

NC Bulletin (No.56) – Feb 15

Dear NC Members

Last year's membership figures were outstanding and it is an indication of what we can expect for this year as we host the World Single Lift Championships in Telford. The WSL site is already up and running and I suggest those who have not visited it yet do so ASAP to see what an excellent event it sets out to be. This is an excellent reflection within the organisation as a whole and also indicates the level of professionalism the BDFPA portrays and the level of commitment and dedication you as NC's provide to the BDFPA. On behalf of all members of the BDFPA, I thank you for all your efforts.



The last ballot proved positive for the possibility of splitting the nationals into masters/junior and an open event, this will be done if we feel the need to do so. The 2016 championships will therefore be decided upon by the amount of entries we see this year in 2015. Remember this gave us the ability to split them if we need to.

It is also time to review the NC and consider a number of roles that have been redundant or filled by those whom are not members anymore and the introduction of some new roles able to sit at council level but not hold voting positions.

Drugs' testing has grown in credibility and we now see such numbers tested that we are simply leaps and bounds above all other drug testing organisations. What must also be stressed is that where there are cases of individuals displaying disruptive or violent behavior against DCO's, they will be immediately suspended and disciplinary action taken against them.

Yours in Drug Free Powerlifting.

Neil Thomas MBE
President BDFPA

New Business

SE NC proposition

Mr Steve Farren living in Kent has recently joined the organization, having trained for forty years and wishes to take both referee and coaching courses. Retired civil servant has time to devote. He has expressed an interest to run the SE Division that has been gapped for some time. This is fantastic news for both the division and the BDFPA in general, the NC are requested to vote on his suitability to hold a position on the NC.

Diversity Officer – Non Voting Position

All large organisations and major companies have an individual who is a focal point for issues related to either minority groups or out of scope issues. It would be beneficial for such an individual to be able to brief the NC as required on any such issues that may affect the way in which we run, organise or complete our membership obligations. Any potential applicant must have an understanding of minority group issues either by personal experience or by qualification.

Health and Safety Officer – Non Voting Position

More of the venues we use are requesting Risk assessments and an ability to comply with H&S regulations. We do this as a matter of course but it is more professional to have an individual assigned to carry out such a role. The role would require the occupant to consider any restrictions in the way we do business and should areas of risk be identified how to mitigate them. Any potential applicant should have an understanding of the sport and H&S regulations in order to meet requirements.

Doctor

The BDFPA require the services of a doctor in order to complete its TUE applications. The current incumbent has not been contacted for several years and we are unsure if he is still willing to continue in the role. If he is not we will seek to register another individual who will complete the TUE process.

Legal Advisor

The current climate in terms of litigation alludes to the fact it is sensible to have a legal advisor. The current individual was a member many years ago and has not been contactable for many years. The BDFPA needs to identify another individual or company to undertake any legal business on our behalf.

Insurance

All venues are now asking for PL and EL insurance for events. Up to now we have had no full insurance cover. As an organisation we need to protect the NC and those who run events and as such insurance must be covered we have 2 options:

1. Insure each event separately. – (likely costs will be from £50.00 - £100.00 per event)
2. Insure the BDFPA for all its events as a whole policy. – (likely cost will be around £1,000 for all BDFPA events no matter how many we run)

Results BDFPA Ballot 56

	Item	Vote: Y/N/Ab
1	Mr Steve Farren of to be voted onto the NC in the position of SE Rep	CARRIED
2	Diversity Officer: A representative to inform the NC of issues related to specific regulations concerning minority groups including Race, Religion, LGBT. This will be a non-voting position on the NC.	CARRIED
3	Health and Safety: A representative to inform the NC of issues related to specific regulations	CARRIED AND TO BE FILLED BY PETER STONE
4	Doctor: The BDFPA have a Doctor listed whom has had a long running relationship with the BDFPA but has not had any contact with the organisation for a number of years. It is to be considered by the NC whether or not to have the position vacant or secure the services of another medical professional for the role:	Vote in a new medical professional
5	Legal Advisor: The legal advisor has been listed for a number of years but has had no contact with the BDFPA for a prolonged period. It is considered appropriate to secure the services of a professional individual to meet any legal issues the BDFPA may have, or hire as	Get legal representation as an when required

	required:	
6	Transgender Competitors	SUMMARY DOCUMENT TO FOLLOW
7	Insurance: The BDFPA is in a position where it must now provide insurance details for major events. The NC is requested to consider whether or not the BDFPA should have:	Organisational insurance to cover all events