

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR 2018

2018 was another successful year for British Powerlifting. Membership increased by around 10% to finish at 4350. Each year I think that these increases in membership numbers can't continue, but they do at the moment! The challenge for us is matching the increasing numbers with an increase in active referees and people willing to run and staff championships.

We have finally received a decision on our pre-application for National Governing Body (NGB) recognition, but only after considerable and persistent chasing. Unfortunately, our application has been rejected by the Recognition Panel on the basis that we do not have sufficient influence over Paralympic Powerlifting (bench press). In addition, they cited as a result we were not affiliated to either Paralympics GB or World Para Powerlifting. We are meeting them on 13th March to hear their reasoning first hand and are considering appealing their decision to the appointed appeal body Sports Resolutions.

We have also had considerable dialogue with BUCS (British University & College Sports) regarding recognition for powerlifting. However, we have been told that in order for powerlifting to be recognised championships have to be organised by BUCS, who then keep 12.5% of the entry fees. Discussion on this continues.

86 national and regional tests were conducted in 2018; less than 2017, but equally effective in catching cheats. Out of these there were seven adverse findings, which have been processed by the Disciplinary Committee (DC) and the appropriate penalties imposed in accordance with the WADA Code. The cost of testing remains a major budget item, but this is money well spent to keep our sport clean. In addition, we have had one positive at an international, for which we incurred a €2000 IPF fine! The DC has done their usual efficient job dealing with drug test failures and other matters. Inappropriate postings on social media are a continuing problem and members are reminded that action will be taken against anyone contravening our rules on this.

Several coaching courses have been run successfully by Fred McKenzie, Pete Sparks and latterly Charlie Marillier (nee Shotton-Gale), aimed mostly at British Powerlifting members. They are also in the process of updating our course material, which may necessitate re-approval by PD Approval (formerly REPS). On the technical front, we continue to run many divisional referee courses around the country. However, we need more referees to commit to moving up through the ranks to get their international licences. Finding international referees willing to officiate at internationals is an ongoing challenge; we are fined by the IPF/EPF if we fail to send two referees to an international where we have more than fourteen lifters.

In 2018, we ran two of our biggest ever British championships. The University Championships involved over 300 lifters and running two platforms, which was the first time we had tried this. This was very successful thanks to the assistance of Marc Giles, equipment and platform crew plus the usual intrepid team from the Farm Weightlifting Club at Moulton College. Moulton also hosted the junior classic championships with two platforms needed for the men's. The standard of lifting was world class with Luke Richardson going over 400kg for a British record squat at 120+kg. Two British championships were successfully run in Portsmouth thanks to Dean Bowring and his SM team. We have also introduced professional standard streaming courtesy of Wired Up Media (WUM), which has been very well received. WUM are continuing to improve their streaming package now including an integrated referee lights system. However, all this comes at a cost and we must provision for this in our budgeting. They are supplemented by White Lights Media who provide an excellent photography and video service.

The medals gained at internationals are shown in the appended table and there were many excellent performances. Outstanding performances were Joy Nnamani's Gold at the World Classic and World Record deadlift and junior Luke Richardson's Gold and World Records at the same championships.

Our Executive and Non-Executive Officers do a great deal of work for the Federation and the time and commitment required is not always recognised. Our Championships Secretary Fred Sterry and Membership Registrar Carol Parker spend countless hours dealing with the ever increasing number of championship entries and members, including queries of all descriptions. We will be looking at introducing electronic membership cards to avoid having to print and post thousands of envelopes. This would save a considerable amount in postage and provide a more efficient service to members.

A special thanks to our Independent Director Julian Harris, whose expertise was invaluable in sorting out our GDPR documentation. Unfortunately, our Finance Director Mike Edwards has decided to step down. Mike has been in post since the current team took over and has done an excellent job dealing with our accounts and Companies House business. We wish him well for the future. Dean Bowring has also decided to step down as Chair of the Athletes Commission and we thank him for all his work since the post was created. We also need to recognise the terrific work done by our Head Coaches and their teams, selecting and coaching our international teams around the World.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Executive and Non-Executive Officers for their support and hard work in 2018.

