

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

**Held at Edmonton House, Bisley National Shooting Centre,
Brookwood, Woking, Surrey, GU24 0NP**

on Tuesday 9th October 2012

PRESENT:

Mr TR Bobbett	Chairman/National Director
Mr CD Butler	Regional Director – East Midlands
Mr R Kibblewhite	Regional Director – West Midlands
Mr J Offord	Regional Director – South East
Mr KJ Newton	Regional Director – South West
Mr G Walker	National Director
Mr N Fellows	CEO

MINUTES SECRETARY:

Ms M Voller

APOLOGIES:

Mr WA Heeks Deputy Chairman/ Regional Director – North

IN ATTENDANCE;

Mr DJ Jellicoe Guest

1. FORMALITIES

TRB opened the meeting at 0910 hrs, and welcomed all present. He confirmed that there was a quorum present, and that apologies had been received from WAH, who was not well, and had never missed a Board meeting before. He welcomed David Jellicoe who was interested in standing for the vacant National Director position and had been invited to sit in on the Board meeting.

Declaration of interest: None.

a) Minutes of the 31st July 2012 meeting

Proposed by JO, and seconded by RK. All present were in favour.

b) Matters arising:

i) Item 11 – Footwear policy RK enquired whether the changes which had been agreed concerning this new rule had yet been published. TRB replied that as the new rule will not be applied until the 1st January 2013, nothing had yet been published. NF added that only in exceptional cases are the rules changed during the year, and this and any other changes made would be published by the 1st January. TRB additionally stated that the current dress code contained within our rules only applied to main championships, and he considered that this should apply to all registered shoots. All were in agreement with this being implemented. CDB requested that all changes be published in PULL! magazine as shooters are often unaware that rules have been amended.

ii) Item 8 - DTL selection shoots RK queried whether the proposed changes regarding selection shoots for the England DTL teams came within the remit of the Rules Sub Committee. He has received a mixed feed back from the shooters he has spoken to, and wondered whether the way forward might be to send a questionnaire to regular and ex members of the team to

obtain their views, particularly as one or two people on the Sub Committee have not actually been in any of the England teams. The general feeling was that it would be a good thing to keep the costs down, but more thought was needed into the format of the selection process. It was already too late for 2013 as the process of qualifying scores from this year had already started. TRB said that if questionnaires were to be sent out to 100+ people and the Sub Committee consulted, it would take time so 2014 would be a more realistic target for any changes.

2. CEO report

NF opened his report by stating that he considered this season had gone well with more grounds expressing interest in holding championships, and following success at the Olympic Games interest in our sport is growing.

2:1 Staffing Work on the database and website is progressing apace and is scheduled for completion around February, and PT is very much on top of this project. The impact upon the workload at Head Office will be most marked for LH and MS who have been heavily involved in re-entering information relating to membership and results, so their roles will undergo some change. Consideration was also required for RW's role as National Development Manager, which NF considered very important to the organisation, when Sport England funding ends in March 2013. Clubs are now feeling more connected to the Association and benefits are starting to be shown including extending the League next year and being more involved in Young Shots Days. NF therefore proposed that LH may be able to support RW in his role following the IT update.

2:2 Talent programme NF reported on the recent meeting held between himself, TRB, RK, JO and Ian Coley to discuss the establishing of a talent programme in order to identify potentially talented young shooters and support their subsequent progression in the sport. A series of talent days will be established at Regional centres which will be attended by assessors and talent scouts, and will be held probably during school holidays. This will lead to selected youngsters being invited to attend Regional squad training days when coaches will be in attendance to offer advice and guidance, and help to progress them. It will cover all disciplines with an emphasis on channelling into the Olympic disciplines from where future success will ensure adequate funding for future Olympic athletes from UK Sport. However, as a governing body the Association needed to support all the disciplines. NF stated that it would have been a challenge to set any days up for this half term, and the Xmas holidays are also not a good time, so the focus would now be on the Easter holidays. DJJ commented that Hodnet would be hosting the BUCS championships when 600 shooters between the ages of 16 and 23 will attend. RK observed that there was also a need to attract more female shooters, whilst JO had noticed that the percentage of lady clients going to him had increased recently. All agreed that it was a good starting point in order to identify our future talent.

