

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

Held at CPSA, Bisley,

On Tuesday 8th December 2020

PRESENT:

Dr J Martin	(JM)	East Midlands Regional Director – Chairman
Mr W A Heeks	(WAH)	North Regional Director – Vice Chairman (Via Zoom)
Mrs N Heron	(NH)	National Director
Mr P Saich	(PS)	South East Regional Director
Mr C Smith	(CS)	National Director
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr M Machin	(MM)	West Midlands Director
Mr B Moorhead	(BM)	Independent Director (Via Zoom)
Mr R Faulds	(RF)	South West Regional Director
Mr J Sole	(JS)	National Director
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Mr S Oldham	(SO)	Operations Manager
Ms C Alger	(CA)	Shadow Operations Manager
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

JM welcomed JS and CA to the Board Meeting. JS as the National Director for a year and CA who is currently shadowing SO before she takes on the position of operations manager in 3 months when SO retires. JM also asked directors that CA be copied into to any correspondence sent to SO.

APOLOGIES: None

QUORUM: A quorum was declared present

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Proposed by MM. Seconded by CS. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING:

Regulations for ESP Stands: IP- still being worked on and at the point of fine tuning a draft.

AGM MINUTES:

Proposed by NH. Seconded by PS. All in favour.

NH asked if next AGM is 20th March 2021. JM- depending on the venues Covid rules in March.

ACTION LOG:

Shot Balling Tests: JM- no change at the moment

To leave on Action Log

Name Change:

Ongoing

Media Profile Update:

IP- interviewed with George Digweed, having him onside is good.

IP- it was good to communicate that the CPSA do not make money on registered shoots or Championships. George and IP are to do another interview in the spring which one of the topics will be about the cost of shooting.

Ongoing

Consultancy advice re. declining membership:

Postponed until Covid over.

Check with ETSF re. CG Selection:

IP said they had heard back from ETSF. They wanted to review the format used last time and if that was appropriate the question was asked if it needed to change? NH has looked into it and a lot of the original can be used with a few tweaks. IP- it is up to the CPSA to put the selection process to them as it is our decision.

Board to review when all information has been put together

Review Prize Fund Rule:

To keep on Action Log until back to normal

Review of ESP Cages:

In final Stage- Ongoing

Review EO OT Prize Fund:

IP & NH to bring up at next BICTSF meeting. No date for meeting as yet.

Review size of Vets Teams: to be added to Action Log. PS & MM to report back to the board

UPDATE BY CEO

Memberships Overview: IP explained that since the last board meeting in October there has been another lockdown which has affected membership. As grounds had to close, this stopped members from renewing their memberships. However there has been a good response from Google Ads.

IP explained the CPSA Covid guidance had been updated since the 2nd lockdown. There had been a few questions, such as travelling from a tier 2 into a tier 3. NH read out the CPSA's response regarding travel to shoots which is "It is not in the CPSA's remit to prohibit or improve shooters going to any particular registered shoot. We refer you to the governments tier system restrictions and travel guidance, it is a matter for each person to justify their travel is necessary."

IP said that the DTL English selection process was announced and all seem to be happy.

IP thanked NH for the CPSA quizzes and thanked various sponsors and grounds for giving prizes. It had been well supported.

Staff: everyone back working full time with a mix of from home or in office. IP explained there will be a time when all staff will be back in the office but will look at this in January.

ECHA: IP reported that the lead situation had not moved forward too much. The new enhanced legislation for the EU of lead over wetlands is going through and has been ratified. In this legislation the EU have put in that countries can interpret and enforce how they see fit. Most countries already have policies in place for the use of lead over wetlands.

HR & Staff: Evelyn left in November and recruiting has started for this role. Also, a part time role has been budgeted for during the busy summer period. MM asked if the part time position would be an in-office job. IP replied it would be, as they would cover the office, holidays and phones.

Events: IP explained that it had been decided that the CPSA will not attend the British Shooting show in 2021 as not sure how supported it will be and would not be worth it. Attending the Game Fair at Ragley Hall in July has been confirmed. The CPSA will have a hospitality/membership tent, a full gun line, and running the Champion of Champions and the Colt competition.

The CPSA will attend the Northern Shooting Show, Harrogate in May. This show is well supported and well run.

Major Competitions 2021: The decision to postpone the ICTSF World DTL until 2022 was made due to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa being told that they probably would not be able to travel next year. The CPSA WESP at EJC only have a few spaces left. The BO, EO and EO STR dates and grounds are to be confirmed. NH confirmed with IP that there was no longer a rota for grounds to hold competitions. IP said that he was visiting Park Lodge this week as does not know the ground.

BICTSF: Nothing to report no meeting scheduled as yet.

