

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

Held at CPSA, Bisley

On **Wed 07<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**PRESENT:**

DR J Martin	(JM)	E. Midlands Regional Director- Chairman
Mr M Machin	(MM)	W. Midlands Regional Director- Vice Chairman
Mr P Saich	(PS)	Southeast Regional Director
Mr R Faulds MBE	(RF)	Southwest Regional Director (Teams)
Mr J Leightley	(JL)	North Regional Director
Mrs N Heron	(NH)	National Director
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr C Burrows	(CB)	Independent Director
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Ms C Alger	(CA)	Operations Manager
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** Mr C Smith- National Director, Miss L Goodman- National Director

**QUORUM:** A quorum was declared present.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE AGENDA:** None

**RATIFY MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Proposed by CB. Seconded by MM.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Revenue if Veteran membership should rise in line with pension age IP & CA- Ongoing**

**JL asked if there would be an app for the PULL publication. IP to ask Fellows- IP has spoken to Fellows. There was no plan in having an app if an app but can be added at a cost.**

MM said the CPSA already have an app. IP said there is no longer a CPSA app as it was not being used.

**IP to look at the awards nominee/voting process and bring ideas to the board- IP to bring some small adjustments to the next board meeting.**

**County Committee collecting data from members, GDPR concerns were identified and CA to contact the county to decline the request- CA confirmed the County in question had been informed.**

**National Shooting Show (NSS) stating in releases that British Shooting was the only NGB in GB. CB to forward email to IP- IP has discussed and informed the NSS who were unaware this was incorrect.**

**Correspondence from G Halls, J Newman, A Balham & D Arbon to be sent to the classification committee (NH, DR & PS)-** IP explained this was to change classification system to consider taking the average at shoots from high gun. IP has discussed with Pete who felt it would be a fraction more accurate but the downside would be members would find it difficult to understand how the classifications were worked out. CB advised the classification committee had spoken to Pete. CB felt that they were trying to fix a classification system that works but were trying to classify shoots that are too soft or too hard and felt the NGB needed to look at levelling the playing field. IP explained those who shoot at a soft shoot would receive over inflated classifications and the only way to level would be to take a percentage from high gun. Classification Committee to discuss and bring recommendations to the next board meeting.

**ACTION LOG:** Nothing on at this time.

#### **UPDATE BY CEO**

IP reported HQ were preparing for their busy season of championships and were in the process of packing for the Northern Shooting Show this weekend.

**Championships:** After the English Open IP wanted to thank all for their help and reported a great championship all round. All agreed Morgan had done a great job on the social media. A video had been taken which will be good for promoting and sponsors. DR asked where the video footage would be found? NH said will be on various social media platforms Instagram/Facebook.

**Membership:** membership continues to decrease month on month. Bobby has advised the reasons for members not renewing is due to cost of living crisis. DR asked was this because of affordability rather than licences? IP said the cost of shooting had affected renewals and the licencing had slowed down new members. IP reported after a police meeting, 50% of forces issue renewal/new licences within the guidance target, 25% just outside and 25% still as long as 18months. Those beyond 18months reported this to be caused by complicated cases.

**WESP24:** Dates of the 2025 WESP championships will be announced at WESP24 and on social media. Booking for WESP25 will go live on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. CB asked about the new booking system? IP reported this was when HQ planned to bring in the new booking system.

**PULL! Magazine:** IP hoping to have costings of the split digital-printed format from Fellows by the next board meeting for the boards deliberation.

**CPSA Awards:** Restructuring the nominee/voting process proposals to be brought to the August board meeting. The date for 2025 CPSA awards is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Lead Ammunition- HSE Consultation:** IP informed that HSE were delaying publishing their position to DEFRA until September 2024. This could coincide with the general election and the possibility of a new government banning lead in a shorter time is a worry. IP has been reassured by HSE that DEFRA are supporting their decision and the government generally do not go against DEFRA.

**CPSA ESP/Sportrap/Super Sporting Championships- Booking On :** IP talked through the discussed priority ideas for the booking on system. NH asked if a plus one could be added to the directors. IP did not have a problem with this as this would be relatively small numbers. CA asked if returning champions receive priority booking to defend their position. IP said there would be some shooters who would qualify in various categories and so it would not be accumulative. NH asked if a priority booking deadline date could be published. CA said the deadline would be until the booking opens to all. MM asked if there could be qualifying shoots? JM felt this would exclude members who do not qualify. MM felt this could be moved around the country and bring other grounds into it. IP said this could be looked into in the future. JM asked if this would be to qualify for early booking or to qualify to book? MM confirmed this would be for early booking. All supportive of the priority booking system.