2:3 Insurance – WWSI Since preparing his report for the Board pack, NF had received a message from Ian Braid informing him that progress had been made on the coaching cover. However, an income limit has been introduced into the discussion which NF thinks is related to a problem they have regarding Professional Indemnity, but discussions are still taking place. With regard to members Legal expenses insurance, WWSI are working on this with Abbey Legal, and it is acknowledged that there is a need for a lawyer who knows the sport well enough to advise members on it.

CDB queried whether our members are informed at the age of 80 that they no longer have Personal Accident cover under our policy. NF confirmed that they still held Public Liability, and the information is out there regarding the Personal Accident limits, but he was uncertain whether the Association was being specific enough when a member reached their 80th birthday renewal. DJJ stated that it is de facto for the recipient to make himself/herself aware of the limit of their cover, whilst RK considered that the Association had discharged its responsibility by enclosing a leaflet with each membership renewal.

NF additionally confirmed that there had been no progress on Club Legal expenses which he found very disappointing. This was made clear at the meeting he had with Ian Braid on the 4th October, and they are aware that the Association will be looking elsewhere next year.

2:4 CPSA Championships NF reported that entry numbers for the various championships had held up well compared with the previous year, and a good feedback had been received on the additional prize money which H/O had put into events. The reduction in Junior and Colt entry fees had also been widely appreciated, and entries in both categories had increased because of it. Two Disabled categories had been introduced in Sportrap this year, and feedback had been very positive. Sport England are very keen on this type of policy, and for 2013 NF would like to see all our championships include these two categories in all the disciplines with a caveat on ESP as some grounds cannot accommodate this. RK commented that most sporting grounds are accessible with a little help, but DJJ was concerned that we could be accused of reverse discrimination.

NF therefore proposed that (a) the reduced entry rate of £10 for Juniors and Colts, and (b) the introduction of the two Disabled categories into all our championships with a caveat on ESP, be introduced in 2013. There was agreement to both these proposals by all present.

NF also reported on sponsorship confirmation by Edgar Brothers for the BO ESP next year. Promatic is additionally prepared to continue supporting events held at Promatic grounds, as well as The Clay Pigeon Company/Laporte should any ground which largely uses their traps hold one of our championships. Tenders for the ESP championships are to be sent out shortly to all registered grounds, as well as being displayed on the website. NF confirmed that a decision on the venues will be made by the Ground Sub Committee or the Board. DJJ requested that the specifications for referees and the numbers required be hardened up within the contract due to his experience at the World ESP this year with 5 no shows and only one reserve referee. NF confirmed that within their contract the grounds are required to provide the Association with the names of sufficiently qualified referees at least one week ahead of the event. RK stated that some grounds had problems locating sufficiently qualified referees especially with the cost of travel and possible accommodation needs. CDB commented that he understood some grounds had not adhered to their contracts, but considered that these should be enforced in future. NF replied that for next year he intended that there should be a conversation with each selected ground thoroughly going through all the contract requirements. DJJ suggested that cost cutting may have caused some of the problems at this year's World event, i.e. a case of supply and demand, but RK replied that the Association could not dictate to the grounds what they must pay a referee.

2:5 Commercial Plan NF reported that work has been commissioned from a former Commercial Director of the LTA who now operates independently. It will enable us to obtain an outsider's experienced view on our 'properties', so that we can identify potential partners (especially from outside the sport) and put together relevant presentations to appropriate companies on his recommendation. It should be completed by the end of November and NF hoped to report back at the next Board meeting.

2:6 British Shooting update/England development plan 3 independent, non-executive Directors, including a sitting MP, have been appointed by British Shooting.

The bid for development plan funding has now been submitted to Sport England, and we will be interviewed later this month.

2:7 Events

- a) *CPSA Annual awards* – Currently finalising details with the remaining sponsors. Decision taken to extend the dinner in order to accommodate up to 150 guests because of the interest generated and members indicating that they would like to purchase tickets in order to attend.
- b) *The Schools Challenge* – After our first year of supporting this event, agreement has been reached that we will become title partners for 2013 thereby illustrating our encouragement and support of youth shooting. It is anticipated that the base of the championship will broaden along with the possibility of regionally based qualifiers ahead of a national final.
- c) *Young Shot Days* – Excellent feed back received so far to this new initiative. 22 days are already established around the country.

d) *The CPSA Corporate Challenge Cup* – Following on from discussions during his meeting at EJ Churchill, NF considers there is merit in attempting to put a competition together for those who take part in corporate shoots. If it were to be accepted, it is anticipated that it could be held around May time, and would bring us into contact with companies who could open doors for future sponsorship. If viable there is the possibility of introducing a Corporate membership package, and all present agreed it was an avenue which was well worth pursuing.

e) *Game Fairs* – The Midland Game Fair was well attended and considered a success. Two GB team members, Abbey Burton and Aaron Heading were in attendance and did an excellent job of promoting us and the sport. Our next attendance will be at the British Shooting Show being held at Stoneleigh in February 2013.

