

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CPSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Held at CPSA, Bisley

On **Wed 06th Dec 2023**

PRESENT:

DR J Martin	(JM)	E. Midlands Regional Director- Chairman
Mr M Machin	(MM)	W. Midlands Regional Director- Vice Chairman
Mr P Saich	(PS)	Southeast Regional Director
Mr R Faulds	(RF)	Southwest Regional Director
Mr J Leightley	(JL)	North Regional Director
Mrs N Heron	(NH)	National Director
Mr C Smith	(CS)	National Director
Miss L Goodman	(LG)	National Director
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr C Burrows	(CB)	Independent Director
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Ms C Alger	(CA)	Operations Manager

APOLOGIES: None

QUORUM: A quorum was declared present.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA: None

RATIFY MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Proposed by PS. Seconded by CB.

MATTERS ARISING:

Peter Saich to forward Lloyds account details to Miles Machin PS- Details have been given to CA to forward.

Name Change to be removed from Action Log CA- Name change has now been removed.

IP to look at IT cover for Major Championships- Has been reviewed, ongoing.

CA to ask Pete to Clarify the Predicted Classifications on the web page- Predicted classification has been made clearer on the web page.

ACTION LOG:

UPDATE BY CEO

Membership: IP reported membership numbers are lower than at the start of the year, with the economic climate and the difficulties with licencing being the major factors. Membership data has shown renewals are down slightly but the number of new members joining is sufficiently down year on year. DR asked how many members the CPSA had this time last year. IP said membership is down by approximately 400 members and new members joining is down 11%. IP said this was partly due to the cost of the sport and also the complexities of getting a shotgun licence as a new shooter. DR stated that sporting shoots are well supported at the moment and felt many would continue to shoot irrespective of the financial impact. PS said he thought smaller clubs had been quieter. NH said some larger clubs had reported being quieter and felt this was due to the game shoot season, cost of living and bad weather. IP reported taking year on year registered shoot figures English Sporting & DTL are slightly up, Skeet is down, ABT is up and FITASC is down. MM felt the time it took to receive a licence was the issue more than the cost. IP agreed a new grant could take as long as 6 months to a year to be issued depending on the constabulary & licensing fees have risen over the last 2 years due to the requirement to supply a medical letter and are predicted to rise substantially after the ongoing HO Fees review. DR asked if there was a window of time forces had to process applications. IP said there are guidelines they work towards but the chief constable of each area have the right to stop grants at any time quoting public safety. CB said those he had spoken to about applying for a licence reported it was not the cost stopping them but the process. CB has advised to join the CPSA as this puts the National Governing Body (NGB) on their side with legal backup and a sign of their commitment to the sport. IP said it would not be a guarantee but could help an application to belong to the NGB.

CB informed it was BUCS (British University & College Sports) this weekend at Orston where about 200 students would be attending. He will be handing out CPSA membership forms as many he has spoken to do not know there is a student membership. CB felt there is work that could be done with BUCS and with permission from the board would like to talk to them regarding running student competitions. RF asked if it would be worth getting new banners for the British shooting show advertising the insurance. IP said yes banners advertising the CPSA's diverse insurance cover will be made in time for the shooting show in February 2024. NH suggested having a high profile shooter, who is a recognised clays and game shooter, on an advert. MM suggested advertising on social media more. IP said social media platforms are limiting advertising guns/shooting and this is likely to become worse.

Aimpoint: Aimpoint have requested the CPSA to confirm whether their product could be allowed in competitions. IP asked the board to decide whether it's use should be permitted and if not to provide reasons. RF said if you move your head the red dot stays at the point of impact. CB asked if that is rewarding a bad mount? RF said yes because it's a floating red dot. If you have a gravity rabbit or a real dolly crow, if you lift your head without this you will miss. If you lift your head with this there will be a separation between the barrel and the

