

World Powerlifting Federation

Minutes Annual General Meeting 2002

Date	25-10-2002
Venue	Haus der Begegnung Schrodeingplaz 1 / Bernoullistrasse 1 1220 Vienna

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- 1 **Executive Committee Role call:** Carl Smith, Brian Smith, Brian Clement, David Carter, David Tickle (Guest) and Karin Smith. Absent: Emma James
Countries Present: Austria, Great Britain, Germany, Luxembourg, Mexico
Absent: Italy, Poland.

Carl Smith expressed his apologies regarding the unfortunate delays regarding the opening ceremonies. Specific apologies to Mexico.
- 2 **President's Address:** Carl Smith, as presiding president tendered his resignation as president of the WPF. He will continue to support the WPF, and the sport in general as a referee. Carl Smith continued his address confirming the growing strength of the WPF with a number of countries wishing to join the federation.

Brian Smith called for a big thank you for Carl Smith for all of his unselfish and tireless efforts in developing The WPF into the sporting organisation that it is today.
- 3 **Minutes of last Congress:** No objection to the last minutes. Proposed, Brian Smith. Seconded, Executive Committee.
- 4 **Treasurer's Report:** Karen Smith, Accounts approved by David Carter and presented to the Executive Committee.

Note. The official WPF banner is owned by the WPF and thus can be used by whichever promoter running a WPF show.
- 5 **Secretary's Report:** Emma James (absent). This position to reviewed later in the proceedings.
- 6 **Executive Committee Reports:**

Nothing to report.

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7	<p>National Reports:</p> <p>Austria – G Holleitner.</p> <p>Now President of APC starting to develop sport in Austria. Although historically the WPC have been strong in Vienna, it does appear to be waning and on the downward slide. Hopefully, the recent events in the USA will accelerate this.</p> <p>This years worlds to be televised.</p> <p>Great Britain – D Carter.</p> <p>Full programme produced for 2003, Worlds in GB 2003. There is definite, visible movement of lifters coming over to the BPO. Hopefully this trend will continue through the 2003 season.</p> <p>Germany – Joerg Roediger.</p> <p>Membership is up. New sponsors now in place. Michael Bruegger has joined German federation. Europeans will be held in Germany, dates to be confirmed.</p> <p>Luxembourg – Frank Engel.</p> <p>Still in infancy, but growing and trying hard to recruit new members. Problem: strong WPC.</p> <p>Carl Smith suggested the possibility of a show in Luxembourg in 2003/04. Possible Bench Press competition.</p> <p>Mexico – Victor Gomez.</p> <p>New organisation growing over past three years, looking to align to WPF.</p> <p>Carl Smith, asked is Mexico able to mount a major show in next couple of years. Possibly worlds in 2004. WPF will work closely to support Mexico. Possibly to pull in other countries, ie Puerto Rica etc. No problems with Visas from other countries. Local airport for Chihuahau is El Paso in Texas.</p>
8	<p>Election of Officials: – held every 4 years</p> <p>D Tickle proposed as WPF secretary.</p> <p>Great Britain proposed, Executive committee seconded – unanimous – selection.</p> <p>Carl Smith notice of resignation will continue to stay president until new election.</p>
9	<p>Proposed Rule Amendments:</p> <p>Breaking of records at national events, subject to two international referees being present. Austria seconded. Vote, against the rest for. Proposed rule amendment passed. Change in rulebook as of Jan 1 2003.</p>

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10	<p>New member Applications:</p> <p>Luxembourg's proposed application: Dave Carter seconded - Passed unanimous. Morocco proposed application: not present. Not paid affiliation Pakistan's proposed application: " " " " " India's proposed application: " " " " " Mexico's proposed application: Dave Carter seconded - Passed unanimous. Official form passed over to Carl Smith.</p>
11	<p>Delinquent Nations:</p> <p>Italy failed to pay funds after last year championships. Loose records and not an official member of WPF until payment in full.</p>
12	<p>Future Championships:</p> <p>EPC European Championships 2003– Corburg, Bavaria, Germany 20th-22nd June. WPF World Championships 2003 – Aldershot, England 14th-16th November. WPF World Championships 2004 Under discussion with Mexico EPC European Championships 2003 Wales, UK. Austria seconded, passed unanimous. Location to be finalised.</p>
13	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Brian Clement requested a list of all National and International referees for all member Countries, including their experience.</p>
14	<p>Meeting Adjourned:</p> <p>6.15pm.</p>

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