

## **BRITISH POWERLIFTING BOARD MEETING 24/7/22 MINUTES VIA ZOOM**

Present: Ian Finch, Richard Parker, Dave Turner, Tony Cliffe, Chris Curtiss, Ben Davies, Kevin Jane, Bernie McGurk, Tom Morgan.

Apologies: None.

1. Date of next Board meeting – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

2. Minutes of meeting 10/4/22 – accepted as distributed.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Abridged 10/4/22 minutes for publication – approved.
- b) Volunteer section to be added to website for championships – will be included in the next tranche of changes.

4. AGM Actions:

- a. 2022 budget (Agenda item 4.) – revised budget has been prepared and explained by Dave. Ben asked about special deals with the bank.
- b. 2023 qualifying totals (Agenda item 12.3 to 12.5) – website has been updated.
- c. International Masters Championships organisation (Agenda item 12.5) – letter to be sent to IPF/EPF.
- d. Disability disclosure for championships (Agenda item 12.6) – will be included in next tranche of website changes.
- e. Disciplinary Procedure para 4 re-instatement (Agenda item 12.7) – will be done shortly.
- f. Publication of Board Meeting minutes (Agenda item 12.8) – see 3a.
- g. Strategic Plan update (Agenda item 12.9) – update being prepared for comments and approval.
- h. Alignment of “Constitution” with Sport England Tier 1 requirements (Agenda item 12.10) – nothing received from Bryn Evans to date – Tony to chase.
- i. Lesson Learned register (Agenda item 12.11) – not clear what should be included in this.
- j. Safeguarding Officer at all championships (Agenda item 12.12)
  - i. Review of unofficial email to English divisions. It was emphasised that what was passed at the AGM is precisely all that was required.
  - ii. Clarification re mental health obligations - the motion passed at the AGM had no reference to mental health. We should include a link to a suitable mental health charity, e.g. MIND on the web-site.
  - iii. Kevin to liaise with the other sub-committee members.

5. Finance:

- a. Report written report presented and accepted. Discussion on Sport England funding. Ben to keep CEO and Dave in the picture.
- b. Euro bank account – lifters pay Euros, Richard to follow up.
- c. Updated budget presented and approved.
- d. Updated directors for Companies House – all changes have been notified.
- e. Membership rebates – total £21,354.

## 6. Organisation

- a. Succession Planning – suggested that a sub-committee be formed to address this (Ian, Richard, Dave and Tony).
- b. Assistant Secretary as per By-Law 72 – role description to be prepared.
- c. Sub-committees & non-executive officers:
  - i. Russ Kirby has stepped down as DCO and Chris Gilbert has agreed to take this on.
  - ii. Pete Sparks has stepped down as Safeguarding Officer and Kevin has agreed to take this on for the time being. Pete has agreed to be on hand in an advisory capacity.
  - iii. Richard to contact other Legal Committee members re chair position.

## 7. Performance - Chris report:

- a. Athlete testing being set up through universities, but there could be cost implications.
- b. Ethical approval required.
- c. End August launch.
- d. Document required.

## 8. Development - Ben reported:

- a. Emails sent to all divisions and Home Countries.
- b. Nottingham University – proposal required, Ben to action.
- c. Entry fees discussed.

## 7. Sponsorship:

- a. SBD.
- b. Eleiko.
- c. White Lights Media – quote for 2023 championships required.
- d. Neofit – may lose them.
- e. A7 – FitExpo report, no British Powerlifting branding. Renewal end year.
- f. Union Jacked – proposal for T-shirts at 2023 championships required.

## 8. Membership – to date 4112 for 2022 and 116 for 2023.

9. BUCS – discussions re Implementation Phase are progressing well and a further meeting is scheduled for 26/7/22. The outstanding issue is the mechanics of how we integrate our entry system with BUCS Play. This is because BUCS will manage all the entries, but we need to ensure all lifters are members.

## 10. Athletes' Commission:

- a. Latest forum postponed to 31/7/22.
- b. Comment on uniform.

