

**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 1st October 2013

PRESENT:

Mr W A Heeks	Acting Chairman/ Regional Director – North
Mr R Kibblewhite	Regional Director – West Midlands
Mr J Offord	Regional Director – South East
Mr T R Bobbett	National Director
Mr D J Jellicoe	National Director
Mr G Walker	National Director
Mr K J Newton	Regional Director – South West
Mr N Fellows	CEO

GUEST:

Mr C Hames	Representing East Midlands
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MINUTES SECRETARY:

Mr S C Oldman

APOLOGIES:

None

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None

QUORUM:

A quorum was declared present.

Minutes of the board meeting 23rd July 2013:-

CH requested confirmation that section 20(b) of the articles had been conformed with regarding KN apologies for previous meetings. TB confirmed that the reasons given had been accepted by the Board.

CH was concerned that KN had missed three consecutive meetings. RK stated that it would only be necessary to record an explanation if the other Directors were not happy with that given. TRB stated that if the Board accepts an explanation then it is not an issue.

CH then asked if the proper procedure was followed? TRB stated it was and reminded CH that minutes are not verbatim. DJ said that CH's enquiry was based on the minutes. If the Board were not happy with the apologies it would have been in the minutes.

CH stated that the option of co-opting a director for the East Midlands not being feasible was not mentioned, it was never discussed therefore the minutes are incorrect. He proposed the sentence starting with "However" and ending with "feasible" should be removed. It was then proposed by GW and seconded by KN that the recording would be checked and minutes amended if necessary.

CH Item 11. The minutes have been amended to reflect a correction but this is incorrect now. He accepted that it was an error made but the minutes should be amended to reflect the discussion. DJ stated this was nit-picking and a waste of time. RK agreed that we do have more important issues to discuss. TRB added this was a practical point - are we not better to have a correct summary? The minutes are a summary and amending them to record the reality, rather than the precise word spoken, was a pragmatic solution. CH was making a trivial point which made no

difference to the running of the association. CH stated that he would like the minutes changed back to being incorrect with a note stating what they say now. TRB interjected that this discussion was taking far too long and left the meeting to request Peter Tomlin to make the amendment and update the website.

Matters Arising:-

Contamination of Rape Seed.

RK asked if there was any more information to report on this topic.

NF replied saying that CCI had mentioned that alternative manufacturing processes were being investigated. A meeting with Laporte had been delayed so there was nothing more to report at present. NF will discuss with the major manufacturers. DJ suggested this was a Farm Assurance Scheme issue and there is unlikely to be any more we can do at present.

ABT Target Speed.

RK informed the Board that this has now been floated to the ABT Discipline Panel and discussions were held on slowing targets down. This needs to be taken back to the ICTSC but more work is required first by the CPSA. John Nightingale wanted targets slowed down to 70 mtrs. KN said that this had been tried about 10 years ago. GW advised that this must be discussed with the shooters and the panel, then put to the ICTSC if necessary. NF informed everyone that the new CRM system will allow us to contact selected members more efficiently. KN stated that scores were noticeably better when speed was slower. NF said that he was aware of a possible new FITASC discipline to bridge the gap to help attract new shooters into ABT. More information to follow when available.

TB advised that members are saying targets are too hard & too extreme. Alison Dupree had suggested leaving everything alone and letting it settle down as there had been too many changes in recent years. Panel views are mixed. NF said that he would get this added to the agenda for the next ICTSC meeting.

ESK Referees

GW enquired about the rule change request for ESK referees and whether this applied to major championships only. i.e, the EO & BO must have non-competing refs. WAH said that it had been put to the panel for ESK to self-referee but it was not agreed. GW added that the complaint related to personal conflict and NF clarified it was not about JO making any accusation of sabotage but just that JO raised the issue at the request of a member to put it to the ESK panel.

WAH said that while on the topic of the ESK panel it was proving difficult to get panel members. Currently they are Paul Fallon (WM), Phil Boardman (SW), Johnny Walker (SE) and Bob Meadows (EM). NF advised that Alan Archer and Neil Faulkner had offered to take part. WAH wants the opinion of as many members as possible but stated only panel members will get travel expenses. RK advised that the DTL panel members have not requested nor claimed expenses to date.

