

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
84<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Held at CPSA, Bisley,

**On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2pm**

**PRESENT:**

Dr J Martin	East Midlands Regional Director – Chairman
Mr W A Heeks	North Regional Director – Vice Chairman (Via Zoom)
Mr I Parker	Chief Executive
Mr P Saich	South East Regional Director
Mrs N Heron	National Director
Mr C Smith	National Director
Mr M Machin	West Midlands Director (Co-opted)
Mr D Rollason	Independent Director
Mr B Moorhead	Independent Director (Via Phone)
Mr R Faulds	South West Regional Director (Via Zoom)
Ms L Saunbury	Honorary Solicitor & Shotgun Licencing Advisor (Via Zoom)
Mr J Beard	Auditor, Haysmacintyre (Via Zoom)
Mr S Oldham	Operations Manager
Mrs L Vallance	Minutes Secretary

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance in person or via Zoom- total members present 48.

**OBITUARIES**

IP announced that over 200 members had sadly passed away since the previous AGM in March 2019 and asked everyone present to stand for a minute's silence.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from 37 members

## **MINUTES OF 2019 AGM**

Ratification of the minutes was proposed by Carl Smith (107613) and seconded by David Rollason (19727).

For: 13 / Against: 0 / Abstain: 4 / Proposal carried.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2019 MINUTES**

None.

## **CHAIMANS REPORT**

JM explained that this meeting had been postponed from March, due to the Covid lockdown, where he would have asked members to refer to the Chairman's Report which was published in the March 2020 edition of "PULL!"

JM informed the AGM that since coming out of the March lockdown the CPSA had managed to hold a Major Championship in each discipline. This was due to the hard work of the CPSA staff, Director's, Grounds and the participation of the shooters/members. He thanked all those involved.

JM also thanked IP for all the extra time and work he had put in during the Covid-19 difficulties.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

JB reported that the audit had been signed off on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb which saved any upset caused by the Covid lockdown.

The ratification of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Carl Smith (107613) and seconded by David Rollason (19727).

For: 20      Against: 1      Withheld: 1

## **ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD MARCH 2020**

Nicola Heron National was re-elected and Miles Machin was elected for West Midlands Region. Both thanked members for their votes.

## **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT**

JM presented Malcolm Plant with the award of life vice president. A black membership card and badge will be posted to MP. Malcolm gave his thanks for the kind words and said he had been given an award for enjoying himself.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

WAH was presented (remotely, to be posted) with a silver platter and a sterling silver 25-year badge in recognition of his 25 years as the Northern Region Director. WAH said he felt very honoured and has enjoyed his time as a CPSA director and announced now was the right time to stand down.

JM also presented Linda Heeks with a crystal cut rose bowl as a thank you for all her support she has given WAH in his role.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Haysmacintyre. Proposed by Carl Smith (107613) and seconded by David Rollason (19727).

For: 18      Against: 1      Withheld: 1      Carried

## **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICERS**

Honorary Solicitor & Licencing Advisor- Laura Saunbury. Proposed by Peter Saich (14567) and seconded by Nicola Heron (89683).

For: 16      Against: 0      Withheld: 2      Carried

Honorary Insurance Advisor- Martin Mansley. Proposed by David Rollason (19727) and seconded by Nicola Heron (89683).

For: 18      Against: 0      Withheld: 2      Carried

## **REVIEW AND UPDATE FOR 2020**

IP stated that it had been an extraordinarily difficult year but was looking positively to the year ahead. He thanked the team at CPSA HQ for the way they had handled the uncertainty of the lockdown and with the additional workload to keep things going for the association. IP reported that the CPSA have weathered the pandemic better than many sectors and although membership numbers are low, they are slowly rising.

IP also thanked the sponsors who continue with their support during these difficult times, the grounds for opening and running competitions in a Covid-19 secure manner and to the shooters and members who supported the competitions.

### **Highlights for 2021**

Include the World Championships at EJ Churchills and the release of the new Shoot program to be used at Championships and Registered shoots.

Covid- the CPSA will continue to work with the police and the government through the challenges ahead and continue to advice grounds and members of how to keep the sport going in a safe manner.

Environmental Issues, legislations- the CPSA will continue to work on behalf of the members and the sport.

## **Thanks**

IP thanked JM (and Kenji) for his invaluable support and help, the board of directors for the work they do on a voluntary basis. A special thanks to WAH for his all help and experience which will be greatly missed as a board director. IP thanked the membership for their continued support and loyalty to the association in this difficult year.

## **Q & A**

Geoffrey Weighell (126708). Does accounting each membership by month instead of an annual fee mean that a member could ask for a portion of the membership fees back if they decide to leave part way through the year? IP answered that the terms and conditions of the membership when joining is on an annual basis. The month by month was done solely for accounting purposes. JM agreed with IP, membership is non-refundable.

Jan Powell (108711). With Brexit restrictions what progress has the CPSA made in discussions with the government regarding a replacement to the European Firearms Pass? Loss of the EFP poses real problem for those competing overseas. IP explained that the EFP will run out on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec and is not going to be replaced. When travelling overseas, competitors will have to apply to each country they travel through. NH explained that flying into a country would be easy as the Federation or ground holding any championship will provide the required paperwork to be completed before a deadline date, online. It would need to be sent back to the organisers in order to obtain the visa / paperwork to present to customs on arrival into the country. Preparations for driving would be more difficult as a competitor would have to apply to the Embassy or governing body, of each country that they drive through. JP felt that this could cause attendance in overseas competitions to be low and asked if the CPSA could provide someone that competitors could speak to for advice. NH said that it should not be any problem and offered to write an article for Pull magazine.

## **AOB**

WAH- Everybody be safe and keep shooting!

**\*\* Meeting Closed 3.00pm \*\***

**Next AGM Meeting Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021**