

EUROPEAN POWERLIFTING CONGRESS

Annual General Meeting 2004

Date	17.00 Hours, 25h June, 2004
Venue	Buckley Sports Centre

1 Roll Call

Dave Tickle opened the meeting at 17.00

Present:

Brian Clement - WPF/EPC Technical Officer
David Tickle – WPF/EPC Secretary
Erik Butzelaar – WPF/EPC President - Holland

Joerg Roediger – Germany
Frank Engel - Luxembourg
David Carter - Great Britain

2 Apologies

Gerhard Holleitner - Austria
Michelle Galvano – Italy
Brian Smith – Honouree President

3 Presidents Address

Due to a very long day, especially for those teams and officials who had travelled and just arrived, it was decided to keep the Congress meeting as brief as possible. As Erik had misplaced his meeting notes he requested that the secretary chaired the meeting.

4 Minutes of the Last Congress

There was no official meeting in 2003 due to lack of numbers, however, a brief meeting was held to discuss future championships, as detailed later in these minutes. A verbal record of that meeting was given by Dave Tickle and was duly proposed, seconded and excepted as a true record of events.

Proposed: Brian Clement
Seconded: Erik Butzelaar
Show of Hands: Unanimous

5 Treasurers Report

Due to the absence of Gerhard Holleitner no report was presented.

6 Secretaries Report

David Tickle expressed his wishes to keep this address brief and would endeavour to keep the meeting to less than one hour in length. He thanked everyone for their attendance.

Dave Tickle also voiced his own thoughts and views on the last 12 months since the retirement of Carl Smith. It was never going to be easy, especially with a new executive committee finding its feet, however, we are still hear and planning the future with Championships planned through to 2006. We still need to keep pushing at both national and international levels to actively seek both new members and countries interested in aligning with us. This activity should not be the responsibility of anyone person but to everyone who wants to see the WPF/EPC expand.

We must ensure that as we continue to grow, as we will, we maintain our ethos of being 'Run by Powerlifters for Powerlifters' with honesty and integrity.

7 Executive Committee Report

Nothing to report.

8 National Reports

Nothing to report.

9 Election Of EPC Officials

9.1 Nominations

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

President – Jaap Farhner

Vice President - Joerg Rodiger

Secretary - Dave Tickle

Technical Officer - Brian Clement

Treasurer - Gerhard Holleitner

Nominations from the Floor:

None.

9.2 Voting

President –

Jaap Farhner
Proposed: Dave Tickle
Seconded: Brian Clement
Show of Hands: Unanimous

Jaap Farhner has been duly elected as the EPC President.

Vice President –

Joerg Rodiger stands unopposed.

Proposed: Brian Clement
Seconded: David Carter
Show of Hands: Unanimous

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

Secretary –

Dave Tickle stands unopposed.

Proposed: David Tickle
Seconded: Erik Butzelaar
Show of Hands: Unanimous

Dave Tickle has been duly elected as the EPC Secretary.

Technical Officer –

Brian Clement stands unopposed.

Proposed: David Tickle
Seconded: Joerg Rodiger
Show of Hands: Unanimous

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

Treasurer –

Gerhard Holleitner stands unopposed.

Proposed: Brian Clement
Seconded: David Tickle
Show of Hands: Unanimous

Gerhard Holleitner has been duly elected as the EPC Treasurer.

10 Proposed amendments

No rule changes were proposed.

11 New Member Applications

None definite to report. However, we must actively seek new members we cannot allow the congress to stagnate. Erik and David must work closely to, actively seek new members.

12 Future Championships

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

Proposed 2006 European Championships to be held in Italy. Dates to be confirmed to Dave Tickle ASAP.

Michelle Galvano will be contacted by David Tickle of the acceptance of the bid, with the proviso that Italy can meet all the standard requirements of promoting a WPF/EPC Championship. A one-month time limit will be imposed for the return and acceptance of the application form. The form will be delayed for translation into Italian to reduce the possibility of any misunderstanding.

13 Any Other Business

13.1 WPF/EPC Registration

David Tickle read out a letter from Carl Smith expressing his disappointment in the lack of progress with regards to the above issue.

David Tickle stated that if only as a short-term measure, he has engaged his own accountant and Solicitor to establish the legal requirements in the transfer of the registration to the UK and any implications with regards to accountability in respect to British tax laws. Once a plan of action is in place the executive committee will be informed of the situation.

The final decision on the country of registration and indeed any complication therein will not be taken until all executive committee members have had the opportunity to voice their opinions, at which point a vote will take place.

Carl Smith has kindly agreed to work closely with Dave Tickle to ensure that a smooth transition takes place.

13.2 Record Certificates

At the World Championships a motion was accepted that related to the charge for the issue of record certificates.

Erik Butzelaar queried the charge and stated that in his opinion was that they should be made available free of charge to the athlete, with alternative arrangements being made for the recovery of associated administration costs.

This was agreed with further discussion on how the costs would be recovered.

13.3 WPF/EPC Affiliation Fees

There seemed to be a certain amount of confusion on the amount, to whom and when the affiliation fees are to be paid.

The following was discussed and agreed:

A single fee of initially 100Euro would be paid annually. The treasurer would issue an invoice and a subsequent receipt as proof of payment.

These payments would at present be held off until Gerhard could confirm the status of the accounts and whether the new account was active in his name as Treasurer. Erik Butzelaar would contact Gerhard to discuss.

It was also proposed and agreed that the account would require at least two signatures for withdrawals, namely Gerhard and Erik. This would form part of Erik's' discussion with Gerhard.

14 Adjournment

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

With all business concluded the meeting was adjourned at 18.00

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