



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

6th November 2022

Regen Centre. Landing Lane, Riccall, York YO19 6PM

In attendance:

Samantha Cadman (Chair), Kate Clarke (Secretary), Richard Caine, Edward Butcher, Chris Cooper, Sam Lusher, Matthew Ridgley

Apologies for Absence

Amanda Howes, Matt Dempsey, Matthew Culf, Gemma Gibson (Treasurer), Lisa Liddy

Present Via Teams

Becky Martin, Luke Easton, Xander Gowler

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th November 2021 were taken as read.
2. Reports from the Chair and Treasurer were received and approved.
3. Alex Macaulay was formally appointed as Live Stream Media Manager for the division.
4. The draft calendar for 2023 had previously been shared with executive board members via the executive Facebook group, was discussed. There was discussion surrounding the Northern Universities competition and the January open being held on the same date and the issue with venues due to the northern universities date changes. Samantha Cadman assured that it had been communicated that any further date changes or changes to the proposal would still need to be approved by the board and would not jeopardise the regional open competitions. The Addition of a further novice competition to deal with over subscription was discussed. The feedback from lifters at the novice competitions was expressed and the need for this additional date was agreed but with the proviso that there was a need to explore the addition of further open competitions due to the increased popularity of competing. Samantha Cadman said she would consider the opinions of those at the AGM and would revise the calendar for executive approval once all dates were approved with venues, but it was agreed in principle (subject to any changes needed to avoid clashes with national / international competitions, once confirmed).
5. Other Federation business was discussed and agreed as follows:
 - a. Lack of volunteers for competitions addressed.

Volunteers to be sent expenses forms in order to claim back fuel for competitions.
Kate Clarke to see to this following competitions.

Volunteers signing in and out on competition day in order to claim expenses and priority entry for competitions.



New competition volunteers system discussed to allow better tracking of priority placing for competition entry. A points system, similar to that used in other divisions, was discussed. Early entry to competitions for those with priority points was discussed and agreed in principle. Discounted competition entry for members volunteering on multiple occasions and subsequently earning numerous priority points, was discussed and blue print for this process was developed. A formal framework for this will be produced and presented to the executive board prior to the 2023 season commencing.

- b. Surplus funds in accounts to be used to procure additional equipment for the division to facilitate improved competition date experience for members. **Action: Equipment Manager to cost up proposals for new / replacement equipment, possibly including:**
- new platform
 - new back-boards for platform area including banners for national competitions
 - Toaster racks for use on platform
 - Shipping container to provide additional storage capacity at Regen Centre was again considered (subject to approval from Centre management)
- c. The role of safeguarding office has yet to be appointed. This role will go out to advert for members to apply to be considered. The job description of the role was discussed and the possibility of expanding this role to include safeguarding and additionally wellbeing, was considered. Samantha Cadman will advertise the role for the 2023 season.
- d. The difficulty in acquiring sufficient referees for competitions was discussed with the Jnr Competition, Ashington (June) given as a particular example.

A referee's course to be arranged in 2023 for members wishing to train as divisional referees. This will be advertised via social media. Course fees to be paid upfront by members to demonstrate their commitment, but membership to British Powerlifting would be reimbursed by division once they have refereed at least two divisional competitions.

Additionally, the need for DBS checks by referees was discussed as Kevin Jayne EPL had previously requested a list of those who held this.

- e. The consideration of increased YNEPF competitions in affiliated gyms was considered. The idea presented was to increase competition places, convenient times and locations, and mirror that of other divisions. A base framework of how



this would work was presented but this will be drafted in Q1 and 2 of 2023 with the intention to trial in Q3 and 4 if the planning, and effective governance is in place and has been approved by the executive board.

6. Post-Meeting Notes

An issue with Teams was identified following the meeting. As a result, those joining the meeting via teams, were unable to participate. This will be considered for future AGM meetings.