



The future of our sport

**DRAFT MINUTES of the
CPSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
held at
Holiday Inn, Taunton, Somerset
on
29th March 2008 09:00 hrs**

PRESENT:

Mr TWD Blaney	Chairman
Mr WA Heeks	Vice Chairman & Regional Director – North
Mr PJ Boakes	Chief Executive & Director
Mr T Bobbett	National Director
Mr K Walsh	National Director
Mr BD Curtis	Regional Director – East Midlands
Mr AJ Kirkland	Regional Director – West Midlands
Mr C Fielding	Regional Director – West Midlands (designate)
Mrs N Heron	Regional Director – South East
Mr KJ Newton	Regional Director – South West

GUESTS:

Mrs M Voller	Operations Manager
Mrs JL Andrews	Commercial Manager
Mr C McVerry	Training Manager
Mr GA Davis	Graeme Bruce & Partners
Mr M Martin	Honorary Solicitor

MINUTES SECRETARY:

In the absence of a Minutes Secretary, MV/JLA agreed to jointly record the Action Minutes.

WELCOME:

TWDB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th February 2008

Proposed by WAH and seconded by BDC.

MATTERS ARISING:

None

CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

Proxy Voting – AGM 2008

A number of open proxy votes had been produced and presented to the CEO in accordance with the Articles of the Association. There was some debate within the Board Meeting as to whether the votes were constitutional and legal. Malcolm Martin (Hon. Solicitor) was called upon to advise the directors and had deemed them to be so. Following discussion and on a majority vote it was decided that said proxy votes would not be used at the AGM which follows the Board Meeting.

Strategic Issues 2008

Membership Increase

Whilst there had been a downturn in membership over the winter period, the figures for February had increased slightly and showed that the trend was actually up from previous years within the same time period. PJB explained there were a number of projects underway to help increase membership and in addition explained that the Isle of Mann association, with approximately 100 members, who he had been in discussion with, had confirmed their desire to work with and under the umbrella of the CPSA for both classification and membership from 1st April 2008.

NATSS Progress

The Chairman and other Board members had been attending the workshops which were currently being held around the Country. The Chairman called for an update from all present who had attended:

WA Heeks (North) – a very positive outcome to the day

BC (Midlands) – Gave a positive feedback but also felt the aims and objectives needed some clarification.

N Heron (South East) – in favour of the change, but felt there was still a lot of work to do in order to make it attractive enough to get it passed by the membership. There had been a lot more NSRA and NRA members in attendance on the day and it was obvious that the other two organisations do not understand how the CPSA are run and visa versa.

ACTION: NH to advise TWDB/PJB who the facilitators were on the day she attended in order that some points could be taken up for clarification.

London 2012

TWDB gave an overview of the recent All Party Group for shooting meeting, which he had attended as Chairman of the CPSA on 26th February 2008. He advised that yet again the Woolwich venue had been discussed and confirmed that not one target shooting NGB or for that matter shooting body was in favour of holding the games at this venue. LOCOG confirmed however, that no other venue was to be considered and the games would definitely be held at Woolwich in 2012. TWDB explained that everything which could have been done to dissuade them from holding the games in Woolwich had been done, but they had confirmed that they would go ahead without us if we continued to object or withdrew our support.

John Leighton-Dyson, as a representative from British Shooting confirmed to the meeting that if Woolwich were to be the venue, then British Target shooters would ensure The Games were as successful as possible.

TWDB added that if Woolwich were to be the venue against our wishes, then target shooting sports would be seeking a real and lasting legacy in return for their acceptance of the venue. LOCOG made the suggestion that the venue could be created in modular form, so that all traps and equipment could be demounted and re-constructed on an alternative ground (the venue to be agreed). It was now, therefore, up to British Shooting who is the body that LOCOG deal with on all matters relating to the 2012 games, to find a suitable outcome for this.

The next LOCOG meeting is due to be held in May and both PJB and Keith Murray (British Shooting) would be in attendance together with others who had been invited by LOCOG to flesh out the substance of an agreement.

On a final note, whilst Woolwich will be dismantled in the main, it is the intention that there will be a small legacy left at the location in that some 10m air pistol lanes will remain in place.

Sponsorship

JLA should maintain the work she is currently undertaking to gain sponsorship for the organisation, through Championships and directly with the CPSA.