2:8 *Regional AGMs* - The first of the Regional AGMs will be held in the North Region on the 8th November, and it is the intention of NF and TRB to attend each Regional AGM. NF requested a formal slot on each of the Agendas in order that he may say a few words, and share a few ideas and thoughts of how the Association could support the County and Regional Committees, plus answer any questions that members may wish to ask.

2:9 NF was investigating the possibility of the Association investing in a laser clay system which volunteers could take to County shows etc in order to give the uninitiated a feel for the sport and generate interest. The system uses lasers, has sound effects as per actual clay shooting, but no recoil. It is a system that goes in the back of a car and is easily transportable. JO expressed an interest in the system, and DJJ had seen it working and considered it a very good system. It could also provide a revenue stream for the County or Regional Committees who could possibly charge £2 - £3 per head, and would additionally be a promotional tool for our sport, a primary function of the Association. It can also be used indoors so use of it would not be limited to the summer months. Careful planning would be required via H/O to ensure that everybody who wished to exploit the opportunity had fair access to it. JO proposed that the purchase of Laser Sport should proceed. This was seconded by GW and all were in favour of it. It was agreed to arrange a demonstration prior to a final purchase decision.

3:0 *Communications* – There has been a large increase in recent months in the number of articles appearing on our website, which in turn has generated more visitors. A redesign will be part of the IT development over the next few months in order to accommodate more articles, together with the need to promote the England teams more. Georgie is to co-ordinate a review of the year incorporating our Olympic Games, World ESP and other successes which could then go on the web, and can be used with partners, sponsors, and stakeholders. This would, in effect, be a showcase of what we have achieved as a governing body. RK queried whether our success items/Major championship results were routinely sent to the National papers for publication. NF considered it work in progress for Georgie and should include articles in local papers regarding Young Shots days etc.

3. Operations Update – S. Oldman

i) Staffing The appointment of a temporary member of staff has been delayed until early 2013 when the workload increases with the onset of the new season.

ii) IT Update It has been progressing well under the leadership of PT. TSG, the developers of the new system, are coming to H/O on the 23rd October which will really start the programme. Minor changes have already been made to the website including the way in which VSP applications are processed.

iii) Championships The conclusion of another very successful Championship season, and CA has done a very good job in her inaugural year as Championships Co-ordinator. RK expressed his satisfaction for the manner in which the staff had performed at the events, and in particular at the World ESP where he considered they had performed way above what had been expected of them.

iv) Facilities The written report of the building maintenance survey, carried out on the 19th September, is still awaited. Verbal confirmation has been received that no work is required on the roof.

v) 2013 AGM and Awards Dinner The venue booked is the Hilton Hotel, Swindon, Wiltshire and has sufficient capacity to seat 150 for the Awards dinner. It is situated just off the M4 so is easily accessible. Nothing was available for either the date or the capacity required around Taunton, the previous venue for the meeting when held in the South West Region, or Bristol the preferred location this time.

vi) Classifications CA has the work in hand ready for the cut off date of 31st October.

CDB raised a query regarding clarification of County or Regional status of a shooter's correct home address. KJN asserted that the shooter's County has always been the one which is shown on their Council tax as post codes are not necessarily county based. DJJ suggested that another form of confirmation would be the Register of Electors. MS stated that members are assigned to the County according to the address they have given, and should there be a query, he will refer to a road atlas. SO concluded by stating that they can only rely on the honesty of a shooter in supplying the correct information when they apply for, or renew, their membership.

