



## The future of our sport

### SUMMARY of MINUTES of BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2006

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Present:	Mr T W D Blaney	Chairman
	Mr W A Heeks	Vice Chairman/Regional Director – North
	Mr P J Boakes	Chief Executive
	Mr N T Bough	National Director
	Mr K J Newton	Regional Director – South West
	Mr B D Curtis	Regional Director – East Midlands
	Mr A J Kirkland	Regional Director – West Midlands
	Mrs T Meston	Regional Director – South East
In Attendance:	Mr J Perry	Operations Manager
	Miss P Lewis	Minutes Secretary

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the prior meeting were formally accepted as being an accurate record of events. There were no matters requiring discussion.

#### AGM

It was generally considered that with the exception of some inappropriate behaviour on the part of certain individuals and a lower than desired level of attendance, the event was a success. It was confirmed that Minutes are not a verbatim record but are intended to present an accurate general summary of what transpires. We will invite and encourage pre-prepared questions to be

submitted in advance of the AGM thereby ensuring an accurate and thorough response is available on the day for the benefit of the questioner and the membership in attendance.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

**Commonwealth Games** Great success with some good results for clay target shooters. Scope to improve performance. Time to review the selection procedure and the preparation programme.

**World DTL** Minor controversy in respect of procedure for participation of B Team. B Team beat the A Team.

Phil Boakes reported that the CPSA have a greatly enhanced reputation around the World and has been asked to take the lead within the sport on a number of issues.

**BSSC AGM** Terry Blaney attended along with Danusia Jolliffe, whilst our CEO was in Australia. Little of substance to report, the highlight being the public recognition of Patrick Johnson's contribution during his term of office.

**Staff Changes** Regrets were expressed that Dr Danusia Jolliffe has resigned and returned to her degree discipline. The vacancy has been advertised in Pull Magazine.

**Administrative Hic-cups at HQ** Danusia's resignation and some absences due to illness have placed pressure on the remaining staff to maintain the required level of service, particularly as we have entered the shooting season. Interim arrangements are underway to ensure that any adverse impact is minimal and temporary.

Tracy Meston recently spent time working at HQ, which she found invaluable in gaining an appreciation of the workload of the HQ staff. Terry Blaney confirmed that he had similarly worked at HQ during his early period of joining The Board and that this should be undertaken by all Board Members wherever

possible. Phil Boakes confirmed that all contributions by Board Members would be welcome.

**2012 Olympics** A GBTSF meeting is due to take place shortly where discussions with regard to an alternative venue to Woolwich will be on the agenda. Nuthampstead or Dartford are the options, with both having prepared a case for their respective locations. The GBTSF will need to decide which of these should receive their full and exclusive support. The legacy issue is of major importance. Phil Boakes will report following the forthcoming meeting.

**World Sporting** PJB advised that he has received a letter enclosing the proposed lay out and supporting safety commentary regarding the course that will be established at Somerley.

Terry Blaney and John Perry reported on the recent visit to Somerley. It is evident that if everything runs according to plan that we can anticipate a first class event. Somerley Estates are the headline sponsor with Tarmac being provided with the major banner status. Pall Engineering will be a significant sponsor. Other sponsors have been secured.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Mr D Hodgson re submission of fixtures to PULL! – already discussed within HQ administration problems. BDC advised that he had replied to Mr Hodgson.

Letter from Mr C Hames raising the issue of “walking with a loaded gun over spent cartridges on ABT layouts”. It was considered good practise to empty the gun before moving from the shooting station. Ejected cartridges should be picked up and disposed of in the bins provided. Phil Boakes agreed to write to Mr Hames advising that it is more a matter of etiquette than a rule.

Brian Curtis advised that Mr Hames’ also has a complaint regarding shoots being classed as Registered when they did not conform to CPSA rules and

regulations, relative to “announcing the event status”. Phil Boakes agreed to investigate and advise on his findings.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

A surplus of £18.7K had been achieved and overall expenses were in line with budget. It was asked why £70K had been moved from the Furness Building Society to the HSBC current account. Phil Boakes explained that monies move to and from as appropriate, balancing immediate cash requirements and treasury considerations.

## **IMAGE**

**Non Members Competing in Registered Events/New Day Pass System** John Perry advised that the new Day Pass system is operating well

Complaints are still being received that some grounds are continuing to allow “open shooting” at Registered Events. Investigations will be conducted and appropriate action taken

There have also been complaints of incorrect DTL target angles still being used. The Discipline Advisory Panel is being consulted before appropriate action is taken.

**Misplaced Score Cards/English Sporting** A proposed solution has been reviewed and the Discipline Advisory Panel is being consulted. Phil Boakes agreed to highlight the situation in Pull.

**Guinness Book of Records** Phil Boakes advised that the proposed event at Kent Gun Club has had to be cancelled due to a noise abatement order.

## COMMUNICATION

### Regional Updates

**North** No meeting

**West Midlands** Andy Kirlkand reported favourably on the BASC Gamekeepers Fair at Catton Hall and the CPSA's involvement. Thanks were duly noted for Geoff Bryant, Chris Mcverry, Malcolm Plant and Sue Hart for all their hard work in setting up and to Roxanne Duval for her support.

