



## **BRITISH WEIGHT LIFTERS' ASSOCIATION (BWLA) (TRADING AS BRITISH WEIGHT LIFTING) (BWL)**

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at 11.00 am on Saturday 16 September 2017 at The Cohen Room, Leeds Town Hall, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS1 3AD.

### Members present and apologies

As per attached sheets.

Mr Rowley (the Chairman) welcomed members, introduced Messrs, Metcalfe and Martin; outlined the process of and conduct for the meeting; declared a quorum; and sought approval for the notice of meeting circulated previously to be taken as read, which was confirmed.

1. Special Resolution (Proposer: The Board of BWLA): That the Company's Articles of Association be amended by the adoption of the Articles of Association attached to the Notice of Meeting in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Company's existing Articles of Association.

The Chairman reminded members that a copy of the proposed new Articles of Association (the New Articles) and a paper explaining the need to adopt the New Articles and the specific changes that they contained had accompanied the Notice of the meeting, but provided a context as to the need for change and then invited questions.

A member stated that he had brought to the meeting the proxy vote of a member who could not attend in person and called for it to be counted in the vote. The Chairman reminded the member of the notes attached to the proxy form which stated clearly that the form, completed and signed must be received as a hard copy by Sue Ward by 11 am on 15 September 2017 and that as it had not been, the proxy vote was invalid and could not be counted.

The same member then asked if emailed proxy votes could be valid. The Chairman referred the meeting to the notes attached to the proxy form which stated clearly that it is a legal requirement that signed emailed versions cannot be accepted.

A member then queried the word 'fora' in Article 5.12, which the Chairman clarified as the plural of 'forum'.

There being no further questions, the Chairman called for a proposer and Mr. Andreas Michaelas proposed that the New Articles be adopted as the Articles of Association in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Company's existing Articles of Association. Mr. Whittaker seconded the proposal.

The Chairman then called for a vote by a show of hands, the result of which was:

Votes in favour: 56, including 34 valid proxy votes held by the Chairman;

Votes against: 0;

Abstentions: 1.

The Chairman declared that the New Articles had been approved and were effective immediately.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Extraordinary General Meeting closed.

The Chairman then invited and received questions from members on any matters not covered by the Extraordinary General Meeting. One member raised questions pertaining to improving communications with members as to the eligibility of athletes, coaches and officials for competitions, and the role of national coach, to which Mr. Metcalfe responded. Another member queried the availability of starting times and lifting orders at the forthcoming Under 23 Championships, to which Mr. Metcalfe responded.

There being no further questions, the Chairman concluded the meeting at 11.28 am.