

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

Held at CPSA, Bisley

On **Wed 23rd Mar 2024**

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 MBE	(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
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES: None

QUORUM: A quorum was declared present.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA: None

RATIFY MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

CB notified a mistake in the minutes and on the agenda. The subcommittee formed by himself and JL was more about marketing membership. Minutes and agenda to be amended. Proposed by NH. Seconded by PS.

MATTERS ARISING:

JL to organise a Teams marketing meeting for anyone with ideas to join- JL to share some bullet points for discussion at the next board meeting.

CB & JL to form subcommittee Re: marketing membership- JL & CB have shared ideas and will consolidate and bring to the next board meeting.

JL to liaise with PT re: wording on website relating to hiding scores- PT has completed a review document which will be shared for review. To discuss at next meeting.

IP to go back to Auditors re: Staff signing off CEO's expenses- IP reported the auditors happy for chairman to sign off CEO's expenses.

NH & CB to visit Royal Berkshire for ground assessment- The board received NH & CB's extensive report after their visit to Royal Berkshire on 26 Feb 2024. They were very happy to recommend awarding Premier Plus status.

DR proposed NH & CB's report to awarding Premier Plus status to Royal Berkshire
Seconded by CS.

ACTION LOG:

UPDATE BY CEO

IP informed the board that post-Christmas he and JM have been attending regional AGM's personally with CA attending some online, which worked. IP reported numbers of those attending these AGM's have declined. PS stated he had attended a few in his region and had found it difficult to find the dates when they were taking place and had to ask the secretary's. NH said they should be on the CPSA website. PS said they weren't. JM said CA constantly chases for dates. MM asked if it would be worth the regional committees to chase and advertise dates of AGM's. IP said HQ will help promote the AGM's if HQ are given the information. PS thanked IP as his attendance at the AGM's had been much appreciated.

Membership: IP reported membership is closer to 22K as of today. IP shared a PowerPoint presentation of membership data from a review he had conducted.

IP to send directors the PowerPoint presentation. DR asked where IP had got the information. IP said this was from the police and the BASC report.

IP talked through some of the marketing ideas for new members. MM asked if the age for the discount to Veterans is given should rise in line with retirement age. IP asked CA to make a note to be reviewed to bring back to the board.

JL reported North region clubs had not known about the Promatic trap/clay promotion. IP stated HQ had sent emails out to grounds to inform them of the promotion.

IP reported for new licences, although not official in strategy guidance, police have been asking applicants various questions such as if they are a member of an association, do they have insurance and have they had a lesson/attended a course? This is one of the safety aspects the police could possibly bring into force.

Attending the British Shooting Show at the NEC: IP reported a great success with a record number of new members joining.

PULL! Magazine: IP had sent the board the first draft development of the new interactive digital format of PULL magazine. JL asked if there would be an app for the publication. IP to ask Fellows.

CB felt as like social media, this would need constant updating and suggested using sponsors to provide content to fuel it. IP agreed, Fellows had warned this would need constant feeding. DR felt an app would be a great opportunity for the wider community to see what the CPSA which could help with the marketing of the membership. NH said the app would only be a membership link. JL said apps generally give a preview of about the first 5 pages.

CPSA Awards: IP thanked the director's for their feedback after the awards evening. There were a few things that could be improved but generally most enjoyed the night. CB reported as someone who had not been before he had been impressed by the evening. MM felt that the nominee/voting process should start earlier. JL said the feedback from the North Region felt it was a waste of time and money as it did not represent the shooters properly, it was a popularity contest. IP agreed with the point of it being a popularity contest. IP suggested maybe a hybrid model of what there is now which he will discuss with CB due to his background with awards. All happy to keep the evening event and make bigger and better in the future. IP to look at the nominee/voting process and bring some ideas to the next board meeting.

Lead Ammunition- HSE Consultation: IP reported no update from the last board meeting but felt a script should be prepared for the board and an educating process. CB felt there may be a point to bring the proof master in for a meeting or an interview in PULL!

CPSA ESP/Sportrap/Super Sporting Championships- Booking On : IP talked through his ideas of a priority booking system. NH felt directors should be added to those with priority booking status as they often attend the majors and a perk for giving up their time for free. CB suggested a system where members could pay more for priority booking- a gold card membership. RF suggested using the regional selection shoots to qualify for priority booking. JM felt the priority demographic should be kept to a minimum or this would structure who can or cannot attend the events. JL to discuss adding a gold membership at the membership committee. Option's to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Sponsorship Update: IP updated the board on the sponsorship confirmed and informed them the TWEEDL sponsorship had now been agreed.

