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MINUTES OF THE GBPF AGM 8TH MARCH 2009.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, a Special Resolution was put forward by the General Secretary due to the infancy of the Federation and that proper procedures be accepted for this AGM. See attachment.

The Resolution was accepted by all 46 present to enable the meeting to proceed.

Apologies were received from Tom Chantler, Rob Thomas, Pat Higgins, Campbell Higgins and Steve McQuade.

1 Attendances: As per the signed GBPF register 46 members in attendance.

2 Ralph Farquharson was proposed as Chairman for the AGM Proposed by Stan Macrow, seconded by Rod Regler.

3 No previous minutes were available.

4 Chairmans report as attached was accepted.

5 General Secretary's report verbal also accepted.

Main point mentioned was the GBPF submission for NGB Status in September of 2008 which was due for process in January 2009.

6 Finance Directors report.

The report showed how the previous 2 years accounts had been amalgamated into 1 report, and that current membership figures stood at 524.

Auditing of the GBPF accounts was discussed and also the submission of accounts to Company's House.

The possibility of "In-House" Auditors was also raised.

An approximate cost of £600 was mentioned to employ a Chartered Accountant, which was put aside, Marian Gibson will take on this role.

It was reported that the GBPF had received 2 donations , one of £250 from Andy Rodney and Jackie Blasberry toward the cost of trophies for the British Seniors and one of £1250 from Jaswinder Singh of which £250 was also to go towards trophies for the British Seniors.

Those present expressed their appreciation for these donations.

Compliments were extended from the floor to the Finance Director for his presentation of the accounts to date.

7 Approval of Directors.

Ralph Farquharson Chairman

Proposer Stan Macrow- Unanimous

John Jackson

Proposer Rod Regler – Unanimous

Arthur Hoey

Proposer Rod Regler – Unanimous

Phil Richard Director for Wales

Proposer Stan Macrow – Unanimous

George Magennis Director for Northern Ireland

Proposer NIWLA – Unanimous

Two candidates were put forward for Director of Scotland.

Alex Richards and Jim Mutrie.

A vote took place to decide the successful candidate and the result was 16 for Alex Richards 8 for Jim Mutrie with 22 abstentions.

Alex Richards was appointed Director for Scotland.

Two candidates were also put forward for Director of England.

Ian Kinghorn and Richard Parker.

Again a vote took place and 22 votes were for Ian Kinghorn, 19 for Richard Parker with 5 abstentions.

Ian Kinghorn was appointed Director for England.

The positions within the committee's as shown on the attachment were all voted in "en bloc" with Stuart Ogg added to Lifters Committee.

8 Amendments and additions to GBPF Constitution document.

The following amendments were proposed and accepted:

Change Congress wherever it appears to AGM.

Change date of AGM from February to March.

Notification in Line 3 to show 8 weeks prior to AGM.

Proposals and Amendments to be received latest 4 weeks prior to AGM.

Line 5 to read Complete Agenda must be sent by most cost effective method to all members latest 2 weeks prior to AGM.

Article 10 to read AGM Representation.

To amend Delegates with voting rights to read All members fully paid up 6 months prior to the AGM have 1 vote each.

Delete items b and c.

Article 12 and 13 to change to AGM & EGM where appropriate.

Article 14.

Add Item 6 : To impose penalties and sanctions on Home Countries Etc. Financial Penalty to be agreed and paid to GBPF.

Proposed and accepted by Ben Banks were:

Item 4 Membership.

Item 6 Economic Compensation

Item 7 Inability to be deleted

Item 8 Disciplinary Cases.

All to be amended as per the submission.

9 Approval of Preliminary Accounts and appoint Auditors for 2009-2010.

The accounts were unanimously approved and Marian Gibson approved as Accountant/Auditor for Internal audits.

10 Approve and Consider Nominations for Positions within the GBPF.

All approved en bloc except for John Halfacre who resigned as Junior Team Manager.

11 Consider and approve Nominations to Executive Board.

Other Items for discussion.

The members agreed to support a bid for the GBPF to stage the Euro Juniors 2011 based on assurances from Fred Mackenzie that he would be able to find funding to stage this event.

To offer Special Needs and Special Olympics lifters membership at £15.00 and also to offer Disabled Lifters membership.

Willie Clelland and Jim Mutrie to discuss and organise the running of Special Olympics/Special Needs within the GBPF, with Nicola Vaughn Ellis (WCL) to hold a brief on Disabled Lifting.

An International event between GB and Spain was proposed for September 2009 and it would be used to give experience to newcomers and those on the fringe of Senior representation. This was again unanimously approved.

From the floor Mr Rod Regler raised an objection to the present membership scheme involving the Home Country's.

The objection was that the current membership whereby Scotland, Wales and N.Ireland received rebates was unfair to the English members and in effect England were subsidising the other Home Country's.

It was agreed that the executive board would form a working party and to discuss and implement a new membership scheme fair to all Home Country's.

A vote was taken with 20 in favour and 4 against with 22 abstentions.

Meeting Closed.

**Arthur Hoey
Gen Sec
GBPF.**