**President’s Report**

November 9, 2012

 It gives me great pleasure to present the President’s Report to the membership of the Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association. I am very excited about what we accomplished in the past year.

 Saskatchewan sent 12 females and 15 males to Calgary, AB for the 2012 National Powerlifting Championship. Also, 1 female and 2 males represented Saskatchewan in the Bench Press National Championship in Calgary. Saskatchewan was also well represented at the World level this year. At the inaugural Classic Cup, Connor Lutz and Cydney Arnold both represented Canada extremely well. Connor finished 7th overall and brought home a Silver in the Bench Press! Cydney finished 9th in her first crack at the world stage. Chris Arnold was also chosen as the Head Coach of the Team Canada at the Classic Cup and did a great job coaching the Canadian team. Jeremy Lundgren went to the Junior World Championships in Poland, where he had a bit of trouble with his bench, but represented us very well. Finally, Ryan and Rhaea Stinn both lifted in Puerto Rico at the Open World Championship. Ryan finished 11th while Rhaea finished 7th. Congratulations to all lifters on representing Canada and Saskatchewan at the World level!

 Last year, our goal was to increase our membership to 60 active members, and we have greatly exceeded this number this year. This is the single biggest year of growth for the sport in our province, and I want to thank everyone who has made this possible!

 This year saw the SPA apply for, and receive, another grant through Service Canada to hire a university student for 12 weeks as the Executive Assistant. Robyn Pearce from Moose Jaw was hired for this position. Her role was to continue to work on gaining exposure for our sport, mainly through work on developing and refining the application for SaskSport. She also began development on a Meet Directors Guide and an information brochure to be used for recruiting members. I want to personally thank Robyn for her hard work and dedication to the organization and our sport!

 I would like to see the SPA work on the following over the next year:

* Apply for Sask Sport recognition January 2013
* grow our membership to at least 100 active members and retain at least half of the new members this year
* get more interest out of the high schools in the province, with the possibility of running a high school contest
* apply for another grant for a summer student to work for the SPA

 In closing, I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve in this capacity. I feel we are continuing to promote and grow the sport within the province and I am excited about the direction we are going. I also want to thank Ryan and Rhaea Stinn, along with all their volunteers for running this Provincial Championship and I wish everyone the best in the next year.

Yours in Lifting,

Ryan Fowler

Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association President