

British Powerlifting AGM March 2019

Report from the Director for Scotland

I ran a BP Referee's Exam on the 29th April 2018, 5 members sat the exam. 4 were successful in attaining Divisional status. The unsuccessful candidate is re sitting the exam in April this year. We also had 2 referees approved to National status and 1 who is now a Cat2.

Scottish powerlifting ran 10 competitions with 478 lifters taking part. A big thank you is due to John Soulsby and Will Brown for all the hard work involved.

Membership was again at an all-time high with 455 members for 2018. Current membership is 303 for 2019 (as at 11th February 2019). Thanks to our membership secretary, Laura Munro, for devising a system whereby all members are now emailed a digital membership card. They can either print it out or save it to their mobile.

Drug tests took place at numerous SP competitions, 15 lifters were tested with 2 positive results and they have now been banned. SP will continue to carry out as many tests as financially possible.

SP have gained numerous British champions this year, as well as European and World champions. We also had success when The Glasgow University Female team won the University world Cup in Plzen with AUWC ladies coming third.

At the Home Nations in Northern Ireland last year Scotland's Team won overall. Thanks to a brilliant Team effort and the coaching skills of Bernie McGurk, Stuart Crichton and Arthur Cowley.

Scotland hosted 2018 BP Home Nations at Elysium in Edinburgh. A lot of hard work was involved in organising the competition, and a big thanks to Rowan and John as well as the rest of the committee.

At our AGM in December a new full Committee was voted in. I am pleased to say 90% of this committee are young people. The other 10% is Jim Mutrie, Bernie McGurk and I. We now have an enthusiastic, innovative and forward looking Committee.

Alex Mathieson