Pattern plate testing was very successful in raising some funds.

An accident occurred recently in the Region, whereby one of the referees was shot in the leg. The police have been involved. Phil Boakes awaits full details and will initiate an immediate Safety Audit

Concern was expressed about the use of Bushnell speed guns which are reported to interfere with 999 emergency calls. Jerry Parks-Young will investigate.

**East Midlands** It was reported that the Regional Secretary has not yet received a copy of the letter regarding the Regional Young Shots Sponsorship initiative and the offer of £1,000 per Region, contributed by HQ, to be matched by the Regions.

It was reported that Competency Courses were not felt to be adequately promoted.

CPSA representatives from the Region will be attending the Newark & Notts and Ibstock Shows. A coaching stand had been arranged.

A comment was conveyed that irregularities were thought to have occurred with regard to some Coaches/Tutors being fast tracked without fulfilling the necessary criteria. Phil Boakes confirmed that no such improprieties have taken place.

Brian Curtis enquired on behalf of the Regional Committee whether Sub-Committee Members and their Deputies should attend meetings. The Board agree that this would not be appropriate and that deputies would only attend when deputising and when so doing they should provide a formal written report of proceedings, (as should the nominated Sub-Committee Member), thereby ensuring an accurate and timely flow of information.

**South West** Berkshire has confirmed their desire to move to the South East Region. The Region may need to organise an EGM to resolve this matter. Further deliberation and discussion is required by Board Members. The subject will be listed as an agenda item for the next Board Meeting.

**South East** Tracy Meston advised there had been no meeting held during the interim. She has drafted a letter to all County Committee's offering to attend a County Committee Meeting. Liaison with Roxanne Duvall is also taking place with regard to her visits into the South East Region.

#### **Disciplinary Advisory Panels**

Only the DTL DAP had been held so far. John Perry advised that speed guns may only be used by radio licensed people and anything else is illegal. Dates for the other DAP meetings are yet to be set.

#### **Regional Seminar**

Arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> June.

All Board Members will attend.

#### **Ground Owners' Meetings** Scheduled as follows:

East Midlands	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
West Midlands	9 <sup>th</sup> October
South West	16 <sup>th</sup> October
South East	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
North	9 <sup>th</sup> November

Regional Director's, will attend their respective Regional Ground Owners Meetings. National Directors will attend all or any. Terry Blaney, Phil Boakes and John Perry will attend all Ground Owner Meetings.

### **Web Site**

Danusia Jollife's departure has meant that the article for Pull Magazine on web site usage has not been done. Phil Boakes will check to see if she is prepared to undertake the project on contract to the CPSA thereby expediting matters.

## **EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Membership** continues to rise in line with forecasts. Roxanne Duval has produced a First Quarter Review of her activities in Membership Development. There was broad agreement on the high quality of the report.

**Youth Induction Training** There were discussions to determine whether the £1,000 contribution could be increased. Phil Boakes confirmed that additional funds were not available at the present but perhaps this could be looked at in the future when it is known what the take up has been. Similarly expansion of the scheme to County level cannot be supported at this time and not all of the Counties have sufficient funds to participate.

**Encouragement of grounds to reduce costs** A number of grounds offer a reduced cost for bringing along a son or daughter. The CPSA will continue to encourage this approach, but recognise that the Ground Owners are independent businessmen who must have the freedom to determine their shooting charges.

**Schools League** Not currently part of the CPSA area of responsibility, but to be subjected to a review and decision in the coming months.

**BASC "Go Shooting"** The web site, ([www.goshooting.org.uk](http://www.goshooting.org.uk)), for this initiative has no photographs of clay target shooting included.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Nothing discussed other than relative to the World Sporting Championship, (earlier).

## **PROTECT OUR SPORT**

Discussions continue with a view to establishing the benefits or otherwise of unifying the target shooting sports. Joint Press Announcements will be made following the meetings.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Fruitiger LT 55 Roman** Adopted as the corporate font. It transpires that downloading certain documentation there can be distortion for those persons without this font loaded onto their pc's

**Life Vice President Award** Investigations into presenting a plaque or framed certificate are to be initiated..

**Directors' CV's and photographs** To be posted on the web site.

**Minutes of Board Meetings** are to be distributed by e-mail as soon as finalised, thereby enabling Board Members to progress agreed actions. A hard copy will be included within the Board Package.

**DTL Home International Referee** Rodney Mitchell applied and was unanimously agreed to be a most suitable candidate.

**Bisley Open Day /6<sup>th</sup> May** Attendance by a member of CPSA HQ Staff is unlikely.

**GBTSF** are renting a room at HQ. Phil Boakes will attend a meeting on behalf of the General Assembly in Zagreb on behalf of GBTSF. The meeting clashes with the Game Fair.



**Franchising the CPSA Merchandising** We are investigating options.

**National Director Vacancy** To be considered during the interim and discussed at the next Board Meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)**

June	July	September	October	December
6 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> (provisional)	12 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>