***GPC EUROPEAN AGM – 20th September 2016, 19:00 – Knjaževac, Serbia***

1. ***Present & Opening***

***Board:*** President - Lee Marshall, Technical Officer - Ger McNamara, European Vice President - Jan Matej, World Vice President – Brian Johnnson

***Nations Present:*** Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Poland, Serbia, Argentina, Hungary,Canada, Slovakia, Poland, New Zealand, South Africa;

1. ***Apologies****:* Secretary - Anita Mahony, Treasurer - Frank Mc Givney, France – Jean Marc Chenin
2. The minutes of the previous AGM were distributed and there were no items arising.
3. **Board Members Reports**

**GPC President Lee Marshall** started by thanking all for coming to the World Championship

**GPC Treasurer Frank Mc Givney** report will be distributed among nations.

**GPC Secretary - Anita Mahony** report was distributed among nations.

*It was agreed that Anitawas greatly missed among GPC members and lifters and she was wished a speedy recovery*

**GPC European Vice President Jan Matej** gave a short report

**Motions**

* 1. **That a Meet Organiser cannot put forward a bid for a World/Continental Championships without having previously attended a GPC event of the same level.**

***Proposed by:*** GPC Board

***Purpose:*** *It is the intention that all GPC International events will be of a very high standard. Without having previously attended a GPC International event, a Meet Director may not realise the standard required of such events and the expectations in relation to equipment, venue, accommodation/transportation, financial commitments etc.*

***Debate:*** *Ger McNamara pointed out that a bid had been made for a future European championships by a meet director who had never been to a GPC international event but the Board had been rejected on that basis.*

*Vote: YES 17 – NO 0*

* 1. **Items from the Board Meeting**

*None; Brian gave out draft of Code of Conduct to be revised, comments, etc, to give him our opinions on email. (to the board members)*

1. **Bids for 2018 World Championships:**
   1. **Hungarian Powerlifting Congress**

*Venue:* Hotel Park - Eger, Hungary

*Proposed Date:* End September 2018.

*Promotors:* László Hajdú / Sándor Freimann

With previous knowledge and organising 2011 European and 2013 World championship, the location is well known to our lifters and many will be pleased to go back, especially as the competition went well even on 2 stages at the same time. They have enough equipment - monolifts, bars, weights and technical support as well as experienced loaders/spotters, so it was believed that the event should go smoothly. The place has enough accommodations, from budget to high standard.

The Hungarian team were given points to look into regarding previous championship:

* Stage too wobbly / ramp too high – for knee wraps to get on to stage
* Maybe put monolift for squat on floor – no stage at all
* Scale to be available 24/7 – not locked in hotel room/venue
* Place to eat after long hours of work – restaurants need to be open in later hours
* Proposed to run competition on more days – over 8 or 9 days – problem with GPC expanding and having more number of lifters – especially RAW BENCH & RAW POWER, + SQUAT SINGLE LIFTS RAW/EQ;
* Bigger warmup room – more competitors require more room…
* All payments made in advance via paypal or bank transfer!!! – hold up on this WC in SERBIA – waiting on payments at the weighing in – lifters waiting for 5 hours…

They are also organising 2017 World Cup in Eger. All countries are invited to participate.

1. **Election of GPC President**

***Nomination***: **Lee Marshall.**

Lee Marshall currently holds the position of President and has put himself forward for re-election.

As no other nominations have been received, Ger agreed that Mr. Marshall is doing a great job as President of GPC and he is representing GPC on international competitions in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Europe and there is no dispute on continuing the position of President; therefore we all voted yes on this matter. (17 YES – NO ~~0)~~

*Lee Marshall continues position as President of GPC for the term of 4 years.*

**Any other business**

* **It was proposed by Tania George that Master/Teen/Junior lifters would be permitted to double entry in OPEN.**

***Purpose:*** *There was some debate, Ger stated that master lifters do not get points for age if entering in open class – so they are deprived of that privilege and comparable to open in points and that there is no need of changing this rule*

* **EURO 2017 POLAND Biala Podlaska**

The organisers of the 2017 European Championships – Franciszek Szabluk and Bettina Razzouki Korkis said there is no changes in venue and time of competition so the info they gave last time still stands.

* **WORLD 2017 CZECH REPUBLIC (TRUTNOV)**

Libor stated that the Championship will be held in approx. time as this (17th to 23th of September, in Trutnov. They will have single lift Squat.

That concluded the matters of the meeting