**Minutes of Scottish Powerlifting 2016 AGM**

**6th December 2015 at 1pm**

**G31 Centre, 67 Yate Street, Glasgow, G31 4AQ**

1. Registration 12 members present

William Murray, James Mutrie, Marlene Mathieson, Alex Matheison, Stuart Crichton, David Hammond, Geraldine Fitzimmons, Steve McQuade, Joanna Jack, Gill McNicoll, Amanda Mulholland, Sophie Barringer.

1. Welcome

Chairman, William Murray, welcomes all members to the AGM

1. Apologies

Lynda Banks, Michelle Brand, Brian Baker, Gary Porter.

1. Minutes of 2014 AGM

Approved by Marlene Mathieson seconded By Alex Mathieson.

1. Matters Arising

None

1. Reports

Chairman see attached

Director see attached

Treasurer see attached

1. Approval of 2016 Budget

There was a 2016 budget presented to the AGM by Marlene Mathieson, this was approved by David Hammond and Steve McQuade.

1. Amendment to the Constitution

An amended constitution was presented to the AGM by William Murray, this was voted in unanimously.

1. Election of Committee Officials

Chairman - as there were 2 members nominated for this post it went to a vote of the members, William Murray was voted as Chairman unanimously.

Director – Alex Mathieson

Vice Chair – This post has been deleted as a result to the change of the amended constitution

Secretary – James Mutrie

Treasurer – Marlene Mathieson

Competition Secretary – David Hammond

Membership Secretary – Sophie Barringer

Records Registrar – Stuart Crichton

Safeguarding Officer – Gary Porter

Web Master – Aaron Robertson

College/Uni Rep – Katherine Keddie

Media Officer – Joanna Jack

Diversity Officer – Rowan Hendry Horne

Drug Control Officer – this post was vacant and filled from the floor with a nomination for Amanda Mulholland

Equipment Co-ordinator – this post remains vacant

1. Membership Fees

It was proposed by the committee that membership fees remain frozen, this was agreed by all in attendance.

1. Appointment of Accountant

It was agreed that Brian Willox would continue as our accountant

1. Notices of Motion

There was a letter submitted from member Rowan Hendry Horne regarding selection of Scottish Teams, there was a discussion regarding this proposal and members were unsure how exactly it differed from the current procedure.

This motion was voted against by all members present on the basis that it appears to be how current selection is carried out and would offer no improvement to the selection criteria.

1. A.O.B.

A Joanna Jack submitted a question regarding Scottish Powerlifting’s intention to seek charitable status, William Murray explained that it was something SP were looking to work on in the coming year.

B Joanna Jack submitted a question regarding the possibility of adding non-executive roles to the committee with no specified role. William Murray explained that this is something the Executive have the power to do and are always willing to do should volunteers show an interest. Also, volunteers may be willing to assist short term and do not require to be a part of the committee to do so. Any willing volunteer is welcome to offer their assistance.

C Lynda Banks submitted a query regarding the use of approved kit on SP platforms during live streaming, Alex Mathieson explained that so long as a lifters kit meets the specifications on the IPF approved list then they will be passed. However, lifters would be advised that progression to National level competitions would require kit from the approved list.

D Steve McQuade raised a question on how we get referees to become more active. William Murray explained that the move for SP to cover the membership cost of non-lifting referees was in the hope that more referees would remain active and gave examples of this working. WM also reminded the membership that SP now provide food and drink for officials at competitions as a show of gratitude. SMcQ requested that we ask referees in advance to ensure they are committed to refereeing at competitions, WM confirmed that the committee will continue to offer incentives to get referees helping out as much as possible.

E Joanna Jack asked about the possibility of SP allowing stalls at competitions, it was agreed that Joanna can look into this.

F David Hammond raised the possibility of SP selling singlets etc with the SP Logo. William Murray explained that SP had previously withheld from stocking hoodies and tees as the profit margin was so low that having a couple of unsold items could easily eradicate any profit on what sales SP did make. Also, SP logos could not be worn at international competitions where GBPF were selecting teams.

