

Minutes of the CPSA Board Meeting held on 23rd March 2020.

This meeting was held remotely using Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing and commenced at 1pm.

Those Present: -

John Martin – Chairman & east Midlands Region Director
Carl Smith – National Director
Michele Conway – National Director
Nicola Heron – National Director
Richard Faulds – South West Region Director
Miles Machin – West Midlands Region Director (Co-opted)
Dave Rollason – Independent Director
Ben Moorhead – Independent Director

Iain Parker – Chief Executive
Stuart Oldman – Operations Manager & Minute Secretary

Apologies: -

Tony Heeks – Deputy Chairman & North Region Director
Peter Saich – South East Region Director

Declaration of Interests

None

Quorum

Declared

Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by NH and Seconded by BM

Matters arising from minutes

None

The principal reason for this meeting was due to the current coronavirus pandemic. Topics to be discussed are: -

CPSA Championships and Registered Shoots.

CPSA Championships

It was agreed that calendar events would be considered now up to the end of July, with a review beyond that as and when necessary and one month at a time.

The next championships to be considered were the English Open ESP and English Open ESK. It was agreed by all that these should be cancelled and an announcement issued from HQ tomorrow (24th). Time needs to be considered to spread the workload of processing refunds etc.

The World English Sporting will be reviewed later in the week, taking into account further discussions between Iain and EJC's.

The DTL English Open, Dougall Memorial, Sponsored need to be considered for July. It is understood Bywell were keen to continue with these but a possible a change of date. Discussions to be had with Bywell. Could this be moved to later in the year?

Registered Shoots

Many questions have been received and much social media activity regarding whether the CPSA should allow registered shoots to continue.

Do we have the authority to stop shooting grounds running events, does this have a ground membership contractual issue? After discussion it was agreed that in these exceptional circumstances such contractual matters could be considered unenforceable in law as we do not have much option. Another issue to consider was us not being able to provide registered shoots under individual members contracts.

Discussions took place regarding a softer option, i.e. to recommend shooting grounds and clubs do not hold registered competition.

After discussion and a vote it was agreed that we would stop all registered events immediately.

Classification rule changes were then considered.

It was agreed the 1st June issue would go ahead as normal as it included scores already received and for a period partly prior to grounds closing etc. The following issues for September and December will not take place, to avoid for one example members changes classes when no shoots have taken place.

It was agreed that a statement will be posted on the website and issued to all grounds today. Agreed by all.

Budget

IP explained the items that we had removed or amended within this years budget due to not attending events and championships. It was also explained how membership income is now spread across financial years which does help us. The new government scheme regarding 'furloughing of staff' is being considered as some staff activities will be reduced. The management team are currently reviewing this and Stacy is trying to find out how the scheme works with HMRC. A question was asked if we would top up the 80% to 100%. IP thought 'No'. IP will report back on this one more detail was known.

AOB

CS requested that we consider notifying members that are unsure about renewing membership that insurance remains valid for vermin control etc. This may help us to retain some memberships.

There were no other questions raised.

The meeting was then closed.