

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

Held at CPSA, Bisley,

On **Wednesday 29th July 2020**

PRESENT:

Dr J Martin	(JM)	East Midlands Regional Director – Chairman
Mr W A Heeks	(WAH)	North Regional Director – Vice Chairman (Via Teams)
Mrs N Heron	(NH)	National Director
Mr P Saich	(PS)	South East Regional Director
Mr C Smith	(CS)	National Director (Via Teams)
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr M Machin	(MM)	West Midlands Director (Co-opted)
Mr B Moorhead	(BM)	Independent Director (Via Teams)
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr R Faulds – South West Regional Director

COVID-19 GUIDENCE: IP made aware the Covid-19 office procedures for those who were present for the meeting.

QUORUM: A quorum was declared present

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Proposed by DR. Seconded by PS. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING: None

ACTION LOG

Directors email account issue:

BM continues to have problems. IP suggested to all to check quarantine files.

Ongoing

Shot Balling Tests:

IP- Has been delayed due to Covid and can't see it going forward any time this year.

Name Change: Ongoing

Visit to Mid Wales SG:

JM- Ground is now closed.

To be removed

Consultancy Advice Re Declining Membership:

IP- has had contact with 2 companies, one was expensive.

To postpone until Covid over

ICTSF 2019 WESP Update (Prize Fund Payments)

IP- we are awaiting information from Ireland, ICTSF are chasing them for accounts.

Ongoing issue

UPDATE BY CEO

IP explained the Covid guidance is changing week by week. He thanked JM for his continued support to himself and the team during lockdown and the reopening. He also thanked NH for all her hard work and RF for working on the technical side of the rules and regulations.

Membership Overview: IP explained that the membership changes by the hour and starting to see a positive trend of members renewing. IP has given the membership staff the target of reaching 22,500 as he did not want to give them a target that, in these conditions (during Covid), was impossible to reach. DR - it has only gone down marginally considering what has happened in the last few months. JM – the renewals are slightly up from same period last year, but the uptake of new membership has not come in, which is understandable as there has been no shooting.

CPSA CV19 Guidance: the ever changing CV19 guidance has, thanks to the office staff and directors, been communicated well to relevant grounds and members. The CPSA are now closer than they have been to the Police Force and Government due to the communications over CV19.

Registered shoots have successfully restarted, although registered scores are down from last year, (May Jun Jul 2019 29,000 compared to 2020- 9,500) not a disaster since coming out of lockdown and CV19 restrictions. MM- some grounds have only just reopened.

IP- some positives to come out of the CV19, some grounds keeping the shoot through system and some keeping smaller squads as the shooters like it better.

Major Championships: now that DTL is re-instated all home disciplines are now covered.

Staff: IP- All staff to be back by 2nd August and will be reviewed in September. The furlough scheme has worked well. We have looked into the grants or rebate schemes but CPSA do not qualify.

PULL!: IP- Is now up for renewal, I feel Fellows has done a good job. MM- It is not Fellows now? IP- Yes, it is still Fellows Media, but Mark Brown bought it off them and Mr & Mrs Fellows are still consultants. NH thought it best to stay with Fellows as there is always a bedding in period. WAH- With Fellows we get a percentage of the advertising whereas before we were paying for it. So would vote to stay with Fellows. IP felt that change at this time would be the wrong thing to do and the relationship with Fellows has now grown. Some grounds have said magazine has pressured them into paying for advertising, but they are trying to survive in these uncertain times. If they go under the CPSA loses their magazine. DR asked if the price of the postage had been looked into. IP- Yes, we use a courier, research was done last year, and we saved £6K when the packaging was changed but there is no-one cheaper at the moment. DR asked about promoting the electronic only version? IP- had looked into this and members had asked for a discount as they were not receiving a magazine.

All agreed to renew with Fellows, IP to advise Fellows CPSA to renew contract for another 24 months.

Latest Guidance on Registered shoots: IP- Our guidance has been updated and eased further, providing specific Covid secure measures are used.