4. Commercial update – Simon Barber

i) Member Survey SB had distributed a printed version of the Member Survey carried out in July by Archant which he considered contained some very interesting and informative comments. Another meeting is planned shortly between himself and Archant when a discussion will take place on what information gleaned from the survey can be positively utilised. SB stated that whilst there had been a complete change in the editorial team in the first six months of its publication by Archant, he acknowledged that more shooting knowledge was required on the editorial side.

ii) PULL! RK queried the seemingly long lead time required by the magazine as by the time the articles submitted by members and County Secretaries is printed, it is often outdated. SB acknowledged that whilst Archant had a more formalised sign off procedure than Deasons, he considered that it was time that they needed at the moment.

iii) Publicity TRB queried whether the results of our championships such as the BO ESP, apart from being uploaded on to our own website at the time and subsequently appearing in PULL!, were sent to the main news desks of the daily papers. SB replied that a write up of the championship is compiled by a commercial writer, usually Don Brunt, but nothing is sent to the daily papers. RK commented that results of the Police Championships which he forwards to the Daily Telegraph almost always appear in print, so it could be a worthwhile exercise. TRB observed that as our own website is updated each evening of a Major championship, would it not be possible for a set of results to be sent to the daily papers at the same time. SB replied that the intention was for Georgie to become more involved with events next year, and this could be an avenue for distribution purposes which she could go down.

5. Finance Update – C.Pierre

i) Membership Membership figures for August decreased by 23 making a total of 23,544. CP considered that membership had now reached a plateau, with NF stating that the Association was advertising more widely in other magazines where hopefully more game shooters will pick up on the value of the insurance aspect of the membership. Club membership has increased by 7 over the last month totalling 367.

ii) Championships Following a final calculation on the championships overall, CP reported a loss of £15,600 which was due to the additional prize money being added to the pot together with the reduced entry fee for Juniors and Colts. TRB queried whether it was a cost effective exercise, and had our members been aware of it. NF said that it should be publicised more next year and he was sure it would encourage more entries. Apart from some of the money being added to the top of the prize tree, it had also enabled prize money to be distributed further down each class. All agreed that it should be more widely advertised next year.

iii) Courses CP announced this year's 50% share of course surplus monies which will be paid back to the Regions.

South East	-	£1,600
W.Midlands	-	£500
E.Midlands	-	£950
South West	-	Nil
North	-	Nil

KJN queried the Nil figure for the South West as two courses had been held at Southern Counties. CP was not aware of having received any paperwork regarding these courses, but would investigate further.

iv) Profit & Loss spreadsheet CP had produced Profit & Loss budget spreadsheets for 2013 which gave projected figures for the following year and showed various scenarios if membership fees were increased either across the board or by different percentages according to the different membership categories. She had also allowed for a further drop in membership in her projected figures in some scenarios.

A discussion was held during which views were expressed ranging from whether membership rates should be raised at all, to sums being quoted of how much each category should be increased. The following figures were agreed and passed on a vote of 4:2

<i>Life memberships:</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>£1000</i>
	<i>Vet Life</i>	<i>£550</i>
	<i>Disabled Life</i>	<i>£725</i>
	<i>Disabled Vet Life</i>	<i>£400</i>

Annual memberships: £1 increase across all membership rates with the exclusion of Junior and Colts which will remain unchanged and a £2 increase in Clubman

Trade Membership: To remain unchanged

<i>Club Membership:</i>	<i>To be increased by 5%</i>	
	<i>Associated</i>	<i>£63</i>
	<i>Affiliated</i>	<i>£80</i>
	<i>Registered</i>	<i>£144</i>
	<i>Premier</i>	<i>£208</i>
	<i>Premier Plus</i>	<i>£259</i>

All increases to be effective from the 1st January 2013.

v) Government pension scheme CP confirmed that 2017 will be the date when the Association will need to implement the new Government scheme. However, even after that date, each employee will still have the ability to opt out if they so desire.

LUNCH BREAK taken during which GW tendered his apologies and left the meeting.

6. ESK Reg Amendment

CDB distributed a written requested change to the ESK rules as asked of him by a member. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the rule which related to doubles (both clays) being hit by a single first shot should remain as currently written in Booklet 7 (Technical rules).

7. Anti-Bribery Policy

In order for the Association to meet the requirements of the Anti-Bribery Act 2010, which came into force on 1st July 2011, TRB had produced an Anti-Bribery policy, a copy of which had been

included in the Board pack. All present were in agreement with the contents, and NF would now present it to each member of staff and directors to sign.

