



BRITISH POWERLIFTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2017

Another very good year for British Powerlifting, membership continuing to grow, National Championships have all been well attended and well run, all credit to the promoters; it is no easy task to organise venues and staff for a National event.

I have chaired all our board meetings and AGMs over the last few years and led us into a strong position lifting and organisation wise. We are proposing to expand and improve the structure of the Board to ready ourselves for continued growth and hopefully National Governing Body recognition. We have had a very stable management team to date and a good working relationship, particularly among the senior directors. Now is not the time for opportunistic power grabbing, which would send the wrong message to Sport England.

We continue to expand our drug testing program this is an expensive but necessary part of all sporting activities today. Application to attain National Governing Body status continues, but this is a very slow process and we can only proceed at Sport England's pace.

Our partnership with SBD is set to continue we are very grateful for the support of such a prominent name the sport and we are already putting in place beneficial arrangements with a major equipment supplier. We are also transferring our merchandising operation to a professional company, which will give a much better service to our members. I must thank Kevin Jane and Lottie Hall for all their hard work to date and hope this move will give them, particularly Kevin, more time to concentrate on lifting matters.

Our international lifters have achieved much success in representing British Powerlifting We are grateful for the support of all officials, coaches and team managers who travel with our international teams.

I would like to thank all our executive and none executive officers for all their hard work throughout the year. British Powerlifting is in a healthy state going into 2018

A happy and successful 2018 to you all.

Fred Sterry