

ENGLISH POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION – Minutes of Inaugural meeting held on the 17th January 2010. The meeting was held at the Crown Public House, Market Street, Bingham, Notts.

Meeting opened at 11.00a.m.

1. **GBPF members present;** Matthew Parker, Richard Parker, Fred Sterry, Rod Regler, Doreen Dowsett, Ian Finch, Peter Weiss, Bryn Evans, Steve Jones, Dave Kirkland, Kevin Jane, Fred Mc Kenzie (from 12.05pm)
2. **Apologies;** Arthur Hoey, John Jackson, Ian Kinghorn, John Halfacre, Pat Constantine, Steve Gibson, Mick Barry.
3. **Chairman’s introduction;** Richard informed the meeting that Mick Barry was currently very ill in hospital and therefore unable to attend. The meeting elected Richard Parker to chair the meeting. Richard reported that England had only one lifter (Matthew Parker) at last years Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships held in India, emphasising that one of the main functions of this committee should be to ensure this number is improved upon for the next CPC to be held in 2011 in South Africa.
4. **Acceptance of constitution;** Richard had made a draft constitution available to members prior to the meeting. This was accepted by the membership present with a few minor alterations to be made –

i Page 12 9.3 the word Divisions to be replaced with competitions

ii Page 11 the duties of the Merchandising and Supplies officer to be included.

The constitution will provide a starting framework for the Association to be guided by at this stage.

5. Election of officers

POSITION	ELECTED OFFICER	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Mick Barry *	Rod Regler	Bryn Evans
Chairman	Richard Parker	Rod Regler	Fred Sterry
General Secretary	Kevin Jane	Rod Regler	Pete Weiss
Treasurer	Fred Sterry	Rod Regler	Doreen Dowsett
Assistant Treasurer	Doreen Dowsett	Rod Regler	Fred Sterry
Sponsorship Secretary	Fred Mc Kenzie	Rod REgler	Pete Weiss
Championship Secretary	Kevin Jane	Rod Regler	Pete Weiss
Selections Secretary	Fred Sterry	Rod Regler	Kevin Jane
Merchandising officer	Kevin Jane	Rod Regler	Pete Weiss
Web Master	Steve Gibson *	Rod Regler	Bryn Evans
Records officer	Ian Hampson *	Kevin Jane	Pete Weiss
Supplies officer	Dave Kirkland	Rod Regler	Pete Weiss

- Elected in their absence

It was envisaged that a representative from each of the nine English Divisions could at least be named at this meeting, however not all division were represented or names of reps put forward.

DIVISION	REPRESENTATIVE
East Midlands	Pete Weiss
North Midlands	Fred Sterry
South Midlands	TBA
West Midlands	TBA
Greater London	TBA
North West	Bryn Evans
North East	Fred McKenzie
South East	John Halfacre
South West	Kevin Green

6. **Financial report;** As an account is already set up with approximately £600 in held by Fred Sterry with Doreen Dowsett as a second signatory the meeting agreed to add a third signature to the existing two in due course, either the General Secretary or the Chairman. Fred to find out from the bank what steps need to be taken.

7. **Notice of Motion to GBPF AGM ;** That the appointment of ‘ Director of English Powerlifting’ should be decided by the English Powerlifting Association committee. As Ian Kinghorn has decided not to stand for re-election as Director of English Powerlifting at the next GBPF AGM the committee have nominated Richard Parker to take over this position.

8. A.O.B.

a) Rod Regler raised an issue regarding the decision by the GBPF Executive to increase membership subscriptions from £35 to £40 per annum. It is not clear as to whether the decision to make this increase is in line with the current GBPF constitution. The meeting after some discussion decided that the matter is best investigated further by individual Divisions.

b) Fred McKenzie informed the meeting that he has already secured substantial funding (£75K) and has resources in place for staging the 2011 World Junior Powerlifting Championships in New Biggin. Fred produced a break down of expenditure for this event.

Fred also informed the meeting that there is a variety of funding available to both clubs and Divisions from sources such as Sport England and Awards for All. He will provide assistance if contacted for anyone looking to find funding.

Fred suggested that the English Powerlifting Association invite clubs to affiliate to the association which could help both parties if applying for funding.

c) If The GBPF agree to giving all the home countries a membership rebate, the income to the EPA will be split 50/50 with each of the English Divisions.

d) The cost of insurance paid by GBPF with Perkins and Slade currently takes up a substantial amount of the membership fees. Fred McKenzie will look into possible alternatives and at the cost of insuring specific events such as the All England Championships.

e) **Matthew Parker** offered to produce some designs that can be used as an association logo which can be considered with any others that are put forward. This needing to be done soon as possible.

Richard proposed a vote of thanks to Fred Sterry and his daughter Bridgette for organising the meeting venue and refreshments.

Meeting closed at 13.18pm

Kevin Jane – General Secretary

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