**SCOTTISH POWERLIFTING AGM – 6th DECEMBER 2015**

**CHAIRMAN REPORT**

I would like to start my report by thanking all of the committee members for their hard work over the last year; the words in my report are a reflection of that work and a collective effort to improve Scottish Powerlifting by them. They have volunteered hundreds of hours of their own free time in order to fulfil the needs of the very members we serve.

Throughout the year all members of the committee have strived to deliver a programme of events that our members can participate in, this has had its challenges both logistically and internally on the committee. From the outset we were faced with a strong demand for competition places, this caused frustration within the membership and admittedly within the committee. It’s no secret the committee faced one or two internal problems, however, it is testament to the whole team that we pulled together to resolve the situation and managed to put on extra events to cater for the demand and also attract new members. The committee is now in a very strong position and has seen a fresh approach to catering for member needs.

Our growth has been continuing year on year recently and I am pleased to say we now stand at 291 members, this is in comparison to 184 last year. Some interesting analysis of this is as follows:

* 203 male and 88 female members
* 42% are seniors, 38% juniors, 16% master lifters and 4% are non-lifters
* Our youngest member this year is 16 years old, over 61 years younger than our oldest member at 77 years old

As a result of the 58% increase in members we have held 10 competitions this year hosting a total of 328 competitors, in comparison to 189 competitors across 6 competitions last year. This confirms our commitment to put on more competitions and we have spread these across the country holding competitions in Dumfries, Glasgow, Dundee and Inverness during 2015. Through the good work of our Competition Secretary, David Hammond, we intend to continue spreading events over the country in order to make competitions more accessible and cost effective to members. At the same time we are looking to find the most suitable venues possible in terms of the standard of facilities.

Throughout our calendar of events we have also shown our commitment to keeping our sport clean by testing 15 (5 tests were carried out in 2014) people across 3 different events this year, so far returning 14 tests all clear and 1 positive test.

We have also seen an increased number of members attend the National competitions across all age categories. This has resulted in an increased number of lifters being selected for International Competitions and bringing home medals. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who has progressed to National and International events, especially those who have returned home with medals and/or trophies, and I look forward to seeing all lifters compete next year and improving on their current performances.

The last year has seen us learn many lessons and use these lessons to improve Scottish Powerlifting, we will continue to improve over the next year and I am sure the committee voted on today will look forward to your support as they work on your behalf throughout 2016.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who made this year a success. This includes everyone who volunteered on the committee, referees, spotters and loaders at competition, members who undertook one off tasks, those who helped clear up after events, Winning Awards for providing us with our trophies and medals, the Scottish Prison Service for supplying us volunteers for competitions at the Arlder Complex and finally every lifter and spectator who have supported our events throughout the year.

Thank you

William Murray

Scottish Powerlifting Chairperson

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**Director of Scotland Report by Alex Mathieson**

I ran a GBPF Referee's Exam on the 31st October, 6 SP members sat the exam. Only 2 were successful in attaining Divisional status.

GBPF are considering introducing a licensing scheme for Divisional and National referees in 2016. Referees will need to be actively refereeing, including a minimum number of National competitions, to maintain their status.

SP membership in 2015 rose to 291, which is 107 more members than last year, and a five fold increase in 3 years.

GBPF membership for 2015 stands at 2242. Despite this, attaining National Governing Body status has not yet been successful. The GB Executive continue to try and meet all the demands being asked in order to achieve NGB.

GBPF have appointed a Drug Control Officer and an Assistant DCO. Each Division and Nation's DCO should liaise with them in order to develop local test programmes.

I informed the Executive of the problems encountered when Three Whites attended the SP Seniors, without any prior notice or reference to the SP Committee, and their high handed manner.

GBPF Coaching Courses should be more widely available next year as a number of people have been trained as Tutors.

