

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

Held at CPSA, Bisley

On **Wed 06th Aug 2025**

PRESENT:

Dr J Martin	(JM)	E. Midlands Regional Director- Chairman
Mr P Saich	(PS)	Southeast Regional Director
Mr R Faulds	(RF)	Southwest Regional Director (Teams)
Mr J Leightley	(JL)	North Regional Director
Mrs N Heron	(NH)	National Director (Teams)
Mr C Smith	(CS)	National Director (Teams)
Mr R Vallance	(RV)	National Director
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr C Burrows	(CB)	Independent Director
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES:

Mr M Machin- W. Midlands Regional Director

QUORUM:

A quorum was declared present.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA:

None

RATIFY MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Proposed by CB. Seconded by DR. All in favour

MATTERS ARISING:

England Team to promote Sponsors on Skeet Vests (CB):

CB ask if this could be clarified as he felt this had been resolved at the last board meeting. CB explained this would be in a non-branding font and a small charge would go towards team training/clothing. IP clarified this would be embroidered to the

lower left cartridge pocket and would be restricted to one colour (possibly white/black) maybe in the sponsors font but not multiple logos.

Action- HQ to produce guidance

CB proposed England Team to promote individual sponsors. Seconded by NH

8 In Favour 0 Against Carried

Semi auto correspondence response (IP):

IP confirmed this had been dealt with.

Action- To be removed.

Super sporting rule change update (CA):

Due to the recent busy diary this has not been activated yet.

Action- CA to inform the directors when activated and date the rule change is to start.

Super Veteran/Veteran competition Clarification (CA):

CA provided the directors with clarification of Super Veteran/Veteran's at Major and Minor Championships. NH pointed out that under the FITASC section they now have a Men's class which was previously the seniors, Seniors which were the Veterans, Veterans were the Super Veterans and Masters are now the over 75yrs.

UPDATE BY CEO

IP explained this had been and continues to be a very busy period for the HQ team- having a full championship calendar, running the Worlds, training courses busier than ever and working around the teams family holidays.

General Points

Membership:

IP reported membership figures were holding better than predicted.

HSE restrictions on lead ammunition:

IP reported the proposed ban of all lead shotgun ammunition within 3 years rather than 5 years. IP stated this would be the biggest change to the sport in 100 years and is the associations responsibility to give guidance to it's members through this change. Some advice given to members' FAQs includes:

- Shotguns from 1954 are able to shoot standard steel as they are Nitro proofed but always caveated by "considering the condition of the shotgun"
- Choke sizes depend on the specific cartridges being used but general guidance is no more than half choke or 5/8's *always consider condition of the gun/barrels
- High performance steel cartridges tend to be used in game shooting not clay target shooting.

HQ will work on a comprehensive FAQ page for the legislation and way forward.

Government/Home Office (HO)- Public Consultation:

IP informed the board that the police continue to tighten up licensing rules and the concern there are continued moves for shotgun licensing to be identical to the Firearms section 1 licensing. Some changes to the statutory guidance for forces now require 2 referees rather than 1 and include declarations of speeding offenses and interviews with spouses/partners.

HQ will highlight all changes to the licencing rules and put online for members.

Championships:

- BO ESP/SPT at Eaton Hall pre champs visit went well, the ground is looking good with changes almost completed.
- It has been agreed to hold the European Super Sporting Championships in August 2026 at West Midlands SG. IP confirmed this would be for individuals and not Country Teams.

Aimpoint- S2 review for use in CPSA registered shoots to help shooters with eye dominance condition:

IP discussed his proposal to allow on a “Trial Basis” with the board. Issues brought up:

- CB asked if the education/information video would be Aimpoint or CPSA branded. IP suggested it would be both, Aimpoint would supply the video at their cost with the CPSA being involved in the guidance of the content.
- DR felt that anybody who took this up would preclude themselves from CPSA championships, if shooting “Target Only” IP said for this proposal they would be allowed to shoot CPSA registered shoots and Champ’s. CB suggested using different phrase than “Target Only”
- IP confirmed that this would be a trial where shooters opting to use Aimpoint could still shoot registered shoots and Championships but would not be eligible to win any prizes monies/ trophies or be placed. This would be to capture data from their score sheets.
- RV asked if some of Aimpoints sponsor money would be allocated as prize funds for the trial? IP said some of it would be a prize fund for the trial Aimpoint shooters.
- IP stated this would be more work for HQ staff but felt it was the associations role to enable all members to enjoy the sport.

