

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH DRUG FREE POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD BY TELE-CONFERENCE ON 4 NOV 20

Present	Ann Thomas Pat Reeves Catherine Walter Sue Bethell Neil Thomas Pete Gaskin Chris Martin Karen Dalziel Steve Baldock Craig Spicer Alana Pash Ruth Gardner Habee Folami Richard Bremner Steve Van Kempen William Brown Kathryn Holley	President General Secretary Membership Registrar Treasurer Events Coordinator Web Master Technical Secretary National Records Registrar Services Liaison Rep Coaching Secretary South East Div Rep North West Div Rep East Midlands Div Rep South West Div Rep Eastern Counties Div Rep Scottish Div Rep Welsh Div Rep
Apologies	Wilhelm Courtney	Northern Ireland Div Rep
No Response	Derran Langston	North Midlands Div Rep

Opening Remarks	Action
<p>1. The President opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>Item 1 – Minutes from last AGM</p> <p>2. The previous minutes were discussed and agreed to be a true and accurate account. A link can be found here.</p> <p>Item 2 – Membership report</p> <p>3. The Membership Registrar (MR) reported as at the date of the AGM, the BDFPA had 661 lifting members and 20 Official (Non-lifting) members. This is a reduction of 287 lifting members from last year and 17 official members. The 2021 membership applications are just about to be released, it was discussed by the executive council prior to the AGM that membership fees would remain the same due to ongoing annual expenses with the consideration that those who were members in 2020 would have a reduced cost to attend the 2021 National championships. Information to be published at a later date.</p> <p>4. The MR indicated that she would be emailing all clubs to renew club affiliation in time for 2021.</p>	<p>President</p> <p>Membership Secretary</p>

<p>5. The MR stated that TG Sport (now Stack Sports), the membership company that provide the membership platform is due a major upgrade, this is due to take place around Jan 2021 and minimum disruption has been assured.</p> <p>6. The MR updated on a GDPR sensitive issue that was presented to the BDFPA, after seeking legal advice the BDFPA acted and have addressed any issues which arose. The GDPR policy has been updated and will be available on the new website once lthe system goes live.</p>	
<p>Item 3 – Treasurer’s report</p> <p>7. The treasurer supplied a financial account prior to the meeting taking place. The accounts are healthy with a few expenses waiting to be paid. Full details of the accounts provided at the time of the meeting can be found here.</p>	Treasurer
<p>Item 4 – Technical Secretary’s Report</p> <p>8. The Tech Sec updated that currently the BDFPA have 59 referees in total, 4 Marshall referees, 11 International, 25 National and 19 divisional referees. This is a reduction of 24 referees over the various levels in the last 12 months. Due to covid restrictions it has been impossible for all referees to remain current within a 12-month period. The Tech Sec will look to address this situation.</p>	Technical Secretary
<p>Item 5 – Drug Control Officer Report</p> <p>9. The DCO stated that only 9 tests have been carried out in 2020 due to covid restrictions, Of the 9 tests carried out, 2 positive tests have resulted in a lifetime bans for both individuals, full details can be found on the BDFPA website.</p>	Drugs Control Officer
<p>Item 6 – Equipment Update</p> <p>10. A spreadsheet detailing the current BDFPA equipment holdings can be found here.</p>	President
<p>Item 7 – Coaching Secretary</p> <p>11. An issue was highlighted about the conduct of a previous BDFPA lifter and subsequent coach from another powerlifting federation earlier in the year. The coaching Secretary (CS) expressed the need to implement a coaching framework, code of conduct reviews and an official guide to coaching on the platform structure. The CS agreed to devise a competency framework to support this and will review the rule book to incorporate the relevant changes.</p>	Coaching Secretary
<p>Item 8 –Events Co-ordinator</p> <p>12. The Events Co-ordinator (EC) updated the NC in respect of the 2021 events. The National Single Lift and Full Power Championships were discussed, and it was agreed that until covid restrictions are lifted it would be impossible to organise events due to the local lockdowns around the UK. It is likely that the national’s</p>	Events Co-ordinator