IP asked the boards feeling on a **Platinum** membership? JL felt this was something that should be looked into as other organisations provide tiered memberships.

**Aimpoint- S2 shotgun optical sight:** IP, at the board's request, ran test days with shooters of varying abilities for both Trap and Sporting. IP reported,

- Trap- good shooters could discovered a way to use the Aimpoint devise to help them and could be set up to increase a shooters average.
- Sporting- less of an advantage due to the variety of targets but could be a help on certain targets.
- Shooters with eye dominance issues, the device helped immediately and were able to shoot both eyes open.

NH felt that the board would have to disallow for all disciplines. IP said sadly he believed so, but definitely helped eye dominance issues so could still be used as a training tool.

The use of Aimpoint optical sight will not be allowed in registered competitions.

Proposed by MM. Seconded by PS

9 In Favour 0 Against

JM asked if this would be added to the rules?

IP to look at the rules and clarify the wording for prohibited devices.

**Women In Westminster (WOW):** IP explained he had been introduced to Lydia Castellano, the founder of WOW, who asked if they could do a shoot with the CPSA which is less game

orientated. IP has organised a shoot at Bisley Shooting Ground on the morning of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May with Berretta, Eley and Laporte sponsoring.

**Tweedle:** Tweedle are to promote a package for WESP25 at the WESP24. IP confirmed there would be no cost to the CPSA but would get promotion for the Worlds and the CPSA beyond the clay shooting community. CB asked what the package would consist of? IP said a full squad of 6, cartridges and accommodation for all the competitions.

CB said when he was in Houston the NSCA were singing the praises of the CPSA and IP. This was a good sign of relations working well.

#### **OPERATIONS MANAGER: CA**

**GDPR- Anonymised Shooters:** Work still in progress. Ongoing.

**World DTL/ Visitor Permits:** CA advised for those attending the DTL Worlds, visitor permits could still be applied for through HQ using Northumberland police.

**Championship Reminder:** Reminded directors attending to hand in completed paperwork to Clare Heney.

**Restriction on the use of Semi Auto's at Trap Competitions (All):** After some comments from a small group on social media became nasty and NH had stepped in to try and calm the situation. JM said this was appreciated and the criticism that NH had received should never have happened. JM said the social media kick back was not a reason to revisit the board's decision but equally the fact that the decision was made is not a reason to not revisit. JM asked the board to reassess for various reasons. The board were in possession of points made from NH. JM said these broke down into concepts and sections of- Risks and Hazards, Potential Litigation following the ISSF ruling, Mitigation to reduce Risks-potentially interrupting the flow of shooting/nuisance to other shooters and other observations.

- Risks and Hazards- JM said we alter the risk not the hazard, as the hazard remains the same. As a result of the last meeting it was agreed that all guns had to be unloaded before moving from a peg and not loaded until ready to shoot, which would significantly reduce the risk associated with this hazard. JM said this had been omitted from DTL which left one discipline where moving between pegs with a loaded gun was allowed and felt DTL be included into the previous ruling.

CB proposed to include DTL to the "no moving with a loaded gun" ruling. Seconded by DR.

9 In Favour. 0 Against.

- Risks remaining for semi and OU- loose cartridges. It was agreed that semi autos were more likely to leave more cartridges on the ground than OU. JM said the first question for any risk assessment is "what is the history of accidents" due to cartridges on the ground and we don't have one. NH said this came to the CPSA because of the ISSF ruling. JM said since then it was discovered that ISSF had not done an assessment on this. JM said that Laura Saunbury had clarified ISSF's risk assessment does not surpass the CPSA's own risk assessment if it differs. JL felt the likelihood of this happening was low because it had not been heard of. JM said this could happen but felt the intervention needed to be proportionate. JM asked if the risk was significant to consider catchers/deflectors? NH said 100 % with a deflector as a