8. Governance/Articles etc

a) Proxy form TRB distributed a copy of a typical, modern, proxy form belonging to another organisation. It was personalised with the name of the member and was sent out, specifying any resolutions, together with the notification of details of their AGM. It thus allowed every member to vote by proxy on any resolutions to be brought before the AGM that year. TRB suggested this was a more democratic method than that currently operated by the CPSA. He added it would require a Special Resolution to change the articles to incorporate this form. Agreement by all for a proxy form to be produced conforming to these guidelines.

b) Chairman/Deputy election GW considered it would be a good idea for the name/s of the Director/s intending to stand for this position at the AGM to be included in PULL! in order to keep all the members informed. RK stated that it could not currently be made a "Must" for a director to declare their intention in advance of the AGM. JO thought it an excellent idea as it would provide an opportunity for each individual to say why they want to stand for this position and what they considered they could contribute to the role. TRB observed that in a normal company the Chairman would be recruited by a sub-committee of the board and ratified by the shareholders, not elected by the shareholders in the first place. He saw merit in this as it would lead to the Chairman being under continuous assessment by the other directors who, presumably, would be able to remove him/her from office in certain circumstances. RK stated that the Deputy Chairman should be appointed with a view to ultimately taking over as Chairman i.e. succession planning. TRB confirmed that if the Association was to adopt this approach to electing both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman it would require a change in the Articles. He considered it important that the Association aligned itself in order to progress as a Limited Company, and both suggestions complied with good practice and good governance. It was pointed out that if it is intended to seek public funding other criteria will also need to be met such as 25% minimum of the Board being female. However, with only circa 5% of our membership being female this could possibly be seen as over representation.

9. Commonwealth Games Selection Procedure

At the previous Board meeting it had been stated that the England team was selected according to BICTSF ranking. TA had since written to state that this was incorrect and a MCS (Minimum Consideration Score) had always been used. KJN thought that the MCS system was not really workable and should be dropped, and then suggested an alternative method of team selection with scores only applicable if they were this year's and had come from England events. NF read out draft correspondence received from British Shooting which mentioned a squad comprising of 6 men, 4 women and a wild card. The squad could comprise of any mix, and the rankings would be according to BICTSF. NF would be attending a meeting on Thursday when this would be discussed, and it was proposed by RK that any decision be deferred until the outcome of this meeting is known. A considered decision could then be made on which system of selection to use. This was seconded by CDB and all present were in agreement. NF said that as both British Shooting and BICTSF have meetings scheduled before our next Board meeting, we should be able to make a decision in December.

10. Referees/Championship regulations

KJN had requested amendment to Booklet 5 (General Rules and Regulations)) Rule 3.0 (Page 19) which currently states that CPSA qualified referees "*must be used at Championship events*". It was agreed that it was not always practical for grounds to supply qualified referees for County or Regional events, and that the wording should be amended to read that qualified referees must be used at Major and Minor CPSA Championships (i.e. EO and BO events).

Action: SO for amendment to Booklet 5

11. Clothing/footwear Regulations

Further to Item 11 agreed upon at the last Board meeting, TRB asked the Directors to consider that all registered shoots and not just championships should include the banning of open toed footwear. After a brief discussion all were in agreement with this suggestion. It was additionally agreed that the Dress Code (Section 18 of Booklet 5) should be extended to cover all registered shoots in addition to those events listed under 18:2.

Action: SO for amendment to Booklet 5

12. Tie Shoot-offs

KJN requested a change to the current shoot off rules affecting team events in DTL, ESK, ESP and ABT disciplines. He explained that under ISSF rules in the event of a tie it proceeded immediately to a “sudden death” procedure rather than our process of a further round which is only then, if necessary, followed by the “sudden death” format. The problem which arises is the time it takes at the end of a long day, and that none of the competition scores etc can be completed until the shoot offs are finished. DJJ considered more people were likely to stay for the prize giving while RK stated that DTL shooters would not be happy with this suggestion. CDB could sympathise with both sides of the argument, but agreed that those shooters who had consistently shot straights throughout the competition would almost always shoot the same again, and could therefore understand the logic to KJN’s request. For the Olympic disciplines, KJN proposed that they follow the ISSF recommendations. RK suggested that it be referred to the relevant Sub Committees for their approval, adding that confirmation had still not been received from all the Regions on the names of their representatives. All agreed.

