

**MINUTES OF THE
83rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Held at
Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth CV8 2LD

on Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 2pm.

PRESENT:

Mr T R Bobbett	South West Regional Director – Chairman
Mr W A Heeks	North Regional Director – Deputy Chairman
Mr I Parker	Chief Executive
Dr J Martin	East Midlands Regional Director
Peter Saich	South East Regional Director
Mr G Walker	National Director
Mr C Smith	National Director
Mrs N Heron	National Director
Mr R Kibblewhite	West Midlands Regional Director
Mr D Rollason	Independent Director
Mr B Moorhead	Independent Director
Mr J Beard	Auditor, Haysmacintyre
Ms L Saunbury	Honorary Solicitor & Shotgun Licencing Advisor
Mr R Faulds	Director Elect
Ms M Conway	Director Elect
Mr S Oldman	Minute Secretary

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance – total members present 37 plus two guests (ERS). An outline of the agenda for the afternoon was presented.

OBITUARIES

TRB asked everyone to stand whilst Peter Saich read out the names of the 106 members who have passed away since the previous AGM. A minute's silence was observed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr K Stoker; Mr D Millard; Mr Anthony Benson; Mr R Meadows; Mr J Johnson; Mr A Kirkland; Mr C Hames; Mr M Plant.

MINUTES OF 2018 AGM

Ratification of the minutes of those in attendance last year was proposed by Paul Dancer (12550) and seconded by Peter Green (43292).

For: 16 / Against: 0 / Abstain: 0 / Proposal carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2018 MINUTES

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TRB drew members attention to his Chairman's Report in "Pull" magazine. He asked if members had any questions to raise them under AOB.

REVIEW OF 2018 AND PLANS FOR 2019

IP gave a presentation on the following topics: -

Highlights included celebrating our 90th year, World English Sporting Festival at EJ Churchills, English and British Opens across the disciplines, English Skeet at Doveridge, Premier League continues to develop and expand, attendance at the British Shooting Show, Northern Shooting Show, The Games Fair and The Midland Game Fair.

Membership numbers peaked at 24,251 with 8,729 taking part in 2,879 registered shoots, with 129,781 registered scores received at HQ and 13.2 million targets being shot.

Highlights for 2019

Include 3 Home International tournaments and the usual English and British championships. A successful Awards evening was held in February. We welcome our new directors and a change in Chairman, together with some changes to the team at HQ. Development of our Merlin system and the new shoot program continues.

Focus for 2019

Will include, how we operate and communicate, with members, regions and counties, grounds, sponsors and trade members. Our major championships will continue to be enhanced with both brand and experience, not just another shoot. We are putting in place some new membership promotion schemes to include a 3-month free trial membership for new or used gun sales via the trade, Military discount Scheme and a new Referee only membership at £15 to support grounds and increase our referee base. Current threats are environmental issues (lead, noise and plastic), legislation i.e. medical letters.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The ratification of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Steve Williams (101057) and seconded by Nick Woodward (82564). 1,396 For, 30 Against and 387 Withheld.

ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

TRB thanked GW for his time and work on the board.

There were three board positions open for election for 2019, East Midlands Region, South West Region and a National Director.

All three positions were uncontested; therefore John Martin was re-elected for East Midlands region, South West Region Director is Richard Faulds and the National Director is Michele Conway. Both RF and MC gave a short speech of thanks and plans.

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT

TRB presented Nick Woodward and Laura Saunbury with the award of Life Vice President, both gave their thanks and appreciation.

This presentation was then interrupted by WAH to present Terry Bobbett his own Life Vice President award for his services to the association and the board as chairman. This was unexpected by Terry and he thanked the board.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Hayesmacintyre

For : 1,367 : against 30 : withheld 372 - carried.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICERS:

Honorary Solicitor - Laura Saunbury

For: 1,405 : against 24 : withheld 341- carried.

Honorary Shotgun Licensing Advisor – Laura Saunbury

For : 1403 : against 23 : withheld 342 - carried.

Honorary Insurance Advisor - Martin Mansley.

For : 1382 : against 24 : withheld 364 - carried.

AOB

Peter Green (43292). Asked if the AGM could move around the Country as some say it is too far to travel. We could ask ground owners to hold a shoot prior to the AGM, with the CPSA subsidising entry costs to encourage attendance. TRB advised moving the AGM around the regions had not worked in the past and therefore a central location was chosen but agreed numbers are low. It would be for the board to decide in the future.

Rod Davies (51925) Was concerned about the six-week lead time for publication of region and county reports for Pull! and such items were potentially old news by the time of distribution. IP advised we have asked Fellow Media to review this. If we can we will. IP then pointed out that two thirds of our membership are not competitive shooters and therefore unlikely to be interested in region or county articles. We have to bear in mind the magazine is for all members, so it is a balancing act with limited space.

Nick Woodward (82564) asked how the development of the new shoot program was progressing. Peter Tomlin gave an update, it is progressing well and is ready for testing. Initial use and further testing will be with a couple of shooting grounds and will then be rolled out later this year. It will include live score reporting, is web based but will work stand alone when internet connectivity is unavailable and will automatically upload its data to web services when internet access is established. Lots of testing to be done but we are much closer.

Richard Atkins (12114) raised the issue of drowning in plastic and shot balling, Is the CPSA looking into these areas? IP gave an update and agreed to discuss in more detail with Richard after the meeting. However, it was confirmed that independent testing would be carried out and reported on when completed. RA advised that his concerns were of safety issues that not everyone may be aware. IP advised he is talking to manufacturers and also confirmed that the CPSA are not banning the use of plastic wad cartridges.

Steve Williams (101057) enquired about shooting ground and club safety re-inspections and that they should take place. Richard Worthington advised that the three-year review had been cancelled some years ago due to cost but that plans were now progressing for an online re-certification to be put in place for safety officers. SW requested a push to get this in place.

Michael Kyriakou (28794) enquired about getting young shooters into trap shooting. TRB agreed this was a challenge but it is noted that young shooters can stop shooting for financial reasons for example after moving out of parent's homes, starting families etc but do come back to shooting from around the age of 40 but agreed there was no incentive scheme in place. IP advised we need to aim our resources at our target market, which is not necessarily the young. NH advised that we do have the talent pathway for OTR and several strong juniors are supported in UTR. RK advised that a number of shooting grounds and clubs

do as much as they can for juniors, they are then converted to the sport and do come back. NH listed Richard Faulds and several others as examples of great juniors that had continued to excel as seniors.

There being no further business TRB declared the meeting closed and thanked ERS for looking after the voting process before and during the AGM. The meeting closed at 15.15.
