

Dear All

Although a number of development initiatives laid out in my job description have taken place with some success others need looking at again and following review new proposals for development need to be made. Longer term, as well as annual achievable challenges, need to be identified and planned for and carried out.

In the period leading up to the A.G.M. I will present a report on what has been achieved along with suggested plans for the future development focus of the Federation.

I prefer input and ideas to be made by those who are able and willing to put them into practice. But ! All ideas on how people are willing to Develop our sport will be welcomed.

Junior Development in a more coherent manner incorporating all matters affecting Junior lifters needs to be moved forward with the whole process being seamless and not in separate compartments. In my opinion.

Unequipped lifting needs to be given some Representative/International competitive outcome offering lifters an opportunity to compete at a higher level. This will attract more unequipped and new lifters to join and be part of GBPF. Again this is my opinion.

Encouraging Divisional Representatives to develop schemes to bring new lifters into the sport can be significantly enhanced. Many Divisions already have introduced either schemes generated by myself or even more appropriately those they design and implement themselves. This practice needs spreading across the country and within the divisions.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with and meet so many people whose unique contribution to our Sport and Federation is quite inspirational at times.

Others may wish to take on the National Development Manager role next year and their interest would be welcome. Whoever is preferred, I will continue to contribute to our sport in whichever way possible even if not re-elected to continue as National Development Manager.

Thank you all for your support throughout 2009 and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I cannot resist one quote from of all people an OFSTED inspector:-

"THE STRENGTH OF AN INSTITUTION CAN BE MEASURED BY ITS ABILITY TO FORGIVE ITS MEMBERS"

Kindest Regards,

Paul