

North Midlands AGM meeting

24th April 2022 2.30pm Newark RAFA Branch and Club

Present: David Kirkland, Doreen Dowsett, Gigi Nicholson, James Brincat Smith, Josh New, Thomas Smith

Apologies: Roger Powell, Jax Gough, Owen Leggett, JJ Daley, William Lake, Tom Huggins, Dominic King, Louise Edwards, John Hamson, Holly Bryans, Haydn O'Neil, Abdul Butt, Hannah Louise Graham, Toni Cooper,

Minutes of last meeting: These were read out.

Reports from the chairman: None available, Roger Powell was not at the meeting

Reports from the Treasurer - the opening balance is £9,671.05 entry fees were £365 with expenditure of £199.43 for internet costs, £300.00 for funds to lifters and All Midlands Masters entry fees of £150.00 with £3.92 for postage costs which gives a current balance of **£9382.70** (please see attached balance sheet). It was thought that the internet costs were a bit high for just running the website so James will ask Jax to look into this.

It was also discussed with regard to continuing financial assistance to lifters lifting abroad within the International Teams and if anyone wants some financial help, they can apply for assistance with costs for competing abroad for Team GB. We would need to know how many lifters we have in the NM representing GB at internationals.

The amount of rebates received is the sum of £1,655, which was received via Adam Reilly as the Treasurer for British Powerlifting.

The total amount in the NM supplies account is currently £976.66 with an income of £352.00 in 2021, DK is looking to sell off the remainder of any stock left and will not be buying any further supplies in the future so once all the stock has gone this will cease.

Competitions commenced back in 2021 with 54 lifters at the 4 counties, 39 at the Fred Sterry Classic and 20 lifters were at the overspill at Marc's Giles Gym in Horncastle. Regarding membership we had 190 last year and so far this year we have 220.

Congratulations to our British Champions for 2021 who are as follows:-

British equipped Bench: Glyn Belcher and Graham Mellor

British equipped full power: Holly Bryans, Amelia Maycock and Wendie Kirkland

British Masters Classic: Joy Mineo, Sue Giles and Jo Whitely. Ted Byrne

British Classic Bench: Amelia Maycock, Jax Gough and Jo Whiteley. Kevin Barrs, Jamie Green, Bob Baxter and Harold Houldershaw.

British open Classic: Holly Bryans

British Junior Classic: Amy Viner

Report from the Technical officer- DD is going to create a list of referees and is liaising with Carol Parker to remove anyone who isn't a member. The only person that can have access to this is the chairman but Doreen has sorted this with Carol and is getting the information for the division so that it's up to date. DD will send this to DK when available.

Records – the current records registrar is Amy Crossland but it is unclear if she wants to continue in this role. WK is happy to take over the role if she is given some training on how to update them. WK to liaise with AC to clarify this and will update in due course.

The division does need its members to come forward to bring North Midlands Division up to date and for more people to be on board. Holly Bryans has volunteered to run the social media page and Owen Leggett would like to take over as Uni Rep. A question was asked what the role entails and it is someone who is a point of contact within the Uni, but it is sometimes difficult to have someone within the Uni as they often move on to a different division when finishing their education.

Motions to BP – JBS has sent 3 motions (deadline has already passed now), the first:-

- To reduce all female sub junior qualifying totals by 10% with immediate effect, it is felt these are unachievable at present and this would encourage more 14 – 18 year old females to get involved with the sport.
- To have a mandatory presence of a safeguarding officer at all sanctioned BP events. DSL to be present at all national events with immediate effect and divisions given until 2023 to recruit their own DSL with a clear drawn out procedure for them to follow, in line with our Safeguarding policy and national guidelines.
- Appoint a Welfare and Safety lead director on the Board of British Powerlifting by 2023, this role should be a point of contact for National and Divisional DSL's maintain and review our Safeguarding policy and foster relations with Mental health organisations in an effort to assist the physical and mental wellbeing of our membership. Work with Sport England to source funding for level 2 and 3 safeguarding training and enhanced BDS checks for all british powerlifting referees and volunteers where necessary.

GiGi also sent 2 motions to BP which are as follows:-

- To include the option to disclose a disability when entering a competing so that organisers can include appropriate adjustments for when disabled athletes are competing so there is that little bit of extra support on the day. (It can be quite daunting competing for the first time, especially if you haven't been to the venue before and don't know what facilities are there).
- We would recommend that event organisers provide adequate accessibility information for venues across all levels of competitions by 2023.

Elections of Officers – Our Chairman is currently Roger Powell, it was proposed by JBS to make him the lifetime honorary chairman for his work and what's he has achieved for the division, this was seconded by DD and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman - JBS is happy to step up to the role which was proposed by DD and seconded by DK and was voted in unanimously.

Records Registrar - DD proposes WK to be records register and this was seconded by JBS - WK will be the records registrar from now on once she has had some training.

Competition organiser – This position is currently vacate, JBS will organise the remaining competitions for the rest of this year.

Divisional Secretary - DK was hoping to step down from this role but agreed to carry this position on for at least another year.

Website Officer - JG is the website officer and is happy to continue this role

Drug officer – Richard Scott resigned from the post so this is now vacant. A volunteer will be needed to take this role on and to be a point of contact to co-ordinate testing.

Child Protection – Require a designated safe guarding lead, JBS to take this on (acting).

Technical Officer – DD is currently the TO and she is happy to continue in this role, if she is not able to make a competition she has nominated JBS in her absence.

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Best lifter award – This something that used to happen each year and DK wanted to know if this is to continue. There are some left over trophies from a past National Competition that can be utilised but do we want to carry this award for the best lifter? It was agreed to perhaps leave it for this year but continue from 2023 when the division is more together.

Competitions for this year - JBS suggested that the NM Division should have its own equipment that can be utilised for all divisional competitions. JBS has enough weights to run a competition as he has 5 ER tracks, however he proposes we buy an Eleiko rack and calibrated plates (he will get a quote directly from Eleiko) which can be stored in a unit that JBS has access to. If we have our own NM stock, this can be transported to any location where the next competition is to be held and JBS can assist with transportation to wherever the venue is. JBS thinks that if we increase the levy for promoters at divisional competitions, we could have a full complement of equipment including lights and a platform. At present only £3.00 per person comes back to the division (from entry fees) it was suggested that this increases to £7.50 per lifter to gradually increase revenue for the division. JBS is happy to put on two competitions this year and put all the revenue back in to the division, so that more equipment can be purchased that is to a very high standard.

Competition dates – It was agreed to move the Fred Sterry Classic back to the summer and a date agreed of the 17th July in Newark

All counties competition to be held on 5th November again in Newark with a possible Autumn or Winter bench only comp to be held in Loughborough.

The Uni champs are usually in early December and the website will be updated ASAP.

It was agreed that the social media platforms to be used will be Instagram and Facebook.

WM division have approached the NM to get involved in some sort of charity comp – TBC

Nottingham Uni have a couple of lifters who are wanting to take their refs exam