minimum. RF felt the simplest way would be to enforce a cartridge catcher. IP said should concentrate on DTL and ABT not Skeet or Sportrap. IP explained how deflectors and catchers worked. JM asked if adding the catcher/deflector was proportional or over the top? CB felt semi autos could not be brought back without putting something in place. MM agreed. PS felt this was over the top but would go with the majority and agreed with CB it was a good compromise after reviewing. JL- undecided. NH felt there should be paperwork from the insurers to say they accepted the mitigations that have been put in place. IP said he has asked and they will not. JM said that the sport is full of enforced mitigations which the association have not gone through the process with the insurers. NH felt that a lawyer in court could argue that ISSF, a world body, have identified a risk. CB said our CEO spoke to ISSF who have admitted they had not completed a risk assessment. JM said the fact the board have completed a risk assessment on this matter is cover. NH said in a legal sense this is not cover. DR felt mitigating measures to allow autos to be used during registered shoots was the way to go, mandate a deflector and recommend a catcher. JM suggested that the feeling of the board was that there was no major risk of the ejected cartridges but the board were looking at the use of a deflector or a catcher as a mitigation to allow the return of semi autos to be used at registered shoots.

NH proposed a deflector or a catcher **must** be used on semi autos at DTL and ABT shoots. Seconded by MM.

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HQ to set the wording.

The board were given a draft copy of the rules for DTL and ABT which HQ had been working on. JM said he agreed that competitors should inform the ground if using a semi auto. Under GUNS NH asked for the wording to be changed to say “catcher or deflector **must** be used...”

JM asked if other shooters should have the option to shoot with semi auto shooters? Some of the board thought this was already a rule. NH said this was not a rule but was on the information that was sent to the board. JM asked if catchers or deflectors were used should the option of shooting with an auto shooter be given? NH said the discussion on the online CPSA page was that a few people were scared of autos. CB said he had been in favour of this rule until the board had introduced the deflector and catcher ruling. NH felt the use of autos will decline if these rules were in place.

- It was agreed that giving shooters the option to shoot with an auto shooter was not an issue with the new ruling of deflector/catcher in place but all agreed notifying the ground of shooting an auto was to be made a rule.
- It was agreed autos are to be flagged when moving between stands 1-5.

NH had a query about where an auto should be pointed when moving. MM said there was already a rule for this. PS pointed out that O/U were not mentioned in point 2.20 as guns to be kept open and unloaded. CA said that this rule was in 1.1a and stated semi-automatics are to refer to 2.20. JM advised the board that this was not the final draft.

Operational Team to reword and send to board members.

NH felt the insurers should be informed by email of the mitigations being put in place for the use of semi-autos. IP to give an update on this matter at the next board meeting.

**Update on BICTSF (NH):** NH updated the board on the finances of BICTSF and will send a short transcript to board members.

**BICTSF Continual Booklet 1 Rule Breaking (NH):** NH provided the board with a paper explaining the breaking of the CPSA rules and her concerns. She asked how the board would like to deal with the continual breaking of the CPSA rule. JM suggested going back to BICTSF informing them they are breaking the CPSA's rules and for the board to respond to their answer. All agreed.

CA to inform BICTSF of their breaking of the CPSA rules and update the board with their reply.

**Super Sporting cage/hoop (Richie Vallance):** NH felt more shooters would attend if shot from hoops. MM said hoops should not be used for registered shoots.

All agreed hoops not be used for registered shoots.

**Eco Wads Complaint (Roger Grimshaw):** JM summarised RG's paper who had asked the CPSA to inform Hull they were misleading CPSA members. All agreed this was not a CPSA issue.

IP to reply to Roger Grimshaw with the boards answer.

**Sponsored Cash at Registered Shoots (Terry Bobbett-TB):** The board had been copied into JM's email from TB who asked for the matter to be brought to the board for their consideration. All agreed no change to be made to the rule.

JM to reply to TB- the board have considered and have agreed there will be no change to the rule.

#### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

**Dave Wincott (DW)- merging sporting disciplines classifications:** CB felt the classification system decides this. IP said there was a difference in the disciplines. DR said looking at the statistics the classes are all different.

CA to reply to Dave Wincott with the board decision.

#### **AOB:**

CB- himself and JL have chatted regarding marketing/membership and would like to fix a date to share their thought and ideas with the HQ team.

CB- CB felt there should be discussions as the CPSA moves towards it's centenary in 2028.

IP- IP has had a request from 2 fathers regarding the trophies of the Lady Colts and Lady Jnrs which have been disbanded. They would like the trophies which they would present privately to the winning shooter. All agreed this could not happen.

IP to notify them of the board's decision.

**\*\*12.34pm Meeting Closed \*\***

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 at CPSA HQ, Bisley.**