

## **GBPF Wales**

### **Director's Report for March 2013**

The Welsh Powerlifting Association (WPA) was officially formed in May 2012 to allow Wales to be represented within the GBPF by an affiliated, locally run federation.

The first task for the federation was to organise a 4 Nations competition as Scotland and Northern Ireland were on the verge of re-joining the GBPF as affiliated nations. This was a mammoth task because the WPA is a brand new federation with no money in the bank. Fortunately, a number of small sponsorship deals were secured and together with the entry fees from the other home nations, the majority of the costs for the event were met and the competition went ahead in Caerphilly, South Wales.

The first WPA AGM was arranged for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March but had to be cancelled as only two members had confirmed attendance. This is disappointing as a number of items still need addressing including officially forming a committee, reviewing/suggesting funding options, planning competitions and reviewing the strategy that is aimed at promoting the sport within Wales. I will try and re-schedule this for later in the year.

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