ACTION: JLA

Young Shots

The Board recognised the need to continually involve youngsters in the sport and it was suggested we should increase our activity through schools.

ACTION: CMV

ICTSC

PJB had received a letter from the National Sporting Clays Association, which was discussed by the Board. The letter explained that the USA does not want to expand the countries involved in the current World sporting championship and is prepared to continue holding their own “World” event annually in the USA.

PJB proposed that the CPSA go ahead with the ICTSF initial proposal and run its own world sporting, skeet and dtl events and invite the USA to attend. PJB clarified that this would mean the World Sporting would then be held every three years, along with Trap and Skeet. He also believed that was no reason that he could think of not to hold an event in North America in our rota, should we so wish.

NH commented that the name of the event has to be considered in the change to ensure that there is no dispute with the USA over what we call the championship.

**PJB: Put a motion to the Board to continue to expand the World event.
The motion was carried unanimously.**

World DTL Championships

PJB asked the Board to clarify the number of teams taking part in this championship. He explained that only one team is funded (14 in total) and that he was usually questioned by the dtl shooters as to whether further teams could be allowed to represent England albeit at their own cost. It was agreed that this would be acceptable, provided members had “earned” their places on the team through the normal selection processes (H/Int). In the case of the juniors, ladies and veterans teams, agreement was reached whereby in addition to those who had gained a place in the England team for 08, only past England team members would be able to make up the remaining places. A method of selection will have to be devised for any remaining slots.

**PJB: Put a motion to the Board to allow two further teams.
The motion was carried unanimously.**

Veteran Age

The ICPSA had requested at the February council meeting for a formalisation of the age of Veterans over all disciplines throughout the member council countries. They suggested the reduction of Veterans age to 55. This could well mean that if people over the age of 55 became Veterans, a Super Veterans team of members over 65 would almost certainly have to be considered and the move to 55 for competition purposes would raise the issue of membership fees application.

**ICPSA: motion to the Board to reduce the Veterans age.
The motion was not carried.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

ESP Selection Shoots

A question was raised regarding the number of selection shoots a potential team member would have to shoot in order to qualify for either the Home International or a World sporting team place. It was advised a shooter would be required to shoot 4 out of 7 for Home Internationals and 4 of out of 5 for a World ESP place.

The website needs to be updated to reflect this. T Heeks also agreed to speak with G Dorrall from HQ regarding this issue.

ACTION: MV, WAH

Pull! Magazine

There was a query from the Board as to whether or not the new Editor would be publishing results within the new magazine. JLA explained that a discussion had taken place on this issue, but would clarify to the Board the intended action as soon as possible. There was also some debate as to whether in the new publication the Regional Reports were to be an average of 400 or 500 words. KJN advised that a template set up by Bourne Publishing had been created in the past which indicated 500 words. JLA asked for a copy of this as it was not something she had been made aware of.

ACTION: JLA, KJN

Beretta World

The Board asked for clarification on what involvement the CPSA were to have with this event. JLA gave an update to the board in this regard.

Academy Pages on CPSA Website

AJK explained that the current wording on the Academy pages of the website was not out of date and needed clarification. It was agreed that the pages should be re-worded and changes made to the website accordingly.

ACTION: AJK, CMV

Coaches list on CPSA Website

At the first Academy forum held at Bisley on 4th February, it was requested that the current coaching list should be more closely aligned with the Academy, in order not to disenfranchise those members of the coaching team who had not joined the Academy. PJB explained that costs had been received, but also that the CPSA website was to be re-produced during 2008. He was loath, therefore, to spend money on the current website when the situation would be addressed within the new website structure. All were in agreement.

Directors' Charity Donation 2008

ALK advised that the Warwickshire CPSA were holding a charity event in aid of the 4 firemen who lost their lives last year in a factory blaze. Around table the Board and other guests contributed £150 to the fund. It was also agreed that this event would be added to the CPSA website in order to help raise awareness of the event and hopefully raise more funds for the families of the deceased men.

ACTION: JLA

DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

13 th	8 th	2 nd	21 st	9 th
May	July	September	October	December

MEETING CONCLUDED

NOTE:

In the event that an allocated action has not been completed by the time of the next meeting, it should be brought to the attention of The Board or it will be assumed that all allocated actions have been completed.