

I.A.W.A.(UK) AGM

Saturday 3rd December 2022

Venue:

Present: Steve Gardner, Steve Andrews

Joined Via Zoom: Paul Barette, Chris Bass, Gary Ell

Apologies: Neil Keddy

Meeting Started 11am

- Introduction from Steve Gardner who steered the meeting, conducting role call and announcing apologies. Steve confirmed he had a report from Neil Keddy.
- The first item on the agenda was to review the meeting minutes from last years meeting of 5/12/20 and the interim committee meeting of 14/8/21.
 - There was one outstanding point from these notes – handover of production of Record Certificates to Chris Bass – Paul will liaise with Chris to design a new record certificate template.
- Steve Gardner presented the proposed fixtures for 2022. Paul Barette presented the proposed Southern events and Chris Bass presented the Postal League timetable all of which were approved by those present. The committee expressed thanks to all the promoters for organising the events and to Steve for compiling the fixtures.
- Steve Andrews gave the treasurers report. Income from memberships was down in general (mainly due to the 12 month extension due to covid), but otherwise the account remains healthy at a balance of £6523 after drug testing costs, purchase of perpetual trophies and other administrative expenses.
- Paul Barette gave an update on banking, now that online access is available it has helped with cross checking membership payments and streamlined the membership system. He is in the process of closing the IAWA PayPal account to manage payments directly instead.
- Paul then gave an update as Membership Secretary telling those present that currently there are 111 active IAWA(UK) Memberships, numbers

were boosted by members joining for the Disability Championships and the Gold Cup lifters. The new database is proving very useful in providing accurate details for event scoring systems.

- Chris Bass gave an update on the All-Round League which was abandoned in 2021 due to Covid but there is hope for a good start to 2022. Record activity has been quiet due to limited events taking place until recently.
- Steve Gardner read the report from Gary Ell. He reported that all drug tests completed (6) in the last few months have returned negative results. Gary had no other business to report from the Technical Committee.
- Steve Gardner next gave the report from Neil Keddy as disability liaison. He reported that the first Disability Championships held in September was a very successful event. He has also proposed two disability events and the Welsh Open Championships for 2022. There was a point raised over the use of the Medical Impairment Diagnosis Form compared to using a PIP to qualify lifters for the disability events. A discussion took place around the possible alternatives and moving forward Neil and Steve will look at introducing an application form to gather appropriate information for disability assessment.
- New lift proposals, Steve Gardner will now progress the 2x1" Vertical Bar Lift as proposed last year by Gary Ell to IAWA (as there was no World Council Meeting this year). Steve then submitted a proposal of a new lift – The Two Person, One Hand Deadlift. A lift that was performed as an exhibition lift at the Gold Cup in 2017 by Al Myers and Chad Ullom. Steve read through the rules for the lift and the proposal was unanimously backed by those present.
- Any other business:
 - AGM Venue and Date Agreed and added to the fixtures list
 - Paul Barette gave a short report on the work he is doing in supporting a potential new club in Essex in progressing lifters and referees.
 - The go-ahead to ratify the Disability Lifts completed in Wales at the Disability Championships in September as British Records.

Whilst Chris Bass works on adding the relevant pages to the records, Paul will reissue the results confirming the records set.

- The Best Junior Lifter of the Year was discussed to present the Health & Strength Junior Trophy. A unanimous decision was made – watch this space.

- Election of Officers
 - There being no other proposals for office, the committee were re-elected en bloc.

The meeting concluded at 13:40pm