

World Powerlifting Federation

Annual General Meeting 2003

Date	19.15 Hours, 15th November, 2003
Venue	Connaught Leisure Centre Tongham Road, Aldershot

1 Roll Call

Dave Tickle opened the meeting at 19.15

Present:

Brian Smith – Honorary President

Brian Clement

David Tickle

Erik Butzelaar - Holland

Joerg Roediger – Germany

Martin Karius - Germany

Gerhard Holleitner - Austria

Frank Engel - Luxembourg

Victor Gomez - Mexico

Jackie Tickle Minuting Secretary

2 Apologies

Carl and Karen Smith:

Carl resigned at the last congress meeting and sends his apologies. He wishes the World Championships and the WPF all the success for the future. Carl had informed Gerhard he had sent a letter to Dave Tickle to be read out at this congress, unfortunately it had not arrived in time. This will now be circulated with the minutes.

David Carter:

Sends his apologies, as he is unable to attend due to competition duties.

3 Presidents Address

Normally the presiding president would address the Congress, as Carl Smith is not in attendance, the address would normally pass to Brian Smith but due to ill health the address was passed to David Tickle.

David Tickle expressed his wishes to keep this address brief and would also endeavour to keep the meeting to about an hour in length, and thanked everyone for their attendance, as it had already been a very long and tiring day.

David Tickle reported that since the first WPF World Championships in Las Vegas in 1999, there has been a steady increase in the number of competitors taking part not only in WPF Competitions but also in domestic competitions. This to date has culminated in the 2003 WPF World Championships playing host to approximately 175 competitors over a 3-day period that in reflection is now moving towards 4-day competition and who knows maybe more. This is proof that the WPF is not just another Powerlifting Federation but '**The**' Federation. We must ensure that as we continue to grow, as we will, and maintain our ethos of being 'Run by Powerlifters for Powerlifters' with honesty and integrity.

I would also, for the record, like to thank Carl Smith for all of their time, unselfish and tireless efforts in developing the WPF into the organisation it is today. Last but not least I would also like to thank Brian Smith, Brian Clement and Dave Carter who have been an intrinsic part of the WPF since its conception.

4 Minutes Of The Last Congress

There were no objections to the 2002 Congress minutes and it was therefor agreed to be a correct record.

Proposed: Brian Clement
Seconded: Victor Gomez
Show of Hands: Unanimous

5 Treasurers Report

Due to the absence of Karin Smith and David Carter no report was presented.

6 Secretaries Report

Dave Tickle reiterated his comments as stated in the Presidents address.

7 Executive Committee Report

Nothing to report.

8 National Reports

Austria - Gerhard Holleitner

Still an ongoing problem with the IPF and WPC, but even though they feel somewhat in the middle, more and more athletes want to joint the APC which indicates a slow but steady growth.

Germany - Joerg Roediger/ Martin Karius

The situation is improving with more and more athletes returning from other organisations.

Great Britain - David Carter

No report Presented. Dave Tickle commented that there has been a considerable increase in the number of athletes competing at BPO events and that this movement towards the BPO must be at the expense of other Organisations. This again reflects the growth of the WPF.

Holland - Erik Butzelaar

Shows are running well and camaraderie is good.

Luxembourg - Frank Engel

Not as many lifters as they would like but with a strong WPC following it is always going to be a slow development. In general everything is well.

Mexico - Victor Gomez

Nothing to report specifically, only that everything is going well with all of their efforts focused on the 2004 World Championships. At this point Victor handed out presentation packs for Chihuahua. He also indicated his intention to spread the competition over 4-5 days and agreed to give sufficient notice as to the final schedule. He has hopes of receiving a high number of entrants from the USA

9 Election Of WPF Officials

9.1 Nominations

The nominations received via email for the various Body Positions are as follows:

President - Dave Carter, Erik Butzelaar

Vice President - Joerg Rodiger

Secretary - Dave Tickle

Technical Officer - Brian Clement

Treasurer - Gerhard Holleitner

Nominations from the Floor:

None

Brian Smith reiterated that as Carl Smith has stepped down, we must have a President to be legal.

9.2 Voting

President –

Dave Tickle is in receipt of an email from Dave Carter stating that he does not want to be considered for president

Therefore Erik Butzelaar stands unopposed.

Proposed: Dave Tickle

Seconded: Brian Smith

Show of Hands: Unanimous

Erik Butzelaar has been duly elected as the WPF President.

Vice President –

Joerg Rodiger stands unopposed.

Proposed: Brian Clement

Seconded: Victor Gomez

Show of Hands: Unanimous

Joerg Rodiger has been duly elected as the WPF Vice President.

Secretary –

Dave Tickle stands unopposed.

Proposed: Brian Clement

Seconded: Brian Smith

Show of Hands: Unanimous

Dave Tickle has been duly elected as the WPF Secretary.

Technical Officer –

Brian Clement stands unopposed.

Proposed: Victor Gomez

Seconded: Frank Engel

Show of Hands: Unanimous

Brian Clement has been duly elected as the WPF Technical Officer.

Treasurer –

Gerhard Holleitner stands unopposed.

Proposed: Brian Clement

Seconded: Martin Karius

Show of Hands: Unanimous

Gerhard Holleitner has been duly elected as the WPF Treasurer.

Gerhard has already spoken to Karin Smith who has agreed to help with the hand over.

10 Proposed amendments

All affiliated Countries were given the opportunity to give notice of any proposed amendments to the WPF Rules.

