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CEO Report

Dear Board Members and Members of British Powerlifting,

Since being elected in April this year, life as the CEO of our organisation has been fast paced and I thank those of you who engaged in the AGM. I give thanks to the outgoing execs both Tom Morgan and Richard Parker for their efforts whilst in the role I currently hold. My thanks to the Board for their support in the daily running of the organisation, and to each and every officer, volunteer and athlete who make my job worth the hours.

Many changes and appointments have taken place since my election and I thank everyone who has come forward in an effort to continue to drive our federation forward.

Having taken on the role of CEO I have continued at the front end of competitions whilst Sabrina Downes finds her feet within the organisation, having taken over as Competitions Director. However I must thank and congratulate Sabrina on hosting one of the most well organised and attended BUCS championships in Cardiff this year. The whole event ran seamlessly from beginning to end with athletes and volunteers working well together to deliver another record breaking National event. We already have two bids in for the 2025 BUCS Championship and I'm sure this will be confirmed soon.

Next up was the British Masters Classic in Northern Ireland. Team NIPF have been working hard year on year to host this great event and 2024 was no exception. A huge vote of thanks goes out to all the NIPF volunteers and support staff, notably Lisa, Kyla, and Anthony for their particular hard work in delivering another cracking Masters Championship.

Our National Series event kit is now all together and we as a federation are proud to be supporting the Manchester Open as part of our National Series in 2024. Talks with the NW Exec has given the MO National Status for the second year running, given them access to the SBD National Qualifier funding through British Powerlifting, and use of the National Series equipment helping promoters to continue to raise the level of competition for all our lifters. We wish them luck in delivering what I am sure will be a fabulous show.

In talks with our main Partners SBD, and the competition team, 2025 will see a new format for the Open Championships, making 2024 the last year of Qualifying totals for the British Open Championships.

Our 2025 British Open will see athletes gain automatic qualification through this years Open (top three guaranteed a spot), a Northern and Southern qualifier to be hosted in 2025 modeled on the Manchester Open with a minimum GL requirement for entry) and the Home Nations Championships with up to 8 places per weight class available on application being awarded to those with the highest GL points.



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This new format, modeling that of other strength NGB's will in turn drive athletes forward to engage in larger qualifiers and individual Home Nation Championships and in doing so elevate the standard of competitions for all those taking part. But not only that, it will provide further development opportunities for all levels of athlete, whilst allowing the federation to plan this event to make it brighter and bigger than ever, as is deserving of those taking part.

With Home Nation championships being a vehicle to Open qualification we hope to see individual home Nations Championships grow, however this will require support from the Home Nation executive. We at British Powerlifting are here to help and are willing to do so.

Talks with the IPF since taking post have strengthened our position within the wider federation and they are excited to see the direction we are going in.

2025 we hope will see an international competition back in the UK by way of a Military invitational. "Hands across the Sea" will be a joint BP and Powerlifting America competition which we hope in turn will become a wider reaching event annually. Not only that, this previous weeks talks could possibly produce another Home Nation opportunity with an annual international for all of our Home Nations. Details to be confirmed but this along with the Western Euro's we hope can help foster a stronger future in another tiered level approach on the International Stage.

Meanwhile on home soil many educational and coaching developments have been taking place. Charlie Marrillier, our Coaching and Education lead, along with her great team have managed to secure IPF recognition for our level 2 Coaching course meaning that those who wish to coach internationally in 2025 can become qualified through British Powerlifting.

Our first Coaching conference this year was also a great success, with like minded people coming together to share a passion and drive to help our athletes was a joy to be part of. Our Education strategic plan will soon be published and we look forward to sharing the team's vision. Plans such as a National Coach register, and a 2025 Coaching license for those wishing to coach at National level.

Board meeting minutes will be published this coming week where more detail of appointments and developments will be there for all to see.

I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Summer, and will no doubt see some of you out and about, don't hesitate to have a chat.

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