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Chairperson's Report

Dear Board & Members of British Powerlifting,

It is with great honour and responsibility that I present my inaugural report as Chairman of the Board, following my recent election at the AGM. The period since the AGM has been one of dynamic activity and significant achievement, and I am excited to share updates on our progress and vision for the future.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and administrative staff who make British Powerlifting a community of excellence and dedication. The spirit and commitment within our ranks are truly inspiring, and it is this collective effort that propels us forward. Since my election, we have been focusing on several strategic areas to strengthen our organisation and support our athletes. These include enhancing our governance structures, improving communication channels with members, and securing long-term partnerships with companies that share our ethos for powerlifting.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our international athletes on their remarkable performances at the recent European Equipped, World Bench, World Open Classic Championships and Euro Muscle Show. Their dedication, hard work, and incredible achievements have made us all proud and reinforced British Powerlifting's position on the global stage. Your perseverance and excellence serve as an inspiration to us all. Additionally, I would like to extend my best wishes to our athletes who will soon be competing at the Junior World Championships & Western European Championships in Malta. We have full confidence in your abilities and know you will represent British Powerlifting with distinction. Good luck, and remember that the entire British Powerlifting community is cheering you on every step of the way.

Governance and Communication - We are actively working on refining our governance practices to ensure transparency, accountability, and robustness in our operations. A key part of this initiative is bolstering our communication channels to keep our valued members, better informed and engaged. We have revamped our newsletter and increased our presence on social media platforms to deliver timely updates and foster a sense of community.

Inclusivity and diversity remain at the forefront of our strategic agenda. We are committed to creating an environment where every individual, regardless of background, feels welcomed and valued.

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Significant New Partnership Deals - Our efforts to secure valuable partnerships have borne fruit, particularly with Elite Sports Nutrition (ESN) and Avancus. These partnerships are designed to provide significant enhancements to our National Series Championships, ensuring that British Powerlifting remains at the forefront of performance excellence.

Partnership with SBD - Our extended partnership reflects the uncompromising level of support that SBD provides, which already has benefited a significant number of our international athletes as well as all our home nations. SBD's commitment to quality equipment and athlete support has been instrumental in our successes, and we are excited to continue this strong relationship.

Coaches Conference Success - Our recent Coaches Conference was an outstanding success, featuring some of the industry's most respected academic professionals. The event provided an invaluable platform for knowledge sharing, skill development, and networking within our coaching community. The insights gained from the conference are already being integrated into our coaching programs, and we look forward to the next event with great anticipation.

Development Funding Streams - Securing significant development funding streams from Sport England and other sources remains a top priority. These funds are crucial for the growth and sustainability of powerlifting in the UK. They enable us to support grassroots development, enhance long-term athlete development, and provide more opportunities for our athletes to excel. We are optimistic about the potential impact of these efforts and will keep you informed of our progress.

Looking Ahead - As we move forward, we will continue to focus on strengthening our organisational foundations, supporting our athletes, and fostering community engagement. My strategic priorities include expanding our membership base, enhancing our competitive structures, and promoting the health and well-being of our members.

In conclusion, I am proud of the strides we have made since the AGM and confident in the direction we are heading. Our partnerships, successful events, and professional development position us well to achieve our goals and elevate British Powerlifting to new heights. I am grateful for your continued support and look forward to working together to build a brighter future for our sport.

Ben Davis

Chairperson.