Richard Parker

2018 INTERNATIONAL MEDAL TABLE

CHAMPIONSHIP	LIFTER	CAT	SQUAT	BENCH	DEADLIFT	TOTAL
Euro Jun & S-Jun	Ben Hartley (SJ)	66kg	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
	Jack Johnson (J)	120kg		Gold	Gold	
Euro Seniors	Paul Campbell	74kg	Bronze			Bronze
	Tony Cliffe	120kg	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Gold
	Emma Goodwin	52kg			Silver	
	Ellie Steel	57kg	Bronze	Silver		Silver
Euro Classic Sen	Chris Wong	74kg	Bronze		Bronze	
	Owen Hubbard	83kg		Silver		Gold
GBR Women 3rd	Joy Nnamani	57kg	Bronze		Gold	Gold
	Bobby Butters	57kg	Silver	Silver		Bronze
	Susanna Argile	72kg	Gold		Bronze	Bronze
	Leigh Wetheridge	84+kg	Bronze		Gold	Silver
Euro Classic Jun	Nathan Winsala	74kg	Bronze		Silver	
	Luke Tolman	105kg		Gold		
	Kieran Gray	120kg	Bronze	Silver		Bronze
	Luke Richardson	120+kg	Gold ER	Silver	Gold	Gold WR
	Catherine Smith	57kg			Gold WJR	
	Moa Wikner	63kg			Gold	Bronze
	Crystal Williams	84kg	Silver	Silver	Gold	Gold
	Charlie Chester	84+kg	Gold	Silver	Silver	Gold
Euro Classic Sub-Jun	Oliver Walker	74kg		Bronze		
	Kirill Sakharov	93kg		Gold ER		
	Edward Harber	93kg		Bronze		
	Lee McCafferty	120kg		Bronze		
	Ray Bowring	120+kg	Bronze			
	Ian Lucy	120+kg			Bronze	
	Jamie-Lee Fuller	52kg		Gold		
	Amelia Maycock	63kg			Silver	
	Abi Louise lane	84+kg			Silver	
Euro Classic M1 Bench Press M2 Junior M1 GBR M1 2nd	Sheridan Wray	93kg		Silver		
	Andy Rigby	93kg		Gold		
	Bohdan Bon	83kg		Gold		
	Gallit Goldshmid	63kg		Silver		
	Eno Majomi	72kg		Gold		
	Jackie Gough	84+kg		Gold		
Euro Bench Press M1 GBR team 2 nd M3 GBR team 2 nd M1 GBR team 1 st M2 GBR team 3 rd	Phil Richard	74kg		Gold		
	Martin Green	120kg		Silver		
	James Brincat-Smith	120+kg		Silver		
	Bob Baxter	105kg		Silver		
	Sarah Bouskill	84+kg		Bronze		
	Catriona Duncan	52kg		Silver		
	Beverley Rodgers	63kg		Gold		
	Wendie Kirkland	72kg		Bronze		
	Michelle Brand	84kg		Silver		
	Jackie Gough	84+kg		Silver		
	Kelly Phasey	84+kg		Bronze		
	Michelle Franklin	57kg		Bronze		
Jo Beck	72kg		Bronze			

	Melissa Wall	84kg		Bronze			
Euro Masters M1 GBR Team 2 nd	Phil Richard	74kg	Gold	Gold	Bronze	Gold	
	Jasvinder Cheema Singh	83kg		Gold			
	Dean Bowring	105kg	Silver	Silver	Gold	Gold	
	James Brincat-Smith	120+kg	Bronze				
	M2	John Maxwell	66kg	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
		Bernie McGurk	74kg	Gold	Bronze	Gold	Gold
		Allen Ottolangui	74kg	Bronze			Bronze
		Doug D'Gama	83kg			Silver	
		George Millar	83kg	Bronze		Bronze	
		Keith Blacknell	93kg	Bronze			
	M3 GBR Team 3 rd	Phil Frost	120kg			Bronze	
		Karnail Singh	83kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
		Kevin Jane	93kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
Euro Masters M1 GBR Team 1 st	Louise Edwards	52kg	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	
	Catriona Duncan	52kg	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	
	Joanne Barnes	72kg	Silver	Bronze	Silver	Silver	
	Wendie Kirkland	72kg	Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Bronze	
	Jennifer Keane	84kg	Gold	Silver	Silver	Gold	
	Catherine Burroughs	84kg	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Silver	
	M2 GBR Team 1 st	Kelly Phasey	84+kg	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Silver
		Michelle Franklin	57kg	Gold	Silver	Gold	Gold
		Jo Beck	72kg	Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Bronze
		Jackie Blasbery	84kg	Silver	Gold	Gold	Gold
	M3 GBR Team 1 st	Melissa Wall	84kg	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
		Marina Cornwall	47kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
		Jenny Hunter	52kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold BL
		Sue Hollands	84+kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
Western Cup Classic Equipped GBR Team 1 st	Ben Hampson	59kg	Gold	Gold	Silver	Gold	
	Rima Baki	63kg	Bronze	Silver		Bronze	
	Stephanie Pike	63kg			Bronze		
	Holly Bryans	72kg	Gold		Bronze		
	Hira Tierney	84kg			Bronze		
	Paul Campbell	74kg	Silver	Bronze	Silver	Silver	
	Bernie McGurk	74kg	Bronze		Gold		
	John Jackson	120kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	
	Linzi Waite	52kg	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Bronze	
	Ellie Steel	57kg	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	
	Sarah Stanhope	63kg	Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Bronze	
World Senior							
World Jun & Sub-Jun	No team sent						
World Classic Sub-Junior GBR Team 3 rd	Kai Gajewak	59kg	Bronze	Gold		Silver	
	Edward Harber	93kg		Silver			
	Lee McCafferty	120kg			Bronze		
	Ian Lucy	120+kg	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	
World Classic Junior	Erik Mata	83kg	Bronze				
	Adedapo Ojewale	93kg			Silver		

