

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
87th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Held at Bisley Shooting Ground, Bisley,

On **Saturday 25th March 2023 at 2pm**

PRESENT:

Dr J Martin	East Midlands Regional Director – Chairman
Mr J Leightley	North Regional Director
Mr I Parker	Chief Executive
Mr P Saich	Southeast Regional Director
Mr R Faulds	Southwest Regional Director (via Teams)
Mrs N Heron	National Director
Mr C Smith	National Director
Miss L Goodman	National Director (via Teams)
Mr D Rollason	Independent Director
Ms C Alger	Operations Manager
Mrs L Vallance	Minutes Secretary

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all to the CPSA's 87th AGM. He thanked NRA for providing the venue.

OBITUARIES

PS announced the members who had sadly passed away since the previous AGM in March 2022 and asked everyone present to stand for a minute's silence.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mile Machin West Midlands Regional Director, Tom Wilson- Haysmacintyre Auditor, Gary Cooke- EE83883

RATIFY THE MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

Ratification of the minutes was proposed by Steve Williams and seconded by Nicola Heron.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2022 MINUTES

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman's report can be found in the March issue of the PULL! magazine.

JM took the opportunity to say it had been his privilege, over the last year, to be the chair of the CPSA and East Midlands Director. JM thanked the board members for their voluntary work and commitment to the association. JM wanted to recognise how rewarding it is to work with the HQ staff and appreciated the hard work the staff put in to making the organisation run smoothly. JM wanted to mention Ian Parker-CEO, who has been with the CPSA for almost 5 years. In that time has raised the CPSA's profile and the organisation are now truly seen as the National Governing Body. This has been indicated by the faith the CPSA's sponsors have in the organisation as IP has worked hard in securing sponsorships for the next 3 years valuing at £380K. JM also wanted to mention Claire Alger, who took over as operations manager 2 years ago and has really grown into the job and to point out that, she keeps him in line and makes sure he doesn't make too many mistakes.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

The ratification of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Peter Saich seconded by Steve Williams.

In Room:	For: 18	Against: 0	Withheld: 0
Proxy Vote:	For: 1875	Against: 15	Withheld: 121

Carried

ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD MARCH 2023

In November, 2 Directors were re-elected and will take up the start of their next term at this meeting.

Miles Machin- West Midlands Director

Nicola Heron- National Director

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT

JM presented life vice president award to Mr Alan Bott.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Haysmacintyre- Auditors.

In Room: For: 9 Against: 0 Withheld: 0
Proxy Vote: For: 1857 Against: 30 Withheld: 124

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICERS

Honorary Solicitor- Laura Saunbury (present on Teams)

In Room: For: 9 Against: 0 Withheld: 0
Proxy Vote: For: 1919 Against: 24 Withheld: 334

Carried

Honorary Licencing Advisor- Laura Saunbury (present on Teams)

In Room: For: 9 Against: 0 Withheld: 0
Proxy Vote: For: 1916 Against: 26 Withheld: 69

Carried

Honorary Insurance Advisor- Martin Mansley (present on Teams)

In Room: For: 9 Against: 0 Withheld: 0
Proxy Vote: For: 1890 Against: 27 Withheld: 94

Carried

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

To amend the CPSA Articles of Association, Section 21 (6), to withdraw limitations on the number of terms a board member can serve:

In Room: For: 7 Against: 0 Withheld: 3
Proxy Vote: For: 1365 Against: 444 Withheld: 202

Carried

REVIEW AND UPDATE FOR 2022

IP thanked JM and all the board members who give up their time for the love of the sport and association. IP said who could not do his job without the support of the team at HQ.

Reviews 2022- came out of the pandemic in good terms with the first full year of activity and membership in 2022 up to pre pandemic levels.

- The year ended with a surplus which goes into the general reserves, which are held for emergencies. It was fantastic that the reserves were not used during the pandemic.
- A full calendar of championships and HI ran in 2022.
- The SHOOT program has been rolled out to all CPSA grounds and is still under development.
- HSE proposal to ban lead ammunition has taken up a lot of time. The CPSA's position to HSE is to keep lead and give proposals as the national governing body of how and why we should keep lead. We are now in the third stage with HSE will be publishing the final draft of their submission to DEFRA in June 2023. DEFRA will issue their final paper to the Government in Nov/Dec 2023.
- Licencing statutory guidance review- medical letters and markers. The CPSA have worked together with BASC, NRA, Countryside Alliance, BSSC as from a Home Office point of view, we are all shooters and have the same rules and regs. The 10-year licence was previously on the table but unfortunately due to the sad incident in Plymouth this has been removed from the legislation.
- 2022 was a good year for headline sponsorships who have signed up for 3years. Browning, Razini, Le Chateau, Schoffel, Swatcom and Ely offering cash and product prizes.

2023

- A very busy year for Championships with the WESP 23 held at Churchill's in July.
- Membership very positive in the first quarter despite the challenges.
- Counties and Regions are doing amazing work and the CPSA will continue to support.

There are lots of positives but some real challenges for the sport. The proposed lead ammunition ban, shotgun licencing review at cost and structure.

Q & A

Peter Carsons EE10412- Wanted to offer thanks to the work Laura Saunbury's has done on giving advice to members on where they stand legally in PULL! which has been extremely useful. Peter asked if members could seek guidance from Head Office on how to actively lobby councillor's/MP's. He suggested the use of a "skeleton letter" for members to use.

IP said it depends on the topic but he has learnt to be careful how proactive/aggressive you are on topics. For example, the current lead issue invited many opinions and many members would have preferred we, (the CPSA) should have been more vocal. It transpired that excessive opposition to the lead consultation did not do it any favours. IP advised caution due to the politics surrounding the topic "shooting". He concluded that there are so many varieties of issues that there would be a large number of templates. He added that the CPSA would offer advice if contacted and would need to "tailor" any response accordingly.

John Wroughton EE28955- suggested there could be a mechanism for head office to educate MPs.

IP said that the community is represented through the BSSC meeting along with focus groups as and when required. CPSA, NRA, BASC and countryside alliance all work with the home office on these issues. IP added that there was a recent meeting where a number of MPs were in attendance. He said that there are also ongoing initiatives where MPs are being invited to Bisley to partake in all shooting disciplines which will be effective in spreading the required understanding and awareness.

Colin Burrows EE122167- how does the CPSA detach themselves and show they are different from other parts of the shooting community, which might attract negative publicity surrounding this topic. There would seem to be an opportunity for the CPSA, given we are an organisation comprising of the Olympic disciplines and, in particular, do not include game or rifle shooting.

IP – using lead as an example, the government are now managing to split the disciplines out so that they can discuss each discipline in turn. They have become quite good at understanding the differences although it has taken them 2 years to get there. We are now in a situation where they recognise the relevant governing bodies and organisations.

AOB

Colin Burrows EE122167- AOB. Could I ask the board to remind the national team there is a dress code when representing UK during international events.

John Wroughton EE28955- Do we keep an historical archive with regards to the history of the CPSA

IP – we have a vault that keeps all historic items although they are not currently categorised, archived or displayed.

**** Meeting Closed 3.17pm ****

Next AGM Meeting Saturday 23rd March 2024

At Bisley