

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

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 11.00 on Sunday 29th October 2017 at The Cohen Room, Leeds Town Hall, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS1 3AD.

### Members present and apologies

As per attached sheets.

In the absence of Mr Rowley, who had been delayed, Mr Boyd assumed the chair. He commenced the meeting and welcomed members, introduced Mr. Metcalfe, outlined the process of and conduct for the meeting, declared a quorum, and sought approval for the notice of meeting circulated previously and displayed on the screen to be taken as read, which was confirmed. Mr Boyd informed the meeting that all the business to be considered was ordinary business and that following the adoption of new Articles of Association by members at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 16 September 2017, none of the items required a vote.

### 1. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2017, in accordance with Article 122.1

The Chairman called upon Mr Metcalfe to present his report, at the commencement of which Mr. Rowley joined the meeting. Mr Boyd vacated the chair, Mr Rowley assumed it and Mr Metcalfe presented his report, following which the Chairman invited questions from members pertaining to the report.

Two members raised questions pertaining to medal targets for the English team competing at the Commonwealth Games 2018 and the number of national level referees qualified to officiate, to which Mr. Metcalfe responded.

### 2. To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 in accordance with Article 122.2.

The Chairman invited Mr. Metcalfe, in the absence of Mr. Martin to present the Annual Accounts, following which the Chairman invited questions from members pertaining to the presentation.

Two members raised questions pertaining to the financing of elite athletes and the forward strategy to which Messrs Metcalfe and Rowley responded.

### 3. To note the re-appointment of Peter Rowley, OBE as Chairman in accordance with Articles 39 and 122.3; and 4. To note that there are no elected directors retiring and seeking re-election and that no other nominations have been received

The Chairman took items 3 and 4 together as above.

### 5. Any other business in accordance with Article 122.5.

The Chairman informed members that as no notice of any other business had been received, no other business could be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

The Chairman then invited and received questions from members on any matters not covered by the Annual General Meeting. Members raised questions pertaining to the reappointment of the President of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) and the election process; the feasibility of members being consulted upon how BWL should cast votes at IWF elections; the process for elite athletes to communicate with officers; the role of Keith Morgan on the IWF coaching and research committee and how learning may be disseminated throughout the coaching community; the qualification process for English athletes to be considered for selection for the Commonwealth Games 2018; the status of regional competitions and BARS; the feasibility of paying technical officials in addition to meeting out of pocket expenses; the possibility of a shortage of officials to officiate at the English and Welsh Championships in 2018; and the possibility of the International Olympic Committee reducing the number of lifters per weight category at Tokyo in 2020. Various staff members responded to the questions raised and contributed to the discussions that ensued before matters concluded at 1.23 pm.