GBR Team 3 rd	Callum Crozier	105kg		Silver		
	Kieran Gray	120kg		Bronze	Gold	Gold
	Luke Richardson	120+kg	Silver	Silver	Gold	Gold
	Hannah Chan	57kg	Bronze			
	Crystal Williams	84kg	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver
	Leigh Wetheridge	84+kg	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Silver
	Charlie Chester	84+kg		Bronze	Bronze	
World Classic Senior	Owen Hubbard	74kg		Gold		Bronze
	Famutimi Hendrick	93kg			Gold	
	Joshua Greenfield	105kg	Gold			
	Baruch Sekenofsky	120kg	Silver			
	BL Joy Nnamani	52kg	Gold		Gold	Gold WR
	Emma Goodwin	52kg			Bronze	
	Camille Holland	84+kg	Bronze			
World Classic M1	Louise Sinniah-Burr	52kg		Bronze	Bronze	
	Abi Graham	63kg	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Silver ER
GBR Women's M1 Team 3 rd	Eno Majomi	72kg	Gold	Silver	Gold	Gold ER
	Jenni Sherwood	84kg			Bronze	
	Jo Whiteley	84+kg	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
GBR Men's M2	Tracy O'Callaghan	84+kg	Silver			
	Henry Chay	59kg	Gold	Bronze	Gold	Gold
	Alister Murdoch	120kg		Gold	Bronze	Silver
GBR Women's M2 Team 2 nd	Lynda Banks	63kg	Silver			
	Joy Mineo	72kg	Bronze		Silver	Bronze
	BalirLibby	84+kg			Gold	
GBR Team 3 rd M3	Marina Cornwall	47kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
	Jenny Hunter	57kg	Silver	Gold	Silver	Silver
World Bench Press M1 GBR Team 1 st BL	Rebecca Williams	84kg		Silver		
	Jo Whiteley	84+kg		Gold		
	Jackie Gough	84+kg		Silver		
	M2 Michelle Franklin	57kg		Bronze		
World Masters 1 M2 M3 M1	Dean Bowring	105kg	Silver		Gold	
	Bernie McGurk	74kg	Gold		Gold	Gold
	Mick Ellender	93kg		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
	Catherine Gordon	72kg	Silver		Gold	
	Catherine Burroughs	84kg	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
	M2 Michelle Franklin	57kg	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver
	GBR Team 3 rd M3	Jenny Hunter	57kg	Gold	Gold	Gold
World Classic Bench SJ Junior M1 M2	Hollie Johnson	63kg		Silver		
	Diell Zejnnullahu	105kg		Gold		
	Anujan Srikantha	74kg		Bronze		
	Jackie Gough	84+kg		Bronze		
	Callum Crozier	105kg		Gold		
	Andy Rigby	93kg		Silver		
World University Cup University of Exeter 3 rd	Mitch Weiner	59kg	Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Silver
	Robin Bermudez	59kg	Silver	Silver	Bronze	Bronze
	Hugo Beaumont	74kg	Bronze		Silver	Silver
	Ayamen AlHassan	83kg			Gold	
	Jack Clayton	105kg		Bronze		

University of Aberdeen 3 rd	Jack Dunkley	120kg	Silver	Bronze	Silver	Silver
	Mark Faulkner	120kg		Silver	Bronze	Bronze
	Maris Vasenius	52kg	Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Bronze
	Alice Francis-Freeman	72kg	Gold	Gold		Gold
	Eve Fordyce	72kg			Gold	
	Bronwen Adlington	84kg		Silver	Bronze	Bronze

BL = Best Lifter

WR = World Record

CR = European Record