The replies were as follows:

10.1

Holland – Proposed that proof of age must be supplied with any age related class.

Seconded: Frank Engel

Show of Hands: Unanimous

This will be duly added to rules for proof of age. There is still an outstanding issue on what documents are acceptable for proof of age and was agreed that any official document giving photographic evidence with corresponding personal details will be acceptable, i.e., Passport etc. The I.D is to be made available at the weigh-ins.

10.2

Great Britain – Proposed WPF Secretary and Technical Officer review the WPF rules for clarity on interpretation and table any amendments at the 2004 Congress, circulating their proposals 28 days before Congress to all affiliated Countries

Seconded: Erik Butzelaar

Show of Hands: Unanimous

11 New Member Applications

None definite to report. However, there has been interest shown from France, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and USA for 2004. We must make all efforts in pursuing interested Countries. Erik and David must work closely to this end.

12 Future Championships

Confirmed 2004 European Championships to be held in Buckley, North Wales (GB) 26th & 27th June

Confirmed 2004 World Championships to be held in Chihuahua, Mexico 26th, 27th & 28th. However, Victor Gomez suggested that the 3 days allocated may need to be extended to suit the estimated number of competitors and will confirm at the earliest.

Confirmed 2005 European Championships to be held in Emmeloode, Holland June 24th-25th

Confirmed 2005 World Championships to be held in Germany. Dates to be confirmed to Dave Tickle ASAP.

13 Any Other Business

13.1 Records Certificate

Dave Tickle produced a draft copy of a records certificate, which was endorsed by everyone present. The management of the issue of certificates as yet needs to be confirmed but will probably be by a Pro-forma document issued via the athlete's national organisation to the WPF secretary. If the record is confirmed and payment is received the records certificate will be issued.

The proposed charge to be 8 Euro to cover administration fees.

Dave Tickle will draft a proposal for the issue of the certificate, if accepted, record certificates if required will be issued for these Championships.

13.2 Web Site

Dave & Jackie Tickle will hopefully be taking over and building a new web site and would appreciate ideas with regards to its content, i.e., Discussion forum/bulletin forum etc.

As the costs would be borne by Dave & Jackie, it is proposed that any monies generated from the sale of Records Certificate would be used to offset the cost of running the web site. Dave Tickle will contact Carl Smith for details of the existing web site

Remember that the WPF web site is your web site so any support will be appreciated.

13.3 Competition Scoring Spreadsheets

I had been suggested that the running of competitions could be made easier by the use of a standard scoring software system e.g. spreadsheet/database, which also had automatic calculation facilities of the Reshel & McCullouch formulas.

Dave Tickle stated that he had been looking into developing such a spreadsheet.

Erik Butzelaar confirmed that he had such a spreadsheet that he uses in competitions and produced a copy that was subsequently demonstrated on Jackie Tickle's laptop with great interest. The only issue was that it used different formulas.

Erik Butzelaar agreed to leave Dave Tickle a copy for further investigation.

13.4 Passes for Coaches

Joerg Roediger/ Martin Karius were unhappy with regards to coaches having to pay competition entrance fees and suggested they should be allowed to enter free of charge.

Dave Tickle suggested that this issue was more of a matter for the promoter rather than the WPF, but agreed to seek guidance on whether it could be made part of the 'A terms and Conditions contract for running a WPF Competition'.

Erik Butzelaar agreed, but felt that one coach for one competitor was a little extreme as promoters have the right to cover their costs and suggested one coach to four competitors. This appeared to be a more practicable approach.

It was decided that it would be discussed further at the 2004 congress and accepted that any decision taken at the next two WPF championships would be made by the promoter in consultation with the Secretary. The final decision being with the promoter.

13.5 Competitors and Records

Joerg Roediger - Gerhard Holleitner requested that prior to any competition that all competing countries gain access to the full list of competitors and records.

Dave Tickle stated that records would be issued automatically on every update. The issue of the list of competitors would be the responsibility of the promoter.

13.6 Equipment

Erik Butzelaar indicated his concern with regards to some of the athletes' attire and whether it was strictly legal.

Dave Tickle agreed and stated that many of the athletes do not possess a rulebook and are therefore oblivious to the rules and that it is the responsibility of their National organisation to inform their own athletes.

Any doubts or interpretation on what is or isn't legal, will be hopefully addressed in the review of the rulebook.

13.7 Confirmation of Records

The rulebook at present clearly states:

A copy of the official score sheet, signed by the referees on duty, must be sent to the WPF headquarters within 2 weeks of the date of competition where the record was set. For age classes other than the Open division, proof of age must be satisfactorily established and attested by the adjudicating WPF referees. If such proof was not available when the record was established it is the lifter's responsibility to furnish such proof (copy of birth certificate, passport, and driver's license) to the WPF headquarters before the record can be ratified.

It is the responsibility of the promoter to ensure this rule is applied, notwithstanding, the rule amendment with regards to proof of age at the weigh-in being applied.

Without the required signed official score sheet, the records will not be accepted.

13.8 Letter of Thanks

Brian Clement proposed a letter of thanks to be sent to Carl and Karin Smith from the WPF Committee. A simple letter of thanks in no way diminishes the debt of gratitude that the WPF owes to Carl Smith. We are here because of Carl Smith and his vision of the future of Powerlifting. We can give him no greater honour than continuing what he started knowing that the WPF and Carl Smith will always be synonymous.

14 Adjournment

The general consensus is that we can and will make the WPF the best organisation in the World.

With all business concluded the meeting was adjourned at 20.15.

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