<p>events will be move to later in the year to allow a greater degree of flexibility of events.</p> <p>13. All International events for 2021 are yet to be discussed in detail but will remain provisionally similar to the locations of the 2020 calendar. It was noted that all WDFPF events in the calendar are set in stone and should an event be unable to go ahead then it would simply be cancelled, not postponed.</p> <p>14. Dates will be released in due course, following the virtual congress.</p> <p>Item 9 – Webmaster</p> <p>15. The webmaster was unable to contribute to the Zoom meeting due to IT complications. The website was discussed by the president in his absence. The new website is almost complete. Finishing touches are being taken prior to the website going live. The functioning of the website will still be administered by the Webmaster. All files are backed up on the webmaster’s computer, it was requested that if any NC require files backed up then forward these to the webmaster and he will retain these files for future use if required.</p> <p>Item 11 – Any Other Business</p> <p>16. All div reps reported that due to covid restrictions they have all been unable to organise divisional events. This is an ongoing situation that is being regularly monitored.</p> <p>17. Wullie Brown, Scottish div rep updated the NC that the division is working closely with sport Scotland and is soon to secure a permanent location for the Scotland members.</p> <p>18. The Records Registrar agreed to review and produce the 2019 rankings.</p> <p>19. The president informed the NC that a generic Covid Risk Assessment has been drafted but due to ongoing changes it was difficult to issue this to div reps. Once its been agreed that events will resume a copy of the Risk Assessment will be revised and disseminated to all event organisers.</p>	<p>Webmaster</p>
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BDFPA President

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All National Committee members

ACTIONS & ISSUES PLAN FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

1	Platforms	A bespoke made platform has been purchased and is currently located in Pullum sports. This is due to trying to source a storage location to locate all these items. UPDATE: Item collected and held in the BDFPA storage area.	Nov 19	President	Closed
2	Banner	More banners will be required for future events. The idea is that all div reps will hold a banner for their events. All those requiring a banner who doesn't have one is to contact the president so that she can determine how many are still required. UPDATE: - Items arrived and located in BDFPA storage area.	Nov 19	President	Closed
3	Storage	A storage container to be in the Wendover area to assist with housing all the BDFPA equipment. UPDATE: Item secured; lease requires payment in Dec 20 for 2021.	Nov 19	President	Closed
4	Liability Insurance	Liability Insurance for all BDFPA events to be renewed for the 2020 season. UPDATE: Company can no longer provide insurance cover for events, new insurance provider to be secured.	Nov 19	President	Ongoing
5	New Website	Specifications of the BDFPA requirement to be looked at in order to create a new website. UPDATE: website almost complete and will be rolled out at the earliest opportunity	Nov 19	Webmaster/ President	Ongoing
6	Rule Book Booklets	Rule book pamphlets to be produced once the rule book has been reviewed for the 2020 season. UPDATE: Tech Sec indicated that review of the rule book was still underway, and booklets will be produced once all amendments have been complete	Nov 19	Tech Sec	Ongoing
7	Drug Test kits, sample post & paperwork	Re-order Drug Test Kits and sample pots for the 2020 season. UPDATE: Due to Covid test kits have not been in as high a demand, numbers will be reassessed once events resume	Nov 19	President	Closed

8	Records Certificates	Re-order British Record Certificates as supplies are running low. UPDATE: No action has been carried out. Records Registrar has agreed to take on this responsibility and will action accordingly.	Nov 19	President	Ongoing
9	Standard Blocks	Blocks to be ordered for the 2020 Nationals. UPDATE: No update, this will be reviewed and action once events resume.	Nov 19	President	Ongoing
10	Branded Clothing	BDFPA Printed logo T-shirts to be explored. UPDATE: Clothing firm confirmed supply for clothing via the website on the BDFPA, no further action required.	Nov 19	President	Closed