



<p>8. <a href="#">BDFPA Accounts 2022</a></p> <p><b>Item 4 – Technical Secretary’s Report</b></p> <p>9. The BDFPA has seen an increase of eight new divisional referees, 1 National level referee and 1 International referee.</p> <p>10. Currently the BDFPA have the following level of referees: 4 Marshall referees, 31 International referees, 21 National referees and forty-four divisional referee's active referees.</p> <p>11. It has been highlighted that some exam papers are going missing in the post. The Tech Sec is looking at an alternative way to administer the referee exams through a mixture of virtual or online exams, prior to shadowing at events.</p> <p><b>Item 5 – Coaching Secretary</b></p> <p>12. Between 2022- 2023 the coaching secretary stepped down due to personal circumstances. The Tech Sec has agreed to investigate the competency framework and will update in due course.</p> <p><b>Item 6 – Drug Control Officer Report</b></p> <p>13. The drug control officer informed the NC that a total of twenty-five tests had been conducted so far this year with a single positive case which resulted in a life ban on that athlete. Full details of those tested can be found on the BDFPA website under the Drug Control tab.</p> <p>14. Current funding spent on drug tests in 2023 from divisional and National events, including OOC tests so far is £3,416. No sample kits required for purchasing due to sufficient stocks held.</p> <p>15. The price of testing per test has seen an increase of £20 per test, this is increased to £230 per out of competition test and £250 per competition test.</p> <p><b>Item 7 – Events Organiser</b></p> <p>16. The Event Organiser updated the 2023 National events has been scheduled to take place over Jul 23 for the females and Aug for the males.</p> <p>17. All International events for 2023 are provisionally scheduled with the European SL and World Full Power being held in the UK.</p> <p>18. The WFP that was scheduled for Nov 2023 in Glasgow had to be relocated due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>19. The BDFPA has purchased some bespoke platform rugs which will be on display at the Nationals.</p> <p>20. 2024 Nationals are currently being discussed with the potential locations being around Milton Keynes. The 2024 International locations are in discussion with venues in Amsterdam, Halle, Italy, and Belgium. The BDFPA are not looking to host any international</p>	<p>Technical Secretary</p> <p>Coaching Secretary</p> <p>Drugs Control Officer</p> <p>Event Organiser</p>
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events to give the NC a period of rest but has acknowledged that should any venue location fall down then they would be happy to support a short notice request if required.

#### **Item 9 – Any Other Business**

21. **North Midlands Div Rep Phil Tempest:** Held several competitions, exclusively through Horncastle Powerlifting Club. Communication could have been better but Div Rep is working to improve communications and involvement as personal circumstances are due to change over the next coming months.
22. **SW Div Rep Richard Bremner:** Three competitions run so far. Due to a GBPF presence in that area, fewer athletes are attending BDFPA comps, the last comp saw a total of six athletes compete. The reason suggested are due to lifters wishing to lift in knee sleeves.
23. **Southern Counties Div Rep Alana Pash:** Expressed thanks to Craig Spicer for running events in the area, Alana has been unable to facilitate recent events due to personal circumstance. Venues are becoming troublesome to book due to rising costs and locations, with the regular gym used for events going into administration. Alana also recently announced pregnancy, we wish her our best regards on this announcement.
24. **West Midland Div Rep Pat Reeves:** One event has been held so far with a further event scheduled to take place in Sep 23.
25. **Welsh Div Rep Kathryn Holley:** The next event for Welsh lifters is being opened from the SW area, the reason for this is because the local venue has recently shut down. Due to this the divisional equipment is currently held in an alternative location pending securing another location. Investigation is underway for venues in a North Wales location, but this is providing difficult currently.
26. **NW Div Rep Ruth Gardner:** Numbers have dropped in the comps, but good competition days have been run so far. 2 comps are scheduled each year over January and October.
27. **Scotland Div Rep Chris Martin:** Chris Martin stepped in as Rep for the Scottish division due to Wullie Brown standing down due to personal circumstances. The BDFPA thanked Wullie for his dedication and service given to the BDFPA over the years he has been in various positions, we wish him the best for the future. A reasonable amount of regional equipment has been relocated to Chris' possession, pending a new location. The Highland Bench Press event was a success with twenty-one entries, feedback was well received. Another planned in August. It was discussed that feedback from lifters was to hold events in various locations around Scotland. Events are being considered in Aberdeen/Moray area, even Inverness. The UK master's and Scottish Open will remain in Glasgow with the hope to next year to move it round the country, just need people to help establish a venue.
28. **Combined Services Rep Steve Baldock:** Updated that the single services are going through a period of change due to British

<p>Powerlifting becoming the NGB for Powerlifting with Sport England. The Sports Board is currently in consultation in how to progress the sport without being detrimental to lifters, further details will follow but military lifters will not be prevented from using single service events as qualification events.</p> <p>29. Due to a reshuffle of key NC position, there are a few vacant positions with a view to advertise for potential candidates. All interested parties are to contact the president in the first instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Scottish Div Rep position</li><li>ii. Northeast Div Rep position</li><li>iii. Southeast Div Rep position</li></ul> <p>30. The date of the next AGM will be in Jun 2024.</p>	
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Ballot No	Ballot Question	Discussion	Vote Carried
1	<p><b>Female Weight Categories</b></p> <p>A request to considered introducing additional weight categories for women over the +90 category was presented to the NC.</p>	<p>It was discussed that the last competition showed that there was no Schwartz formula applied to a lifter who weighed over listed points. This issue was acknowledged but as this sits at the WDFPF it is outside of the BDFPA remit to change the formula will be reviewed and applied before the Ladies National Full Power in the fairness of identifying Best Lifter.</p>	Not carried.
2	<p><b>Gender Categories</b></p> <p>A request to consider an open class for transgender athletes in the fairness of sport was presented to the NC.</p>	<p>A recent incident In Germany was highlighted which has incited the WDFPF to introduce changes made to trans athlete rules in the WDFPF rule book.</p> <p>Any trans athlete must present a Gender Recognition Certificate at weigh-in. Trans women must provide confirmation of testosterone blood levels dated within 12 months of competition date.</p>	Not carried