13. Orston SG

At the request of SO, RK reported that he had visited Orston SG ten days previously as they had applied to be regraded to Premier or Premier Plus status. WAH should have accompanied him on the visit, but had been unable to attend through illness and RK had therefore carried out the inspection on his own. RK illustrated the layout of the ground on the flip chart, and stated that normally 13 – 14 stands are run during an ESP event, but this could be increased to 20 if necessary. DTL and ESK were also a possibility. Photographs had also been taken by RK whilst at the venue which he considered demonstrated the ground’s suitability for upgrading, and these were passed around the Board table. KJN commented that the size of the ground would preclude any major championships with the exception of ESP. It was established that the ground currently holds one ESP registered a month, and RK reported that the day ticket system has worked well at the ground with shooters subsequently joining the Association. CDB commented that he would be happier if the ground ran a Regional championship before being offered a Major one in order to cut their teeth on a slightly bigger event than a routine registered shoot. If this was to happen in 2013, RK thought that they could be considered for a Major or Minor event in 2014.

RK proposed that the ground be awarded Premier Plus status. This was seconded by CDB and was agreed by all present.

14. BO ESP Format

WAH had requested a decision on the format of the BO ESP Championship for 2013. Unless a major sponsor came forward and wanted a “grand shoot-off”, he considered it should be first past the post instead of the format of qualifiers from each day competing in a shoot off on the final day. All were in agreement that it should be first past the post.

15. Release Triggers

KJN reported that on safety grounds the ISSF had banned release triggers, and he asked that the Board considered banning them for the same reasons from all the English disciplines. DJJ stated that as a referee he would back this request as he considered them dangerous in the case of a misfire, or when the need arose to unload the gun because of a no bird or trap problem. Additionally, only a small percentage of referees were familiar with how to handle this type of gun should a problem occur on their layout. RK argued strongly against a ban and

queried that if a ban was introduced, what should be considered a fair amount of notice in order to allow for guns which possess this type of trigger to be modified. TRB suggested the 1st January 2013 when other rule changes come into operation, but RK considered that this could be too short a period.

KJN proposed that on safety grounds release triggers be banned from use in any of the English disciplines, bringing the Association into line with ISSF regulations already introduced. This was seconded by CDB and carried by a 4:1 majority. A commencement date of the 1st April 2013 was also carried by a 4:1 vote.

The decision will need to be referred to ICTSC because of its impact upon the Home Internationals, together with an explanation that the decision has been taken on the grounds of Health & Safety and in line with ISSF.

Note: Subsequent to the Board meeting further advice has been sought and also a number of representations made by CPSA members who use release triggers. Given the importance of the issue both in the UK and Internationally the Board have decided to hold a consultation and invite members to write or e-mail Head Office during November 2012 with their views. The Board will consider all such responses and make a final decision thereafter.

16. Correspondence

i) Correspondence had been received from Mr J.Kitson (2540) relating to two separate items, (a) the Home International held in N.Ireland during August, and (b) a Welsh Open shoot held at Fauxdegla on the 22nd July. Copies of the subsequent correspondence between TRB and JK on the issues raised regarding the Home International, as well as a copy of the reply sent by the WCTSA to JK were enclosed in the Board pack. Both issues have now been concluded.

ii) Disabled Member Concessions A letter had been received from Mr AD Hudson (63685), who is a disabled shooter, requesting concessions which would allow him to shoot alternative targets when competing in registered competitions as he is unable, due to his condition, to shoot driven targets. RK was both sympathetic and supportive of Mr. Hudson's problem, but acknowledged that allowing this request could cause problems for the grounds, and could possibly be seen as giving the disabled shooter an unfair advantage. There was agreement around the table that in this instance the request could not be granted. RK asked that SO reply to Mr.Hudson with the Board's decision.

Action: SO to reply to member

iii) AAA classification JO asked for clarification on the use of the AAA classification in ESP events. It was confirmed that this classification was for use only at Major championships, and not at other registered events.

17. AOB

i) ESP rule and simo pairs CDB had raised a query regarding the viewing of "simo pairs" twice within the ESP discipline. TRB confirmed that NF has passed this on to the ESP Sub Committee, and stated a member had recently highlighted to him similar problems for shooters when competing in Double Rise. To await the comments from the Sub Committee.

ii) England team Funding RK raised the issue that the amount which England Team members can claim for expenses when representing the country had remained unchanged for eight years. As next year's draft budget had been drawn up, he requested that the possibility of raising the sum could be reconsidered in twelve month's time. TRB observed that we are more generous than any other country, and KJN asked for it to be put on the Agenda for the next Board meeting.

lii National Inter-Counties RK reported that there had been over 200 entries at the recent National Inter-counties ESP event held at Westfield SG.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm
