



## **ENGLAND**

## Director for English Powerlifting report for British Powerlifting AGM (11th May 2025).

If nothing else this year has so far been very eventful with numerous changes within the EPA and BP taking place. As I reported at the EPA AGM several people have taken on responsibilities and, in my opinion are moving the association forward in a positive direction. Meanwhile the British Powerlifting board is again in my opinion lacking in a consistency of members. This being the case is an indication that the EPA needs to remain strong and where possible support the needs of BP and contribute to its development.

Marion Hammang Memorial Cup championship held in Luxembourg (27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 2<sup>nd</sup> March) was I think a positive move forward in providing additional opportunities for England to be represented at an international level. The English team excelled in winning many of the categories and team awards, and all made possible due to the efforts of the coaching team and organisational skills of Lottie Hall.

The Farm Powerlifting club, hosted the English Bench press championships at Moulton College with some 170+entries processed in a day. This was without doubt the most professional looking powerlifting competition to date run at this venue, and I think an example of how such events should be run in the future. Organisers Romi Basting and Lottie Hall enlisted the help of the North West division in providing the technical equipment and expertise that ensured the event ran smoothly. This combined with the hard work put in by the EPA and East Midlands championship secretary Adam Fosbrook made this in many ways a creditable co divisional event. I hope that this approach is something that can be repeated as it not only improves the standard of competitions but shows the cohesion and shared commitment for the development of the sport across the country.

Dates and venues are already in place for this year's All England championships Women 5/6 July, Men 12/13 July both to be held at William De Ferrers school South Woodham, Chelmsford. The date and venue for the Home nations still to come.

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