Referee Development Day 20th March 2024- EJC: IP reported the day was a great success and thanked CB for his help on the day. CB felt it had been a very informative day as there were many top referees who were not on top of the regulations. RF asked how the referees had been selected to attend the day. IP said the championship referees who will be used at the BO were invited and then some newer refs who had worked at the British last year. MM asked if more of these days would be run across the country. IP said this was absolutely something they would look at running at other grounds.

OPERATIONS MANAGER: CA

Payments: CA updated the board on the new payment system which is now on the cloud. JL asked if those who do not put their details in would be chased as he knew some would ignore emails asking for bank details thinking it was a scam. NH suggested 2 emails could be sent

with the first informing the member to look for the second email asking for details. CA was confident that Pete had thought of this. CS suggested members are emailed to inform they had won and to log into their CPSA dashboard.

Classifications: CA has received requests from some members to lower back to 12 months as they felt 2 years was too long. All agreed to keep as 2 years.

County Data Collection: CA explained a request from a County to be able collect data from their members and the worries of the implications for the CPSA. JL said under GDPR, they would not be allowed to collect data if they are not GDPR registered and should not be doing it. CA to go back and decline the request.

Marketing RW: IP was asked by RW to share with the board an initiative from Cornwall to invite Colts and Juniors to a development day with the cost met by Cornwall using their regional & county funds. CS suggested, with parental consent, they photograph the day as he felt they would not see them again unless there was another free day. JL advised the North region are reviewing proposals to fund Juniors later this year.

National Shooting Show: CB advised that he had received an email from the National Shooting Show, which announced their exclusive partnership with British Shooting- “and speak to the only target shooting governing body in Great Britain”.

CB to forward email to IP.

USE OF SEMI AUTO GUNS IN DOMESTIC TRAP DISCIPLINES (All): JM explained the background from a previous CPSA meeting when ISSF changed their rules of unloading between pegs, the board had decided not to follow these changes. CA spotted that in the CPSA rules it states in the international disciplines, the CPSA will automatically follow ISSF rules. JL has found an additional part of the rule which gives the CPSA the option of following their lead or not. JL read out rule 1.1d. JM asked, now knowing the board have the option, did the board want to stick with this decision? IP said for the HI it has already been decided to follow ISSF rules. DR asked if this was just for ISSF. CA confirmed this would not affect ABT or UT.

All in favour of staying with the boards most recent decision.

The board discussed whether to adopt ISSF semi-auto rules for domestic trap disciplines. CB wanted to confirm the CPSA were to follow the ISSF rules in ISSF disciplines i.e. semi-auto and release trigger ban but in the CPSA disciplines to no longer allow semi-auto's but allow release triggers. JM stated that he did not favour banning any gun if a control could be identified. NH confirmed this was only in trap.

After addressing the ISSF ruling, the board recognised potential safety concerns with the use of semi-auto's in trap disciplines. Therefore NH proposed to no longer allow the use of semi-auto's in domestic Trap disciplines. Seconded by RF

8 In Favour 2 Against Carried.

JL explained his reason to change the rule to unload between all pegs was that in ABT/Fast trap there is the possibility of someone standing behind the shooter with a loaded gun. IP pointed out this could not include UT as this is FITASC rules.

JL proposed to change the ABT CPSA rule to unload between all pegs. Seconded by CB

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AIMPOINT EVALUATION AND RULING (ALL): Aimpoints presentation and trial day, Friday 22 March, was attended by some directors and CPSA coaches. After extensive discussions the board agreed this product was a good aid to correct eye dominance but they were not in agreement that it could not be used as an aiming aid.

- 5 board members felt it could not be used as an aiming aid,
- 2 board members felt it could be and
- 2 board members were undecided.

IP to organise shooters to use and report findings back to the board.

BRITISH OPEN 410 CHAMPIONSHIPS (FOR INFO)(CB): CB reported Richard Gray (RG) has been running 410 Champs for a while and there is one scheduled this August bank holiday at Churchill's and would like CPSA support. CB is a big fan of the sub-gauge so is very happy to help. CB feels this will feed into the membership and the correspondence regarding sub-gauge classification. CB will report back to the board after the Champs in August on how the event goes and how the CPSA could develop for future years.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Glenn Halls, John Newman, Adrian Balham & Dick Arbon- Sporting Classifications:
To be sent to the classification committee- NH, DR & PT

Richie Vallance (RV)- Super Sporting Cages: NH would like to see registered Super Sporting in hoops but would need to change the registered rules which is a similar idea to FITASC Sporting. NH felt this needed a longer discussion by the board. JM had informed RV the rules had to be standard for all grounds running registered events.

BICTSF: BICTSF meeting was on Tuesday 19 March, NH to send report to the board. RF has been nominated to sit as a BICTSF director but awaiting completion of paperwork.

AOB:

None

****12.53pm Meeting Closed ****

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 8th May 2024 at CPSA HQ, Bisley.