## 11. Disciplinary:

- a. Complaint re doping case handling reported.
- b. Membership application from a particular individual discussed. The Board is entitled to refuse any membership application, in accordance with Articles 12, 14 and 15. The background to this was explained and it was agreed that their application should be denied.
- c. Lifting in non-BP competitions – application of IPF Constitution Clause 14. Agreed that any member doing so will lose the right to international representation for 12 months, but not be sanctioned otherwise.

### 13. Anti-Doping

- a. Teams meeting held with UKAD 29/6/22 and we have a follow-up 27/7/22. Compliance with their Assurance Framework is key.
- b. Anti-doping education – all international lifters have to complete the WADA ADEL on-line program and send in their certificate. We will extend this using the UKAD app to all members (at least those entering British championships).

### 14. Communications and Media:

- a. Website updates – several changes will be made, including updated championship entry form, championships volunteer section, full referee availability information and disability access.
- b. Anti-Doping will be made more prominent on the website.

### 15. Technical:

- a. Adam Reilly proposal for juries at British Championships – agreed with CEO's amendments.
- b. Revised IPF Approved List has been issued.
- c. University age limits and records – BUCS have said that we can't put an age limit on entry to our university championships. This means we need to have two categories of university records, one for lifters with the FISU age limits (U-25) and one open.
- d. Minimum age limit for competing – IPF rules say 14 years of age on the day of the competition is the minimum.

### 16 Coaching - Terms of Reference required for coaches at internationals – Bernie's draft in hand

### 18. Home Country Reports:

- a. England – written report accepted.
- b. Wales – verbal report accepted.
- c. Scotland – written report accepted.
- d. NI – no report, but successful British Masters Classic championships.

### 19. British Championships 2022

- a. Junior Classic – 9-12 May, Gymshark – report accepted
- b. Master's Classic – 18/19<sup>th</sup> June, Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick, NI – report accepted.
- c. Home Nations, Wales – Barry Memorial Hall Saturday 10th December 2022

20. British Championships 2023 & Competition Director Report:

- a. Equipped – 25/26<sup>th</sup> February, Regen Centre, Ricall, Yorks – should we make the championships open for placings?
- b. Bench Press (Classic Saturday, Equipped Sunday) – 4/5<sup>th</sup> March, Ashington.
- c. University Championships – provisionally 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April at Moulton College.
- d. Open Classic (Men & Women) – date and venue required. NW maybe
- e. Junior Classic – Gymshark, date required.
- f. Masters Classic – date and venue required.
- g. Home Nations - NI's turn.

21. Internationals 2022 – issue of non-payment of fees. Harder line to be taken.

- a. Euro Classic Masters ,8-13 March, Vilnius, Lithuania – report from Bernie.
- b. Euro Equipped Open, Junior, Sub-Junior, 2-8 May, Pilsen – generally good results.
- c. World Bench Press, 21-29 May, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- d. World Open Classic Championships & IPF Congress, 5-12 June – both our teams came fourth, two World records in 57kg class, Euro squat record in 74kg.
- e. Euro Masters Equipped, 6-10 July, Eskilstuna, Sweden – good championships.
- f. IWGA World Games, 7-17 July Birmingham, Alabama – Tony got Bronze in the Super Heavy with a clutch of British records. Issue of non-uniform apparel across GBR athletes.
- g. Euro Bench Press Championships, 2-7 August, Győr, Hungary.
- h. World Junior, 27/8 to 4/9, Istanbul.
- i. UK Arnold Classic, 23-25<sup>th</sup> September, NEC Birmingham – closing date for preliminary nominations now 1/8/22.
- j. World University Cup, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, Istanbul. Dan Clarke selected as head coach. Selections in hand.
- k. Western European Cup – 9-11<sup>th</sup> September France.
- l. World Open November.
- m. Commonwealth Championships, 28/11 to 4/12 in Auckland.

23. A.O.B.

- a. Question on records between classic and equipped.
- b. Coaching expenses can be paid for World Games.
- c. White lights Media proposal for streaming. Check their proposal.
- d. Video packages. – proposals required.
- e. Question on lifters' packages – do we get commission?

Meeting closed at 17.05hrs