

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

Held at CPSA, Bisley

On **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**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 J Leightley	(JL)	North Regional Director
Mr C Smith	(CS)	National Director
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr C Burrows	(CB)	Independent Director
Mr R Vallance	(RV)	Shadow National Director
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Ms C Alger	(CA)	Operations Manager
Ms L Saunsbury	(LS)	Honorary Solicitor & Shotgun Licencing Advisor
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

**APOLOGIES:**

Mrs N Heron	National Director
Miss L Goodman	National Director
Mr R Faulds	Southwest Regional Director

**QUORUM:**

A quorum was declared present.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA:**

None

## **RATIFY MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Proposed by CB.      Seconded by CS.      All in favour

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **Draft Wording for Comp/Bird Only Amendment (CA):**

The board reviewed the draft copy of the revised Rules 1.1 and 1.4

All in favour to progress with the revised rules.

### **Directors Profile and Photos (All):**

Ongoing.

### **Pull! Multiple Copies Email (CA):**

CA confirmed an emailed had been sent out asking if households receiving multiple copies of Pull! would be happy to receive a single copy of the magazine.

### **England ESP Team Manager Announcement (CA):**

CA confirmed the announcement, that Colin Burrows had taken over as the England ESP Team manager, was published in the March edition of Pull!.

## **ACTION LOG:**

To be removed.

## **UPDATE BY CEO**

IP reported a positive start to the year attending the British Shooting Show and the CPSA Awards. There had been an uptick in lapsed memberships as shooters start shooting registered shoots and booking into championships.

There had been a couple of months of negative focus on the sport in the press together with ongoing challenges regarding government licencing legislation.

### **Membership:**

As of 24 March, membership was just over 21,500 and club affiliations were slightly down from this time last year.

### **HSE restrictions on lead ammunition:**

No update.

### **Government/Home Office(HO)- Public Consultation:**

The government/HO have issued a proposal for shotgun certificates to become under section 1 firearms, the same as FAC's. Consultation is planned for later in the year, date TBC. IP is in a meeting with the Police and HO next week and will update the board before the next board meeting with anything relevant to report.

CB asked if this would be a major shift in English common law? LS explained this could potentially be a major shift as applying for an FAC has a slightly higher test. In addition each individual firearm on the certificate needs to be authorised, whereas with a SG certificate there is no need to get each shotgun held on the licence authorised.

### **CPSA Awards:**

IP reported the awards were well attended and discussions for potential improvements/changes for 2026 are ongoing. CS asked if the awards could be live streamed to make it more inclusive? CB suggested a package could be put together to view proceedings after the event.

**Action:** JL (along with Morgan) to put together a 30 min package of footage gained from social media.

### **Championships:**

Calendar confirmed with no changes.

### **BO ESP & Sportrap Eaton Hall:**

IP reported an additional day had been added with the price re-negotiated to help cover the CPSA staff costs.

### **WESP26- San Antonio Texas:**

NSCA will launch the pre booking for the 2026 WESP in May 2025. 100 spaces will be reserved for CPSA members.

Booking system for CPSA members TBC.

### **Licencing & Legislation:**

Increase in Licence Fees- police have reported a reduction in licencing renewals since the increase in fees.

### **Section 11:**

IP reported the CPSA have been working with the college of police on a single use online form for all forces nationally for section 11.6 and felt this was a positive to have one standard form.

### **FEO Training Days:**

Positive feedback after the trial training day attended by CB. Currently there are 4 further dates scheduled for courses at Bisley throughout the spring/summer which are to be supported by the CPSA, BASC and NRA. IP thanked CB who has volunteered his time to represent the CPSA on the courses.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGER: CA**

CA informed the board that after a few instances of grounds resisting the use of the CPSA designated Head referee Josh Foot. Contracts will be updated to ensure the CPSA head referee will be used in future events.

### **British Open Sporting:**

CA reiterated the will be an extra day for the BO Sporting, which is now almost full. DR asked why the EO Sporting was not full? CA suggested this could be due to the cost of such a full calendar this year but reported it was 90% full.

### **Semi Auto's in Sportrap:**

To be moved and discussed at the next board meeting in May.

## **MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT: RW**

**Refer a Friend Scheme:** JM explained he had a discussion at the Northern AGM regarding the "Refer a Friend" initiative and asked if there was much uptake? IP said some members were very good at promoting this, especially coaches. JM asked, with the new refer a friend Browning scheme, would the referrer still be entitled to the £10 per referral, as many at the AGM seemed to be unaware. The consensus from the board was this initiative is not widely known. CA confirmed members were entitled to both and the CPSA would promote this in future.

IP asked the directors to please promote these schemes to members, club and regions.

### **ESP England Team Selection Process:**

The selection process was discussed at length by the board, typically the differences between the Hybrid System (high gun per day) or High gun overall (high gun over the whole competition - weather being the prime concern)

4 were in favour of using the Hybrid System- High gun each day

5 were in favour of High Gun Overall- over the whole competition

The majority was in favour to use High Gun Overall to start in 2026 for the 2027 selection.

## **CORRESPONDANCE: None**

### **AOB:**

PS- raised that grounds would prefer to change the order of the "All Round" Competition in order to make it more commercially viable. The current order is inefficient from the grounds perspective and restricts the throughput of competitors. IP explained the order was there to ensure fairness across the competition as a whole, and to provide fair progression within the disciplines, particularly DTL to ABT.

The consensus of the board was the rules of the competition should not be changed

CS- Reported topics discussed at meetings with Nottinghamshire police

- They reported a big decrease in renewals since the price increase of licences but no decrease in grants.
- They are now looking more into people's social media content which has increased reviews of licences.
- FEO's have been attending BASC courses
- BASC are looking at running night courses using night vision/scopes.
- It was reported that medical histories were being sent direct to applicants from GP's which raised concerns of info being redacted before being received by Medcert. LS said this was against the Statutory Guidance.

IP- with regards to customising the Shoot program to integrate with grounds, moving forward was deemed not viable due to the cost. (circa £40-£50k)

**\*\*11.53am Meeting Closed \*\***

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at CPSA HQ, Bisley.