

**MINUTES OF THE
82ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Held at
Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth CV8 2LD

on Saturday 17th March 2018

PRESENT:

Mr T R Bobbett	South West Regional Director – Chairman
Mr W A Heeks	North Regional Director – Deputy Chairman
Mr N Fellows	Chief Executive
Mr S Oldman	Operations Manager
Dr J Martin	East Midlands Regional Director
Mr J Offord	South East Regional Director
Mr G Walker	National Director
Mr C Smith	National Director
Mr R Kibblewhite	West Midlands Regional Director
Mr D Rollason	Independent Director
Mr P Saich	South East Regional Director-elect
Mr J Beard	Auditor, Haysmacintyre
Mr M Mansley	Insurance Advisor
Mrs S Watson	Minutes Secretary

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance – total members present 26. An outline of the agenda for the afternoon was presented.

OBITUARIES

TRB asked everyone to stand whilst John Offord read out the names of the 95 members who have passed away since the previous AGM. A minute's silence was then observed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr B Moorhead; Mrs N Heron; Mr P Randall; Mr K Stokes; Mr D Millard; Ms M Conway; Mr M Williams; Mr J Johnson.

MINUTES OF 2017 AGM

Ratification of the Minutes was proposed by Clive Hames (84649) and seconded by Steve Williams (101057).

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2017 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 2017 AND PLANS FOR 2018

NF drew members' attention to the Annual Review booklet, stating that the booklet had been created 5/6 times and was now considered to be a useful record of achievement for members to look back over. The booklet was also circulated at Regional Committee meetings.

Focus on the creation of the new website was a priority in 2017 with much planning and development having taken place, which will become more evident to members in 2018.

In line with increased awareness of environmental issues and their impact both lead and plastic are being compared and discussed in various quarters.

The outlook is healthy for the sport. 35% of shooters are now shooting at registered events. The Game Fair created 1,600 enquiries. The Charity event "Shoot with the Stars" played host to television presenters and footballers, increasing the interest and discussions to host bigger events.

The British Shooting Show will now be held at the NEC, so talks are beginning with a view to holding a stand there next year.

Centralised organisation has created an increase in Young Shots, Shotgun Skills, licence enquiries and contact from people new to the sport. Senior tutors are keeping their skills up to date, with consistent delivery. The Awards Evening has grown in interest and size, with corporate supporters giving feedback that the recent event was considered professional and successful.

The wide range of events continue to have good support, and useful feedback. NF expressed thanks and gratitude to the many volunteers who help to make the events run smoothly.

The Pull! contract now ceases with Archant, Fellows Media will be publishing the magazine from the May issue. They have plans to increase the profile to a wider market and, hopefully, increased membership.

The Awards Evening event at the Belfry was a great success, being close to capacity in numbers.

Interest in courses has increased.

Membership renewal reminders are now being sent out in advance of the renewal date, rather than after the membership has lapsed. This has created retention of more members.

Looking to the year ahead;

There will be opportunities for an increase in member engagement, with information as to shooting opportunities in their local area, as well as information about bigger events.

Diary dates will be planned ahead, to avoid potential calendar clashes.

There will be an increase in branding at major events, to raise our profile further.

The Commonwealth Games have a combined team of experience and youth, so it is hoped for at least 4 medals.

NF invited the organisation to consider the governance in relation to volunteer Directors, and the skills that can be brought to the Board. He challenged whether the system of appointment should be reviewed, perhaps with an increase in the ratio of elected member to Independent Directors.

NF finished by thanking members for the support of him in his role as CEO. He was grateful for the many messages from members, and had enjoyed his time working for the CPSA.

NF acknowledged the AGM as his 8th and last. He thanked the Management Team and Board for their support.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Consultancy fees were incurred to cover staff absence.

Postage costs are down, due to an increased use of email contact.

Income has increased by 4%.

Championship events break even or generate a small surplus.

A legacy gift has been received.

Pension auto enrolment has created the need to match contributions.

The new electricity meter has increased lighting and heating costs, as the previous faulty meter gave a suspected lower than actual reading.

In relation to the Accounts, Clive Hames pointed out an error on page 43 in that the heading should refer to 2017 and not 2016. CP confirmed she had also seen that mistake, and that Archant had prepared for publication the accounts and had not altered the year. Clive also asked why there had been such a large increase under "Furniture, Fittings and Equipment with a corresponding reduction in stock". JB advised these are unrelated and stock levels are in line with last year. The increase in stock was due to the purchase of computer equipment. Clive also asked about the increase in utility costs. Connie confirmed that there was an increase of £6,000 last year and £12,000 this year, but that reflected the fact that the new meter had been installed half way through last year.

The ratification of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Steven Williams (101057) and seconded by Paul Dancer (12550). All were in favour.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

To remove the word “postal” from the Articles of Association to allow electronic voting to be used at some point in future. Clive Hames queried the wording and asked that postal ballots will still be allowed. TRB confirmed this to be so.
252 for : 10 against : Abstain 0 : Carried.

ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

John Offord will be stepping down as South East Regional Director after 6 years in the role. John thanked the Board and members for their support, and confirmed that he will continue as a British Shooting Talent Scout.

Peter Saich (14567) has been elected as John’s replacement. Peter gave a short presentation of his background and experience. He has over 40 years experience of disciplines such as sporting and skeet. He has been involved with many roles such as Safety Officer, and working on the Surrey County Committee as Chairman and Secretary. He continues to coach, and helps with the Surrey and National events. Peter will help to raise the profile of the CPSA, and encourage members to shoot at registered events.

Tony Heeks has been re-elected as North Regional Director unopposed.

Carl Smith has been re-elected as National Director. hayesmacintyre had effected two re-counts to verify the result as voting numbers were very close.

TRB congratulated CS on his re-election and thanked JO for his hard work and input over the previous 6 years.

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT

TRB presented Bob Kibblewhite with the award of Life Vice President. Bob thanked TRB for the unexpected award, and was delighted to receive it.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Hayesmacintyre
For : 182 : against 2 : abstain 0 – carried.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICERS:

Honorary Solicitor - Laura Saunbury
For: 180 : against 2 : abstain 0 - carried.

Honorary Shotgun Licensing Advisor – Laura Saunbury
For : 182 : against 2 : abstain 0 - carried.

Honorary Insurance Advisor - Martin Mansley.
For : 179 : against 0 : abstain 0 - carried.

AOB

John Webster (107538) noted that instructors have to have passed safety requirements within the past 5 years, but that he had completed that requirement more than 5 years ago. He asked why he had to potentially do it again. Richard Worthington confirmed that requirement would be removed from the wording, and that John would not have to repeat the task.

Peter Green (43292) referred to an article in Pull magazine where the East Midlands was described as having 8 counties. TRB confirmed that Rutland was combined with Leicestershire.

Reference was made to the lack of attendees at the AGM. The Board confirmed they had tried different venues around the country, in an attempt to increase attendance, but that had not worked. The Board would continue with Kenilworth given its central location.

TRB thanked Nick Fellows for his services, wished him well for his next career role, and presented him with a gift.

TRB gave a tribute to the late Val Fraser. Val joined the CPSA in 1963, and created the 100 Straight Club, which continues to be an on-going competition. Val had a passion for the sport, and was a keen contributor, so much so that Members and the Board felt his work and efforts should be acknowledged with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Val's family were unable to attend the AGM so Val's friend, Bernard McGee, attended the AGM to accept the engraved crystal glass bowl on the family's behalf.

There being no further business TRB declared the meeting closed at 15.35.
