

GB Powerlifting Federation Ltd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 17th March 2019 11.00hrs at

MOULTON COLLEGE GATE 4, THORPE CENTRE, ROOM P7/8

**ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND
MUST SHOW THEIR 2019 MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

A G E N D A

1. Register of all voting members present.
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM.
3. Matters arising.
4. Finance Report.
5. Agreement of budget for 2019
6. Appointment and remuneration of accountants.
7. Chairman's Report.
8. Chief Executive Officer's Report.
9. Committee Reports:
 - 9.1. England
 - 9.2. Scotland
 - 9.3. Wales
 - 9.4. Northern Ireland
 - 9.5. Disciplinary Committee
 - 9.6. Athlete's Commission
 - 9.7. Law and Legislation Committee
 - 9.8. Cmmunications
10. Elections – none this year
11. Notices of motion:
 - 11.1. Submitted by the Board:

- 11.2. To accept the appointment of Nicola Elding as Communications Director.
- 11.3. To accept the resignation of Mike Edwards as Financial Director.
- 11.4. To form a medical Committee, comprising medical professionals. Their main task will be to review Therapeutic Use Exemption applications and advise on drug related matters.

12. Notices of Motion from members:

- 12.1. Ian Ryan - I propose the following form of words be put forward by consideration and vote by the IPF:

Under the section concerning **Personal Equipment**

A T-Shirt must be worn under the lifting suit in the Squat and Bench Press.

Competitors do not need to wear a T-Shirt in the Deadlift...^{Variance in red}

The rationale is that the clothing worn by a lifter is there to protect the equipment and help keep it clean, a T-shirt in the squat as the bar sits across the shoulders, socks in deadlift as the bar often contacts the shins.

The previous rule, prior to the 2018 IPF General Assembly did not address fairly the issue of equality. The position was that male lifters were able to deadlift without a t-shirt whilst female lifters MUST wear a t-shirt to do so. At the 2018 IPF General Assembly a rule change was voted in to make every lifter wear a t-shirt during deadlift. That does not give equality to female lifters, which can be defined as *'the state in which access to rights or opportunities is unaffected by gender'*.

This rule change would allow everyone the same conditions of competition without removing any rights or conditions from either gender.

- 12.2. SW (Kevin Green/Helen Toms) - Proposal to change the wording of the referees fuel expenses.

Fuel/travelling expenses may be claimed by referees, loaders or other active officials for attending national championship events at the rate of:

- £10 for 50 to 100 miles round trip.
- £20 for 101 to 200 miles round trip
- £30 for 201 to 300 miles round trip
- £40 for 300 miles and above round trip.

Also £10 extra can be claimed for each passenger taken including either more referees, loaders or people who works as officials on the day.

The rationale behind this is to strive towards paying officials who help to run

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the competition, full fuel costs and not just part costs. This is fairer especially for those referees etc who are very busy and travel a lot and those who travel very long distances. Also it will hopefully enable more referees and loaders etc to become available to travel.

The £10 passenger allowance may encourage officials to travel together resulting in a saving for British Powerlifting because they will pay out less total competition expenses.

If fuel/travelling expenses are being claimed then it is expected that the official will attend for the full day.

12.3. SW (Kevin Green/Helen Toms) - Proposal to change the wording of the referees fuel expenses.

Proposal to reduce the referee examination pass mark from currently 95% (190 marks out of 200) to a more industry standard 85% (170 marks out of 200).

Also referees who have failed the examination previously (in the last 12 months) can take another retest free of charge.

New referees should be advised that they are expected to be active at least in their own division.

Any referee who is completely inactive for a whole year without a good excuse will have their referee status permanently revoked.

The reasoning for this is that it is felt that some referees only gained the qualification to add to their personal cv with little intention of actually refereeing. This leads to a lot of difficulty for Doreen and other competition organisers trying to secure sufficient referees.

12.4. SW (Kevin Green)

Also I would like to propose amending the rule that says that a member may claim a refund of their British Powerlifting membership fee if they refereed at two British championships event in the year. I would like it to change the words **British** championships to **national** championships. This will then cover English championships as well. Also the referee claiming this must have refereed or officiated for 2 **full** days.

12.5. SE (Craig Wilkins) that new qualifying totals be adopted for 2020 as per the attachment.

12.6. Northern Ireland - "From Northern Ireland:

British Powerlifting to raise the qualifying totals for national championships, or find a new way of handling large volumes of entry. It is great to encourage new lifters in and up the ranks, but there has to be balance. Championships are becoming unmanageable (esp. as entry is currently uncapped), and the qualifying totals are less of a challenge to

achieve. Raising totals would encourage greater competition and improve the nationals experience for the lifter."

12.7. From Wales

- a) Introduction of qualifying totals for British University Championships.
Background – the sheer number of lifters in attendance at the University Championships makes it almost impossible to manager. It is noted that this competition will be split into male and female championships this year, however introducing a qualifying total would be in keeping with British Powerlifting’s commitment to review and amend all QTs. This competition should be no different from any other national competition.
- b) To host one large competition for male and female sub junior, junior, senior and masters classic British Championships.
Background – the competition calendar is already busy. The number of championships requires a large number of volunteers for multiple weekends throughout the year. A number of IPF national affiliates host one large national championship. Classic lifting has become so popular it would make sense to host one big competition over a longer period (5-7 days) that is a real spectacle. This would reduce costs in terms of transport of equipment and in the time that we are asking volunteers to commit.
Amendment – Sub juniors to be scheduled for weekend lifting sessions to avoid disruption to education.
- c) The club or division hosting a national championship to receive a percentage of the profits or a set amount per entry from that competition.
Background – competition hosts are able to charge costs to British Powerlifting for hosting a competition. These include venue hire, cost of transporting kit, costs of spotters, loaders, etc. Promoters are also able to keep 100% of any spectator fees for entry. However the club or division do not receive any of the profits or a set amount per entry that can be invested back into the club or division. Depending on the area, venue location, time of year and the promotion carried out, spectator fees may or may not add up to much. Increasingly BP is relying on the same promoters to host competitions. Offering a financial incentive will open up interest in acting as a host for a national championship and will allow further investment in BP divisions and clubs.
In Wales we offer a set amount per lifter to the gyms that host our competitions (£10 per entry). This arrangement works well for us and for the gyms that provide space for us. We believe that an arrangement such as this could benefit British Powerlifting as it puts money back into clubs for more equipment, hire of better venues, etc. It would be necessary for the contract between a club/division and

British Powerlifting to be explicit that the money received for hosting a national championship is for the club or division NOT for any individual.

13. Membership fees for 2019 proposed by the Board:

- 13.3. Seniors to be increased from £40 to £45 per year.
- 13.4. Juniors to be increased from £20 to £22.50 per year
- 13.5. No change for sub-juniors or Special Olympians
- 13.6. Fees for NI and Scotland to be agreed separately, but expected to be in line with any general increase agreed.
- 13.7. Divisional rebates to remain unchanged.

Reason – Membership fees have not been increased since 2011 and we need to increase our income in order to provide a better service to members, particularly in terms of live streaming.

14. Strategic Plan – acceptance of update.

14. No other business.

NOTES:

- a) Voting by Proxy may be made in accordance with the Articles and Procedure for Voting by Proxy.
- b) A presentation will be made at the end of the meeting to attending members elected to the British Powerlifting Hall of Fame for 2018.
- c) For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if members could inform the CEO at richard.parker@britishpowerlifting.org if they are attending.