Lead Study: IP- had sent the directors various documents which had been sent to ECHA on lead versus steel. FITASC had put together a particularly good report to argue the case for lead. ECHA for the EU do not look at the sport effect they only look at the scientific detail and economic effect. There is legislation going through the EU over expanding the use of lead over wetlands which has been in place for 20 years and what classes as a wetland. This vote has been delayed and if the vote is taken after 1st Jan 2021 the UK will be out of the EU and the UK government will be able to choose what they want to adopt.

Shotgun Licence: There was a meeting with various organisations, public health, police, home office, CPSA, BMA etc regarding the need of a medical letter for renewal of Firearms and Shotgun licencing. The police are wanting it to be the applicant's responsibility to obtain the medical letter from their GP. This was considered to be the quickest and easiest option. It was discussed to extend the licence to 10years instead of 5years.

BioAmmo meeting: BioAmmo are saying that theirs is the only completely biodegradable within 2-3 months when buried, the wadding and case are made from same material. All cartridge companies now bringing out eco-friendly cartridges.

IT- SHOOT

IP- We are at the final stages of internal testing and sorting out any bugs. JM asked if it was to be used at the BO. IP explained that they were hoping to use it at BO but due to Covid it had been unable to be tested externally. DR asked as cards cannot be taken around, could this be an opportunity to supply the referees with Ipads? MM said that the ground would need to have Wi-Fi access. IP said this is what they were aiming to have in place. NH suggested involving ipad training in the Referees Course.

Grounds

West Midlands: IP working with their solicitor regarding their noise issue.

Homes Chapel: JM- they have been approached by the council with a noise complaint. MM think the issue is the 4th layout as it is not covered. They have stacked with bails of hay until it is covered.

REGISTERED ESP SHOOTS CORNWALL

NH explained that it had come to her attention that High View SG were allowing their shooters to score their own cards at CPSA Registered shoots rather than using referees. Donna at High View stated that this practice is happening in other grounds in Cornwall and Devon and that High View have not had Referees for at least 5 years. High View has said if they have to have Referees, they will stop Registered Shoots and only run FITASC Shoots. NH and others on the board felt this needed to be addressed. DR asked what is in the rule book. IP- You need Referees. DR asked if the Referees need to be qualified. JM- No they just need to know the rules. IP said that all grounds needed to be reminded that Referees are to be used at Registered Shoots.

HQ to put together a letter to reinforce.

PROGRESS UPDTE RE DTL/ESK PRE-SELECTION SCORE PERIOD

JM- recapped the decision that they will put in their 5 best scores over 2 seasons and all seem to be happy with this.

REVISIT ENGLAND TEAM SELECTION PROCESS (DTL/ESK)

JM- We said we would review it in 2 years, the question is what level of review and how deep do we go into it? Some are saying go back to what it was, but all have different ideas of what it was. We need to decide whether we change or not change after 1 season or 2 chronological years which is the situation? MM felt it should be run as it is for another year. PS felt it should be reviewed chronologically. CS felt it should be changed for next year (2021) even though there was only 1 seasons result. IP Suggested that the DTL and Skeet subcommittees to come up with their recommendations which most of their members would be happy with and send to the Board. IP to put something together a brief the DTL crowd and CS to brief the Skeet crowd.

JM- Asked for vote of all those in favour of asking an augmented subcommittee to put together their recommendations of the selection process and the Board will review it.
7 in Favour 1 Against.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ESP STANDS

IP- a question had been asked at a registered ESP shoot about a grouse butt without a cage was not compliant with the CPSA rules and felt it should not have been classed as a registered shoot. IP felt that the CPSA guidance rules for what is or is not possible for sporting stands needed tweaking without being too prescriptive. The rules need to be specific and give a bit more variety but not try and stop sporting grounds creating interesting stands.

A paper to be presented at the next Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Had been dealt with by phone.

AOB

MM- Rod Davies was meant to receive funding for a Ladies event and has asked if he can push it to next year as unable to run this year due to Covid. IP- Yes that is fine.

PS-EO Skeet went well. In IP's notes the BO Skeet was down for the 14th August it has changed to the following weekend, (21st-23rd Aug).

**** Meeting Closed 1.50pm ****