FEO Training Days:

JM asked if the training days were to stay at Bisley? IP said yes, as Bisley was the only site that could host and support at low cost. There are discussions for Eaton Hall to run training days for the North in the future.

WESP25- EJC:

IP reported although a great success, as with any large event, there were some minor issues which will be discussed at the wrap up meeting with staff and Churchills. IP thanked those directors who had provided feedback.

- DR asked how the numbers compared to the WESP held in the USA. IP said the US run Worlds don't seem to get as many overseas shooters attend and last year was their biggest at around 1,400/1,500, whereas there were around 1,800 at EJC this year.
- CB stated technology in 2 years will be able to upload score card results.
- CB felt that, as a board, the disabled access would need to be looked into for the next UK run Worlds.

OPERATIONS MANAGER: CA

OTR Selection:

IP explained a proposal from Ed Barker from Nuthampstead for the OTR selection next year, to align BICTSF, CPSA and BS championships with the same 125 format over 2 days.

NH reported she had received positive feedback at the ABT regarding the 125 format.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT: RW

Game Fair at Ragley Hall- IP reported one of the best years for the clayline with over 1,000 have a go shooters. IP has raised a complaint regarding Wi-Fi issues which meant card payments were unavailable even after extra Wi-Fi had been purchased. There are discussions as to whether to hold the Champion of Champions at the Game Fair due to timing issues for shooters who arrive later and maybe running at a CPSA run championships.

Marketing- IP reported the stats provided showed a good level membership engagement of the e-newsletter and social media when looking at the standard rate.

Management Accounts

IP talked through the management accounts and reported the forecast is on track for the management of expenditure versus income.

Membership numbers by region suggest there was not much of a North -South divide and for the first time the Southeast had decreased more than the North. IP reported that veteran membership was positive and had increased year on year.

English Sporting Rule Change (RF)

RF put forward a proposal for a new rule for English Sporting for the board to consider- All menu boards for English Sporting to state the Target type for each target presented on the stand. IP provided a mock menu board which Morgan had produced for the board to view.

- CB asked if there could be 2 menu boards provided on each stand? IP assured that part of the Head referees job would be to sign off the target types & to make sure each referee had a copy of each.

Proposed by JL Seconded by RV

10 In Favour of the new rule. 0 Against Carried.

Proxy voting in Board meetings (MM):

Action- To move to the next board meeting.

Sub-committee & Board relationship (MM):

Action- To move to the next board meeting.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Colin Butler (C.Butler): JM asked for the boards thought on the correspondence from C.Butler, regarding a ground continually breaking the CPSA rules on registered shoots.

- IP said discussions had been had in the past of how the CPSA would police registered shoots.
- CS said that the ground in question are not only breaking CPSA rules for registered shoots but are openly advertising it.
- NH felt it unacceptable and that the ground in question should be de-registered as an example. RV advised that before deregistering, the ground should be given a formal warning and a chance to abide by the rules.

Action- IP to send "Formal Final Warning" to the ground.

HQ to reply to Colin Butler.

AOB:

CS- explained that when shooting a registered Skeet or DTL in the morning and then shoot again but on a targets only basis, the second round does class towards

classification. This does not happen in sporting. CS asked if this could be allowed in sporting.

- RF felt this was linked to the above correspondence issue, where a shooter would acquire an advantage after shooting the targets for a second round and gain a false classification.
- CB agreed, there was a big difference in Skeet/DTL as these have the same targets.
- JM asked how would this relate to Sportrap where the targets are the same. IP said this was not like Skeet/DTL where the targets are the same at every ground, whereas Sportrap targets are different at each ground.
- IP suggested that shooters could shoot the Sporting/Sportrap course a second time but purely for practice.

JM asked who would be in favour of allowing first round registered, second round practice only but a registered round must be shot before in Sporting/ Sportrap. (All agreed not to change Skeet/DTL)

Proposed by CS Seconded by RV

8 in favour 0 Against Carried

CB- reported that he and CA have been in discussions with BUCS, who the CPSA help with organising their competition. The date of their competition has been moved to March 2026 and Eaton Hall have agreed the change.

DR- reported a number of issues which need to be discussed regarding classifications by the sub-committee. JM asked for the sub-committee to produce recommendations for the board to discuss. NH asked if RF could be added to the sub-committee due to his experience/knowledge? NH happy to step down.

CS- felt the CPSA stand at the Game Fair this year was the best it had been with the staff members very engaged. This was nice to see.

IP to pass on to the team.

****12.21pm Meeting Closed ****

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 15th Oct 2025 at CPSA HQ, Bisley.