

**MINUTES OF THE BRITISH DRUG FREE POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD BY TELE-CONFERENCE ON 2 JUN 2021**

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	President General Secretary Membership Registrar Treasurer Events Coordinator Web Master Technical Secretary National Records Registrar Services Liaison Rep Coaching Secretary Southeast Div Rep Northwest Div Rep East Midlands Div Rep Southwest Div Rep Eastern Counties Div Rep Scottish Div Rep
Apologies	Wilhelm Courtney Kathryn Holley	Northern Ireland Div Rep Welsh Div Rep

Opening Remarks	Action
<p>1. The President opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	President
<p><b>Item 1 – Minutes from last AGM</b></p> <p>2. The previous minutes were discussed and agreed to be a true and accurate account. A link can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Item 2 – Membership report</b></p> <p>3. The Membership Registrar (MR) reported as at the date of the AGM, the BDFPA had 438 lifting members and 18 Official (Non-lifting) members. See <a href="#">here for the membership report BDFPA 2021</a>.</p> <p>4. The MR stated that TG Sport (GAME DAY), the membership company that provide the membership platform is due a major upgrade, this was due to take place around Jan 2021. Due to technical issues this has been postponed until later in the year and minimum disruption has been assured.</p> <p>5. The MR requested that the advertisement of a deputy MR and communications officer is required due to the additional responsibilities of new events such as BRAWN.</p>	Membership Secretary
<p><b>Item 3 – Treasurer’s report</b></p> <p>6. 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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	Treasurer

<p><b>Item 4 – Technical Secretary’s Report</b></p> <p>7. The Tech Sec updated that currently the BDFPA have 57 active referees in total, 5 Marshall referees, 14 International, 20 National and 18 divisional referees. 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> <p>8. The Tech Sec stated that rule book 1 amendments were complete and uploaded to the BDFPA website, rule book 2 requires further review to come in line with the WDFPF rule book and the BDFPA constitution.</p>	<p>Technical Secretary</p>
<p><b>Item 5 – Drug Control Officer Report</b></p> <p>9. The DCO stated that no testing has been conducted during the 2020 lifting calendar due to covid restrictions, as restrictions ease testing will resume full details of previous testing can be found on the BDFPA website.</p>	<p>Drugs Control Officer</p>
<p><b>Item 6 – Equipment Update</b></p> <p>10. A spreadsheet detailing the current BDFPA equipment holdings can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>President</p>
<p><b>Item 7 – Coaching Secretary</b></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. This is currently underway with the expectation that this will be released with the 2022 membership for those applying as a coaching official.</p>	<p>Coaching Secretary</p>
<p><b>Item 8 –Events Co-ordinator</b></p> <p>12. The Events Co-ordinator (EC) updated that the 2021 National events will take place. The National Single Lift will take place in Jul and is detailed on the BDFPA website. The Full Power Championships had to be move to later in the year due to covid restrictions. Obtaining a venue proved difficult to source due to the given situation but a date in Sep has now been agreed and the information is due to be published on the website.</p> <p>13. All International events for 2021 are provisionally scheduled with the European &amp; World Single Lift Championships running as a joint event, this is due to be held in Sardinia, further information has been released and can be found on the BDFPA website. The European &amp; World Full Power will also run as a joint event and is scheduled to take place in Dublin, Ireland in Nov 21, further details to follow.</p>	<p>Events Co-ordinator</p>

14. Locations of the 2022 calendar has not yet been discussed, all nations will be invited to submit requested to host to the WDFPF via the nations president.

**Item 9 – Any Other Business**

15. All div reps reported that due to covid restrictions they have all been unable to organise divisional events. The introduction of lifting in front of a referee has been introduced for this year to allow new lifters to qualify to attend the Nationals.

16. The Scottish div rep updated the NC that the division is working closely with sport Scotland. They have now secured a permanent location for the Scotland members. 2 events have now been scheduled which is positive news going forward

17. The Records Registrar has produced the 2019 rankings. This is now complete and updated on the BDFPA website.

18. 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.

19. The date of the next AGM TBC.

A Thomas  
BDFPA President

Distribution:

All National Committee members

**ACTIONS & ISSUES PLAN FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

1	New Website	Specifications of the BDFPA requirement to be looked at to create a new website. <b>UPDATE:</b> website complete and training carried out for those NC members requiring access. Item to be closed.	Jun 21	Webmaster/ President	<b>CLOSED</b>
2	Records Certificates	Re-order British Record Certificates as supplies are running low. <b>UPDATE:</b> Certificates designed, ordered, and held by the records registrar, item to be closed.	Jun 21	President	<b>CLOSED</b>
3	Standard Blocks	Blocks to be ordered for the 2020 Nationals. <b>UPDATE:</b> blocks have been bespoke made and is ready for use at the next 2021 National event. Item to be closed.	Jun 21	President	<b>CLOSED</b>
4	Liability Insurance	Liability Insurance for all BDFPA events to be renewed for the 2020 season. <b>UPDATE:</b> Been unable to source another company due to COVID. This action remains ongoing.	Jun 21	President	<b>Ongoing</b>
5	Rule Book Booklets	Rule book pamphlets to be produced once the rule book has been reviewed for the 2020 season. <b>UPDATE:</b> Tech Sec indicated that review of the rule book was still underway, and booklets will be produced once all amendments have been complete.	Jun 21	Tech Sec	<b>Ongoing</b>