not limited to, a director on BP's board, a turn hosting Home Nations Championships, and all the benefits therein.

All updating of the articles and nominations of the roles for MANX are to be coordinated by the assistant secretary, chairperson, and MANX committee

Special Resolutions require 75% of the vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
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314	51	92	Passed
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Motion 17: Amendment to article 18

17. From James Brincat-Smith and Tom Morgan.

A special resolution to amend article 18.

Current format.

18. The Board may set a membership subscription fee (the “Membership Fee”) for each class of membership relating to the relevant membership period at their discretion, and all members of that class of membership shall pay to British Powerlifting that subscription as a condition of membership. No change to the Membership Fee shall be made unless it is presented at the previous General Meeting in accordance with Article 131.4. For avoidance of doubt, the Membership Fee paid by a Member shall not be refunded under any circumstances and this is not a payment for goods or services, but for the right to be recognised as a Member of British Powerlifting.

To be amended to.

18. The Board may set a membership subscription fee (the “Membership Fee”) for each class of membership relating to the relevant membership period at their discretion, and all members of that class of membership shall pay to British Powerlifting that subscription as a condition of membership.

Any change in membership fee may be made on an annual basis at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Under the proviso of:

18.1 The increase is no more than 2% above the CPI rate of inflation set by the OBR at the 1st July of that year.

18.2 The increase is discussed at the board level and minuted for publication.

18.3 That members are notified of the increase by no less than 60 days prior to the

following years' membership being available for purchase.

For avoidance of doubt, the Membership Fee paid by a Member shall not be refunded under any circumstances and this is not a payment for goods or services, but for the right to be recognised as a Member of British Powerlifting.

Special Resolutions require 75% of the vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
338	54	65	Passed

Motion 18: Amendment to bylaw 25.3

18. Motion to add addendums to British Powerlifting By-Law 25.3

Current By-law

25.3. Separate British bench press championships may be held for all age groups in by-law 26 above, as determined by the Board.

To be amended to -

25.3. Separate British bench press championships may be held for all age groups in by-law 26 above, as determined by the Board.

25.3.1 When multiple age categories are competing alongside Open lifters (S-J, Juniors, Masters) non open lifters must elect whether they are competing in their designated age class, or in open (not in both) upon submitting entry to the competition, and may only medal in their designated age class.

25.3.2 When multiple age categories are competing alongside Open lifters (S-J, Juniors, Masters) non open lifters may only attempt record chip attempts (adding less than 2.5kg) if they are lifting in their relevant age category, S-J in S-J, Juniors in Juniors, Masters in Masters or if they are attempting an Open record. In accordance with the IPF Technical Rules page 32, point 4, sub point (d).

25.3.3 When non open lifters opt in to competing solely in the open during a combined championships, their total may be considered for their relevant international team selection. Eg. A Junior opting to lift in the open's total would be valid for international selection for international junior competitions. Though they would need to apply for

dispensation through the relevant head coach.

Justification:

Historically British Powerlifting has run a combined age Bench Press championship, both for expediency, and for maximal inclusion of all age groups. This is something we should continue to do for the growth of the sport, but not at the expense of fair play.

The current format allows non open lifters to utilise record chips, and event scheduling to their advantage over the open lifters in an unfair capacity. The results are also challenging to parse from a selection point of view for internationals.

Regular Motion only needs a majority vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
343	28	86	Passed

Motion 19: Article Amendment

Special Resolution

That all Directors appointed by the Board must be subject to a proper selection process and approved and minuted at a full Board Meeting. The following change to be made to the Articles:

Add 40.11 Directors shall only be appointed by the Board following advertising of the vacancy, a proper interview process and a majority vote at a full meeting of the Board. This shall be recorded in the published minutes of the meeting.

REASON

Since the EGM, Directors have been appointed by the Board without due process having been followed. These include two Independent Directors, Development Director and Competition Director. Appointment of Independent Directors is governed by Article 40.9 – up to two (2) Independent Directors who may be appointed by the members of the Board from time to time. The members of the Board shall advertise such posts using reasonable means and shall determine the best candidates for the roles, taking into account such matters as are deemed reasonable, including, but not limited to, their skills and

qualifications.

Note that Independent Directors are defined in the Articles as “means a director of British Powerlifting who is determined as being Independent by the board acting reasonably including, but not limited to, their having no close connection with British Powerlifting (such as an active interest in its affairs as a Member or other fiduciary interest) and who an objective outsider would view as independent;”

Also, the Equality and Diversity Policy says “British Powerlifting is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and is responsible for ensuring that no job applicant, employee, volunteer or member receives less favorable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.

The Federation will ensure that there will be open access to all who wish to participate in the activities of British Powerlifting and be treated fairly.

Special Resolutions require 75% of the vote to pass

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
373	11	73	Passed

14.1) Chairperson Election

Election for Chairperson.

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Vote Outcome:

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Director Reports

Chairmans Report

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
292	4	161	Passed

CEO Report

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
295	7	155	Passed

Development Director Report

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
289	10	158	Passed

finance Director Report

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
299	4	154	Passed

Competition Director Report

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
296	4	157	Passed

Performance Director Report

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
297	4	156	Passed

2024 Budget

As per report found on <https://www.britishpowerlifting.org/agms>

Vote Outcome:

In Favour	Against	Abstaining	Outcome
295	5	157	Passed