Insurance.

CH enquired about the cost of licence revocation insurance. NF confirmed that at that time it was only a consideration and discussions about various options were still taking place.

Tesse Akpeki Presentation.

TRB said that the proposed new articles would bring us into line with the Companies Act 2006 although the current articles are legally compliant. WAH agreed that new articles are needed as we have had too much trouble in the past. They are needed to provide correct governance. Some members are seen to be stopping progress of the association. TRB advised that in future all meetings (AGM & EGM) will be called General Meetings as the term "EGM" is now defunct. WAH confirmed that explanations have been made to the regional committees and that the benefit to the association can only be good. TRB stated the proposed Articles of Association are more explicit than the existing ones which is why they are longer.

Minutes of last meeting were proposed by JO and seconded by GW. All present were in favour.

CEO Update:-

Commonwealth Games.

John Robinson is putting a lot of time into this. There is some money available from Sport England. The programme is underway and John is fully up and running.

Pathway Development.

Steve Seligmann is doing a really good job. This is jointly funded by UK Sport and Sport England with lots of progress being made and all shooting sports are engaged. There is a separate shotgun working group and our representative on that panel is JO. Phil Coley is also involved.

Coaching initiatives.

The Coaching Conference next February has been booked with a coaching CPD programme being developed for next year.

2014 Calendar

This is currently being put together with most grounds now informed. ESP events are again going out to tender and these will be issued to grounds shortly. WAH reported that the National I/C for All Round is not really working with only 15 individual entries this year.

England Teams

It was noted that USA raise funds to provide the team with considerably more financial help than we do. The USA Team is not sponsored but is fully-funded through private fund raising. The CPSA already funds England Teams to the tune of c. £100k pa. and NF suggested we should look to other forms of support e.g. sponsorship. Whilst we support each team we should help them to identify other ways of raising support if we want to increase funding. NF said that we need to have a conversation with the various Team Managers to progress this. DJ thought that the teams owe it to themselves to get as much help/support as possible.

The status of the CSF (ED) team is a concern. It is only a minor event and is always a challenge to get members to take part. 2012 was the first year we had a team manager for this event. It is a difficult event to organise and therefore should it be managed and funded? DJ suggested it may not be the best use of funds. WAH confirmed it is a second tier event and has never been an attraction for competitors. RK suggested that we should continue supporting the event but drop the role of manager.

Midland Game Fair

NK confirmed that the usual event debrief will take place to determine any actions or other thoughts from this event. It was not particularly well attended, although we took approximately 53 payments of which 23 were new full members. DJ confirmed that some of the big players in this sport were not present this year. NF stated that the show fees had increased by 22% and it was therefore now an expensive show and we will carry out an internal review of value for money. It should be noted that the British Shooting Show was improving. The change of location and number of days (three days in 2014) are being seen as positive. WAH advised that game fairs have always been flag flying events for us and not attended for profit. DJ suggested an option for the Midland Game Fair would be a smaller stand and assistance for BW on the clay line. NF advised that small stands have reduced visibility and that we need to encourage others to help. RK agreed that our stands need to be eye catching.

Firearms Licencing Fees.

CPSA should take some credit for fees not going up as thought this year through our involvement with BSSC. Some progress has been made with the authorities.

May Board Meeting Recording:-

The extract of the May meeting was played to all attendees and CH was asked if his questions had now been answered. TRB stated to CH that he could now hear that he had not sworn and that he does not use such language in Board meetings. CH said that CB had asked questions that could have been answered. TB said that questions were asked about the USA visit and TB had answered them. CH now accepted that the question had been answered. TB confirmed that this event is here one year and in USA the next. We went to establish relationships. It was a very productive visit. WAH advised that this event was first held at Sandringham and the CPSA have always attended when in USA. It is a good communication exercise and confirmed that

TRB was already lined up to go before he, WAH, was made Acting Chairman. CH confirmed that we can now close this matter.

Articles:-

DJ stated that democracy will take its course and we will await the outcome at the EGM later this month.