BSSC: Meeting held last Friday. They are asking for feedback from various associations and members on a firearms act which is to be amended. The 4 topics for consultation are HME, High muzzle energy rifles, reloading miniature rifle ranges and air rifles. These amendments are to tighten security and possibly licencing air rifles. IP asked the board whether to put something out to the CPSA members regarding these amendments or if this was not something that the members would find relevant. IP explained that one good thing that has come from the pandemic and working with BSSC, is everyone is looking at shooting as a whole and working much more together. PS felt that the CPSA needed to engage with members as most would have air rifles. IP suggested that the CPSA put a newsletter out with the link advising members to engage in this consultation. All agreed

University Initiative: A CPSA member, who is a Cambridge alumnus, has approached the CPSA as he would like to develop a shotgun programme, as they have with rowing and fencing. He will be working with a chap who works in the sports department in Oxford university, who is also a shooter. IP has said that the CPSA will support where they can as this could hopefully be another way of attaining new members.

German Ground: IP explained that a ground in Germany had requested to hold a CPSA German ESP championships and felt this would be a good opportunity. It would have to be registered properly. NH asked if the CPSA would get a levy for them running an ESP. IP replied yes, we would.

Sportrap Format: a question to the board from Andy Coppen at High Lodge regarding the Sportrap format. IP explained to the board that Andy felt that the current Sportrap format was putting people off shooting it as there were 20 sim pairs and asked if making it more varied could be considered to encourage more shooters. RF said he thought it is rather good as it is. CA-Sportrap numbers have gone up in the last few years. NH felt that shooters should learn their trade instead of grounds making it easier so that everyone can play. IP agreed it was coming from the C Class or new shooters rather than the A Class. IP has told Andy he does not agree with the CPSA changing their rules and there could be the potential of some saying it was copying Compak. Sportrap is growing and should be promoted. IP said that Andy was going to trial in the new year as a registered ESP shoot from his Sportrap stands, putting 25 targets all singles. NH felt this was not ESP. IP replied it was ESP by the CPSA rules. JM- he is not asking us to ratify so can do what he wants. NH said this could not be done as a registered shoot as it would not sporting. Cannot have 5 stands in a line, need to be separate stands. CS- What Andy is proposing is that the squad would shoot the 1st stand and then move to the 2nd stand? IP- yes correct. CS- didn't think there is anything in the rules to say

you could not use the same traps for multiple stands. NH felt that the targets would have been seen on stand 1.

IP to check the rules.

SO UPDATE

SO explained there was a new minor rule change for FITASC coming on 1st January, there will need to be a bright orange sticker on the outside of the stock. JM said that this was in the CPSA rules but had never been enforced.

SO made the board aware that, because of Brexit, there could be a need to update the CPSA's Data Protection policies which the board will need to approve. This was relating to shooters from the EU coming to the UK and the CPSA receiving their personal data.

DIGITAL PULL!

MM- This has been resolved.

BRITISH OPEN ESK- Super final

MM explained that the skeet community have for asked if a number of shooters from each day could go through to a super final.

JM asked MM and CS to come back to the board with a usable plan.

ENGLAND ESK SELECTON PROCESS

CS- ESK shooters were adamant they wanted to return to 2 shoots that are compulsory. JM asked, as a board, are we happy with that? MM- we are happy to go with what the skeet shooters want. JM- for the minutes, the consensus amongst the group was 2x 200 bird to be shot over 3 regions which CS accepted but did not agree with. The board has decided that this would be impracticable, so will have 1 shoot in the North and 1 in the South. IP- CH has already put a draft rota of grounds together.

IP to draft up the notes and put in the regions as North and South

FAST TRAP CLASSIFICATIONS

DR explained that in Fast Trap the number of participants is falling which is causing a problem with the classification system. The lower classes are struggling to keep up with the higher shooters. DR suggested that it might be alleviated by dropping the classifications slightly. RF suggested by doing this you could upset the B class who would end up in A class. IP will ask Pete to look at the numbers and see how this will affect things. NH asked if AA class could be added. IP said this would make things too complicated.

IP to look at it and come back to the board at the next meeting.

LONG SERVICE AWARD to Mark Smith

JM awarded Mark Smith with a glass tankard (and beer!) as thanks for the 20 years he has worked at the CPSA. Mark thanked all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Was dealt with above

Board Meeting Calendar: JM asked board members for their preferred meeting day.

Tuesday- 1

Wednesday- 3

Either- 3

Dates confirmed for Wednesdays

AOB

NH- has been asked to look at grounds who allow non CPSA members to shoot registered shoots as they do not think this is fair on members. The rule for non-members to shoot a CPSA registered shoot is that they must have day pass. JM said we have discussed this previously and it was decided that there was nothing that could be done as it was hard to police.

NH- shooters have asked, can the Method Gateway be used at a registered shoot. NH pointed out that BH has already put on his social media that this is a training aid and is not allowed to be used at registered shoots. JM asked the board if they were happy that this is a sighting aid and cannot be used in competitions. All agreed.

NH has had a call from a Southern Ireland ground asking if his ground could be considered for the BO. NH had told them that they would need to contact IP direct.

**** Meeting Closed 1.50pm ****

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 3rd February at CPSA, Bisley