A full SP Team were entered into the GB 4 Nations which took place in Ashington on the 24th October 2015 and finished a creditable second overall.

Once again SP lifters are competing at GB, European and World championships. This is great for Scottish Powerlifting, GBPF and the sport in general, I look forward to this trend continuing.

**Treasurer's Report – Prepared by Marlene Mathieson**

The Accounts for the financial year to 31st October 2015 are prepared on a cash basis. This means that there are transactions e.g. 2014 4 Nations and 2015 Commonwealth expenses, because they have come through within this financial year.

These Accounts have been examined by Mr Brian Willox, who has signed the AGM Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st October 2015, to confirm this fact.

The Closing Bank Balance is £9640.82

**Competition Finance**

The subsidy of £900 from Glasgow Sports Council was received and gave SP a surplus of £240 for the 2014 4 Nations.

All, but one of, the 2015 competitions made a profit giving a surplus of £2694. This almost covered the cost of subsidising the Teams for the 2015 4 Nations and the Commonwealth in Canada.

Drug testing at the Caledonia and the Seniors, 12 tests in all, cost £4063.42. There was one positive test, Ilya Golub who is now banned for 4 years.

**Membership**

We finished the year with 291 members, an increase of 58% over 2014. The income from membership, after paying GBPF fees, was £5717.50 which covered the cost of the Drug Testing.

We introduced a Special Offer, commencing 1st September, whereby if membership was taken out for 2016 at the same time as joining for 2015 those aged 18+ paid £60 and under 18's paid £30 for membership to 31st December 2016. This has been very popular and some 26 people took up the offer.

We intend that this offer will be available from 1st July 2016 for 2016 / 2017.

A complete analysis of the types of membership are at the foot of the Finance and Analysis sheet.

**Other Finance**

A profit of £117 was realised from the sale of SP T's and hoodies.

Postage & Stationery increased by almost £800. This is because of the increase in membership (postage) and competition paperwork (lifters cards, attempt slips, certificates and anti-doping forms) were printed professionally at a cost of £591.60 which should be sufficient for 2 years. It was unrealistic to continue to photocopy, cut and staple the volume required at competitions.

Further analysis of the £13000 Miscellaneous Expenses is shown below. Some £1300 covers the usual miscellaneous expenses.

