



English Powerlifting Association – Minutes of committee meeting held on the 12th November 2011.

Meeting took place at Moulton College, Pitsford Lane, Northampton and opened at 1.05pm.

1. **Members present:** Doreen Dowsett, Fred Sterry, Richard Parker, Pete Weiss, John Jackson, Adam Riley, Kevin Jane.
2. **Apologies;** Harry Turner, John Halfacre.
3. **Commonwealth Championships;** To date there were some 13 countries expected to take part with around 240 entries, final nominations due to be posted this week.

Due to the high number of entries it was decided to have three weigh-in on the first three days of competition 8.00 - 9.30am, 10.30 - 12.00pm, 2.00 - 3.30pm with two weigh-ins on the Sunday for the bench press competition.

Richard produced a time table of events. The Technical meeting will take place at 4.00pm and be followed by a referees clinic at 6.00pm for which there will be no charge.

The organisation of equipment for the competition has been left to John Halfacre who had liaised with Fred McKenzie to discuss what is required and how it is to be transported. It was decided to ensure that at least four sets of weighing scales are made available, one set for each of the designated hotels and two for the venue, current scales certificates will also be required.

John Jackson expressed concern regarding the Great Britain entries as to whether they were all current GBPF members, he was informed that the entry list was now posted on the English website and could be checked from there. John was also concerned about the anti-doping agents that are to be used at the Commonwealth championships. Richard informed the meeting that IDTM are being used and they are the same company used by GBPF. John requested conformation re the approval Richard has received from the IPF (Detlev Albrings) which he agreed to forward.

Richard reported that at this stage there were no real financial issues and even a possibility of the CPF making a small profit.

John Jackson left the meeting at this point.

4. **Matters arising from previous meeting;** No minutes were taken at the last meeting held on the 25/9/11, although two disabled lifters did take part in the English bench press competition held prior to the meeting.
5. **Date for 2011 AGM;** This was set for Sunday 29th January 2012 commencing at 1.00pm and will be held at Moulton College, Pitsford Lane, Moulton Northamptonshire NN4 7AA Gate 3. **(Room no. and conformation to follow.)** All items and any notices of motion for the AGM to be received by the Secretary no later than the 29/12/2011.
6. **Notices of motion:** Richard produced a number of items (below) as notices of motion to be considered at the AGM.

1. Notices of motion to be considered;
 - a. That the Club Affiliation Fee of £25 be introduced that would entitle lifters in those clubs to a 50% discount on entry fees for English Championships.
 - b. That all Divisions must hold an AGM before the end of January of the following year to present divisional accounts and elect officers for the forthcoming year. A copy of the minutes must be provided to the EPA General Secretary within two months.. This is necessary to ensure Divisions have proper governance. Divisions not complying will not be permitted to attend EPA meetings or have lifters in the English Championships.
 - c. That all Divisions must elect a Divisional Council comprising as a minimum the following:
 - i) President
 - ii) Chairman
 - iii) Secretary
 - iv) Treasurer
 - v) Representatives from constituent counties.
 - vi) A representative to sit on the EPA Council, who must be resident in the Division.

These to be added to the By Laws as Clause 2, if passed.

7. **English & Home countries competitions;** The Secretary produced a brief report of these events (attached) and handed the treasurer a cheque for £550 agreed profit from the All England championships to be deposited in the championships account.
8. A.O.B. None

Meeting closed at 3.25pm

Kevin Jane – Secretary

ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's All England Championships was the most successful so far with over 100 entries and with the start of the new weight categories, numerous records established. An extremely long second day with most of the unequipped lifters competing (52) but few problems and all cleared away with some 35 minutes to spare.

I would here like to take the opportunity to thank everyone concerned in helping to stage and run this event, in particular the platform crew, mainly from the Farm Powerlifting club who maintained a high level of loading throughout the competition. Also the officials who as always make the event possible by staying the distance and giving their all. If to be run again next year it may be that a qualification standard is introduced to ensure that the entry total is kept to a maximum of 100.

There may also be a need to have the same amount of lifters each day irrespective of lifting equipped or unequipped, although at present I'm not too keen to run a fifth championships.

Due to sponsorships from Blackburn Distributions, Pullum Sports, and Moulton College the competition has raised £550 for the EPA far better than last year's £150.

A few of the positive comments I've received re the championships;

Message Received: Oct 10 2011, 08:42 AM

From: "Steve Blackwell"

To: ""Kevin Jane""

Cc:

Subject: RE: All England comp

Hi Kev, Just like to say, brilliant comp yesterday, very well organized and very enjoyable, thanks, Regards, Steve

Hi Kevin,

Please would you convey my appreciation to all the officials for their tireless work at the English Champs.

Thank you so much for an enjoyable day which was run very professionally throughout.

They must have been more tired than the competitors after that marathon.

Kind Regards

Peter Barrett GB 1748

Hi Kevin, just wanted to say thanks for the trophy (came in the post last week). The All England was a great event, well organised and nice venue. Looking forward to the Commonwealth's now.

Cheers

Russ Kirby.

Rob Palmer wrote in his log competition report:

"Would just like to give a massive thanks to the organisers of the comp, awesome venue great warmup room and a great environment for doing some good lifts, it really is one of the best competitions in this country and I would recommend everyone to lift there next year!"

HOME NATIONS CHALLENGE

This competition took place in Glasgow on the 15th October 2011 comprising of a team of 8 lifters representing England, 8 from Scotland and 2 from Wales. A close competition with England just doing enough to win the team competition. Fred McKenzie received the team award.

In my opinion it was one of the worst competitions I have ever attended. The host organisers Jim Mutrie and Brian Baker should not have bothered to hold this event as it did nothing to promote the sport. The standard of organisation and presentation was little better than a local league match.

It is a shame that such an event is firstly not professionally organised and secondly so poorly attended in terms of lifters wishing to support the competition. As the EPA is partly about selecting a team to represent England in this competition , which apart from the Commonwealth championships is the most important event on the EPA calendar, I personally think that the committee needs to give a higher priority to next year's competition if indeed it is to take place.

Kevin Jane