ESK Rule:-

KN raised the issue of one pull, both barrels, i.e. a double discharge. RK advised that this should be raised with the ESK panel for review. KN said that the target should be lost. TRB agreed that this is for discussion in the first instance with the ESK discipline panel.

28g OT:-

TRB advised that C & D class shooters can use 28g and read out the rules in the Board Pack. The question was should this be extended to all classes which may encourage others to try OT. Several members are asking and would like an opinion. JO advised that he was not aware of anyone asking and does not think we should tamper with it anymore and not to extend to other classes. KN thought this should be scrapped as it had not brought any more shooters into the discipline. It was agreed to leave it as it is now.

TRB advised that the BICTSF/England selection shoot current format was 125 targets over two days (75/50). RK said that selection shoots were too long and was hearing this was the reason for low attendance and it not being worth going back for 2nd day of only 50 targets. TRB proposed changing it to one day of 125 targets. This was seconded by KN and all were in favour. He will raise this at the next BICTSF meeting. DJ advised we must keep John Robinson in the loop on this topic.

Pull Magazine Articles by Region / County Reps:-

JO advised that this agenda item was an issue raised by the lack of a Helice GP report. It has now been resolved and there will be two items in the next magazine.

Referees Shooting Competition:

DJ advised that there were 2 shooters at the BO ESP that refereed and then shot. This was not an issue as they shot on the first Thursday morning. At the BO ESP in 2012 the course setter had shot it but was advised his score could not count; this is detailed in the host contract. DJ thought that referees if shooting in 1st squad on the 1st day should be OK.

WAH said that it is likely that it is not the top shots that want to referee anyway. DJ agreed but was concerned about the views of other competitors. KN advised that referees have no advantage. DJ and NF thought it is all about perception of others. CH said he had been on shoots and seen others watching and he agreed with KN that it is not a problem. It was agreed to leave as it is.

Regional / County Team:-

WAH advised that the rules currently state 14 days' notice before a shoot for team entries. At this year's ABT the North region was the only correctly entered team. Discussions then took place around various options. TRB advised that we need to obtain the views from grounds of taking late entries and then look at this again for next year.

Non Wearing of Eye/Ear Protection:

TRB advised that a rule change to add a penalty was discussed at the last Board meeting but not ratified so we need to have a vote. This was proposed by TRB and seconded by RK. All in favour for a rule change for 2014.

Correspondence:-

TRB advised that an email had been received from Paul Dubrow requesting consideration for Junior and Colt categories to be split by gender. RK asked if there are enough shooters for this adding that it may encourage others to take part. JO stated that there are now more women shooting. NF said that we have introduced disabled categories so could now also consider others. TRB thought it should only be categories and not classes and we should only try it with one discipline initially and suggested ESP. RK was concerned there could be medal waste. Proposed by TRB for BO & EO ESP and WESP. This was seconded by GW and all were in favour.

CH said that two letters had been received from Janet Stennett. These items already dealt with regarding the viewing of targets at ESP. WAH said this is a decision down to the referees. DJ explained that the rules were already changed and 2 pairs can be seen and that the referees need to learn targets first before a competition commences.

AOB:-

CH enquired about the confirmation in the London Gazette and Telegraph Newspapers regarding the pre 1996 members. NF confirmed that this had been done. CH then asked why the advert for director elections in the October issue of Pull was with only an 8th November deadline. NF confirmed that there are only two magazine publications left to do this and we have brought forward the advert but deadline is the same.

NF said that Ian Peel had raised a question of the % split in classes for OT shooters and requested a review of the bandings due to prize fund issues, suggesting an equal number of shooters in each class. TRB thought this is a problem due to two extremes of ability of OT shooters and there is an issue with B class moving to the bottom of A class. CH thought this could result in lower class shooters not entering events. TRB then read out the numbers in the classes. WAH added it had always been a case of the better the shot, the worse off you are.

TRB stated that Michele Conway, the Cambridge County Chairman, had asked about issuing Recognition Certificates to worthy members and he thought this was a good initiative and should be on the recommendation from the Regional or County committees only. WAH suggested a silver clay not a certificate. All agreed this needs further discussion and thought.

Meeting closed at 16:27pm