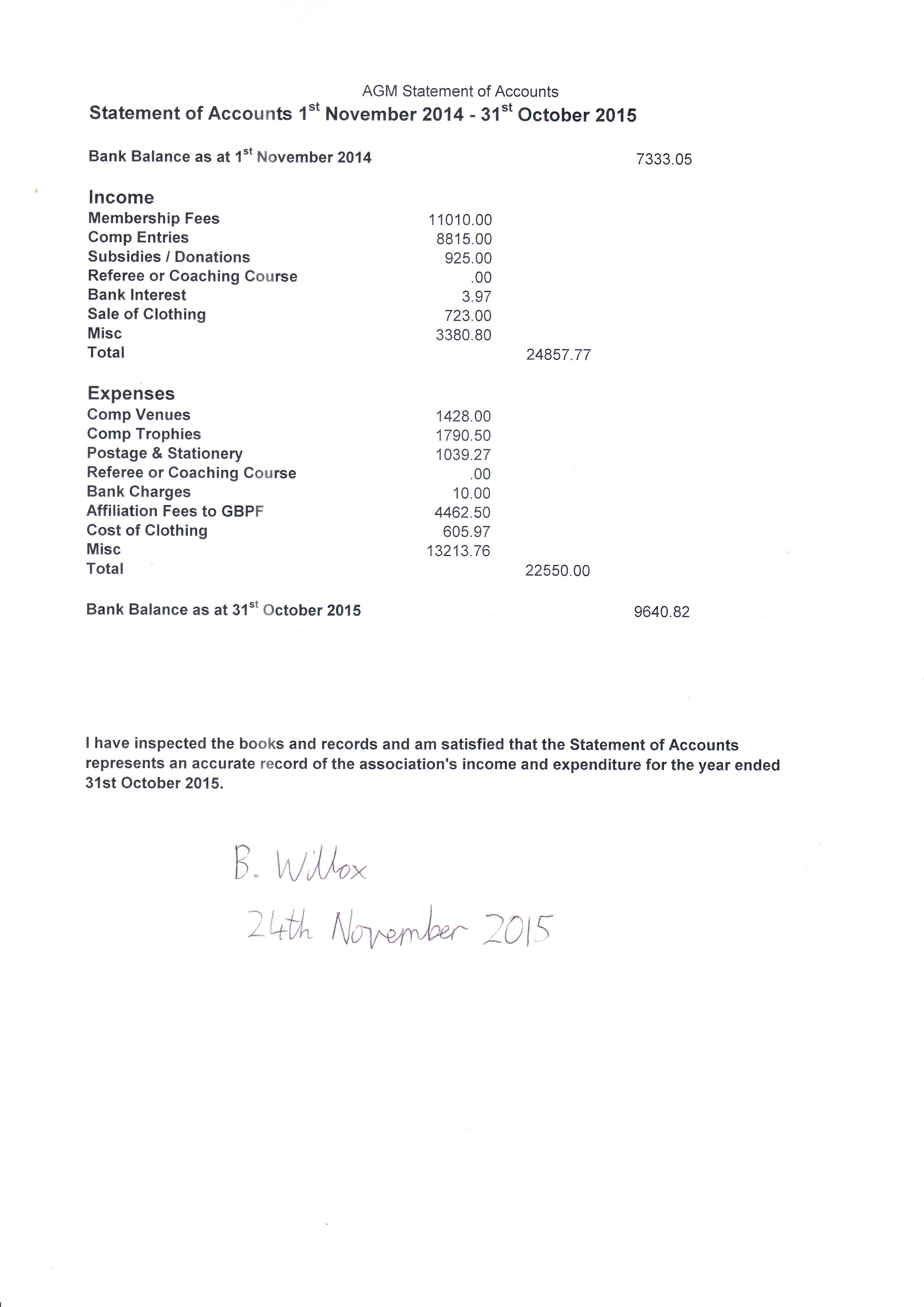
Supplying T-shirts to loaders, lunch for officials, van hire and the purchase of plywood etc for comps cost £1400 approximately.

Refund of overpayments for membership and comp entries was £300. Over £3000 expenses for the 2014 4 Nations came through in this financial year. £1000 was spent on a PA system and new banner and stand. Just over £4000 on Drug Testing.

The Teams for 2015 4 Nations and the Commonwealth were subsidised by £2000, with another £1000 still to be paid out for the Commonwealth.



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| **Proposed budget for 2016 Prepared by Marlene Mathieson** |  |  |
|  | **Estimated £** |  |
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| **Income** |  |  |
| **Membership Fees** | 10,200 | Av. income per member £34 x 300 |
| **Comp Entries** | 10,000 | 10 comps with 40 entries x £25 |
| **Subsidies / Donations** | 500 |  |
| **Referee or Coaching Course** | 250 |  |
| **Bank Interest** | 10 |  |
| **Sale of Clothing** | 800 |  |
| **Misc** | 1,000 |  |
| **Total** | 22,760 |  |
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| **Expenses** |  |  |
| **Comp Venues** | 3,000 | Increase in venue costs |
| **Comp Trophies** | 2,500 |  |
| **Postage & Stationery** | 750 |  |
| **Referee or Coaching Course** | 250 |  |
| **Bank Charges** | 50 |  |
| **Affiliation Fees to GBPF** | 4,080 |  |
| **Cost of Clothing** | 700 |  |
| **Misc.** | 2,000 |  |
| **Equipment** | 2,000 |  |
| **Drug Testing** | 7,200 |  |
| **Total** | 22,530 |  |
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| **Surplus** | 230 |  |

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