red dot. IP said part of the process is to zero it in to where the barrels are pointing. MM stated so you can alter the point of impact. CB said so it does fix a miss? RF said yes on some targets. IP said does it change the point of impact or can you change it to shoot high or low? I guess you could depending on how you zero it, but you can do that already with adjustable ribs. MM said it means on a going away target, you could get the red dot on the clay when your guns shooting high so it will hit it. That is giving it lead. IP said the counter to that is with a high rib gun and wind it down so it's shooting 80/20, and put the bead under the target, you are always able to see the target- especially with Trap. CB said as eye dominance is an issue we should make it possible but opening ourselves up to years of grief on behalf of a commercial company. What's in it for the CPSA? IP said this has been out since 2017-18 and product number 2 is to be launched in Feb 2024 and felt this needed to be addressed as someone could use this product at a registered shoot as it doesn't break any rules. CB suggested the wording of the rules may need looking at but had concerns of the company talking about an upgrade. JL asked if the company had any published research on the device and any performance enhancing? IP said their main claim is that it improves eye dominance. RF asked if there was any science behind this claim or is it just their sales pitch? PS felt it would be fine as a training aid but not for competitions. NH said it was definitely an aid to a crossed eyed dominant person. JM said this is what it is meant to be the same as tape on glasses. NH said the only thing that distinguished this product was that it has batteries. JM said that RF is saying it also helps to make sure the gun is mounted properly. JM asked the board who believed the product is an aiming aid of some sort. 8 directors believed it was an aiming aid. 1 believed it would not help with aim. IP asked the board if they would allow it at registered shoots. The majority were against it being used in competitions. JM asked could it be adjusted to build in a measure of lead? MM & JL said yes. JM said then it's an artificial aiming aid then. JM asked do we know enough to make an informed decision?

IP to go back to Aimpoint with the board's questions/concerns.

Referee Day March 2024: IP updated the board on the first Referee development day. MM asked if this was for up and coming or new referees. IP said this would be open to both. JL asked if this was for Sporting only, as there is a shortage of referees for the World DTL next year. IP said this was for Sporting at the moment but has spoken to Bywell about running a referees course.

1.55pm LG & RF left the meeting.

OPERATIONS MANAGER: CA

2024 Proposed Board Meeting Dates: Dates agreed below-

- Wed 7th Feb 2024
- Sat 23rd March 2024
- Wed 8th May 2024
- Wed 7th Aug 2024
- Wed 16th Oct 2024
- Wed 4th Dec 2024

2024 Draft Calendar & Attendance: Directors to let CA know of any events they are unable to attend.

Long Term Service: JM made the following staff presentations- Peter Tomlin (15 years) Iain, Stacy, Cheryl, Clare & Brent (5 Years).

CLARIFICATION OF Category Placings (Terry Bobbett (TB) correspondence held from last meeting): NH suggested to remove Lady Juniors and Lady Colts, so young ladies would shoot in Ladies and their age category. CA asked if this would be just for OT or OT and sporting? All agreed this should be for all disciplines.

NH proposed removing Lady Juniors and Lady Colts. Seconded by PS.

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CORRESPONDANCE:

Helen Drury (HD) (Southdown)-Competition Only Entries- IP said this was due to low attendance of the top shooter's as prize money is low. All agreed- no change.

CA to inform HD of the board's decision.

AOB

NH: Complaints have been made regarding hidden scores. Hidden scores hinders Counties choosing their Teams and Shooters not knowing if they had the top score due to higher scores not being published. JL said under GDPR rules scores cannot be published if the shooter has requested them to be hidden. NH proposed to find out how other sports manage this. CB suggested to help shooters know their placing, maybe all scores could be published with "name withheld" on those who had requested hidden scores. NH to suggest to the County who contacted her that they put it in their T&C's for Intercounty Team Selection, that if you have hidden your scores, then we cannot select you.

DR: Has been working with people who design networks looking at developing the capability of putting in electronic scoring at sporting grounds. This would need LAN (Local Area Network) setting up so people with tablets and the Shoot program all comes together to use the capability. DR informed the board this would be piloted this coming forward.

****2.45pm Meeting Closed ****

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 07th Feb 2024 at CPSA