**ESSEX CPSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 15th February 2012**

**1 Committee Present**

Kevin Walsh; Bill Logan; Richard Boutcher; Tracey Riddington; Luke Riddington; Paul Buckley.

**2 Apologies for Absence**

John Brett, Oliver Wilde, Diane Boutcher, Scott Greenfield.

**3 Introduction of Committee**

Kevin Walsh introduced each committee member to the A.G.M.

**4 Matters Arising**

Paul Buckley offered the services of an embroidery company in Witham named “Personalise” 86 Newland Street, Witham, Essex CM8 1AH.

For County team members they have the set up to embroider the Essex Team Badge at a cost of £6.25, if you would like it on a polo shirt it will cost a total amount of £12.50.

It can be embroidered on to your own shooting vest. Purchased items used to display the badge (Skeet vest & polo shirt) will be auctioned later.

**5 Chairman’s Report – Kevin Walsh**

Kevin Walsh thanked the committee and all the grounds that support our shooting in

Essex.

The Essex Side by side Championship was held at Spellbrook they had a good attendance of 90 entries and the High Gun was Steve Miller.

Fennes shooting School held a Juniors day, everyone had a great time, with many letters of thanks.

The website has changed to operate off of the main CPSA website to enable Kevin to resolve any problems that may occur.

**6 Treasurers Report – Luke Riddington**

Luke apologized for being late because of a severe traffic accident on the M25/A12; Levies are down on last year mainly due to the fact that we no longer get a donation of £300 from the South East region.

**7 Discipline Reports**

**Skeet & Skeet Doubles** **– Richard Boutcher**

Richard reported that the ESK County Championship had 52 entries.

Results Skeet

Senior - Peter Stanton Hope

Lady – Gill Billington

Vets – Vic Bradley

Junior - Tia Ayres

Results Skeet Doubles

Senior – Alex Garcia

Lady – Diane Boutcher

Vets – Vic Bradley

Junior  - Oliver Pipe

Peter Stanton Hope was especially worthy of congratulations as he was now

Southeast Intercounties Individual Champion and Scottish Open Champion.

**English Sporting & Sportrap – Paul Buckley**

Paul reported that special mention should be made of Scott Greenfield who had won the British Open Sportrap and also came 2nd at the Beretta World Championships.

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County Championship

Champion - Stuart Clarke

Vet - George Allen

Lady -Tracey Riddington

Junior - Zac Palmer

**F.I.T.A.S.C – Luke Riddington**

Luke Riddington reported results from the County Championship as follows:-

Champion – Oliver Wilde

Vets – John Price

Super Vets – Jerry Bland

Lady – Tracey Riddington

Junior – Zac Palmer

Colt - Callum Greenfield

Jerry Bland was praised for his third year as a G.B member SuperVet.

Luke then presented Jerry with his Super Vet County Champion trophy.

Jerry Bland - Essex FITASC SuperVet Champion

Our thoughts were with Peter Cardnell’s family as he had sadly passed away on 21st December.

We also wish Phil Moss good luck in his new venture as ground manager in Manchester.

Old-school charm - Young Lady is offered light refreshment by Essex Gent.

**8. Johnny Johnson - CPSA S/E Director**

Johnny said that Essex was a strong shooting county and has been for a long time.

Nationally the C.P.S.A membership was well down, due the world wide financial problems.

The Organisation was in good hands under the leadership of Nick Fellows, although he is not a shooter, he is doing a very good job.

Malcolm Clarke asked why was the decision taken to take away registered skeet shooting at Dartford just because of one man’s behaviour, who had fallen out with the owner of Dartford causing 40 to 50 shooters to lose out on shooting at their preferred ground. Johnny replied that he quite understood though CPSA rules were being followed an it was hoped that this would be resolved amicably in the future.

**9. John Hopes - Essex Senior Enquiry Officer**

John explained that the licensing fee is set to go up in price to reflect the actual cost of providing Shotgun and Firearms certificates; the information on this proposed increase is from the Association of Chief Police Officers.

He apologized for being 2 weeks behind on renewals in Essex but pointed out that some other counties are still processing renewals for September of last year!

John felt that the C.P.S.A should do more to promote young people in shooting, he said that he was surprised to hear that C.P.S.A membership was down because of the big demand on Shotgun/Firearms applications in Essex.

**10. Election of Officers**

The following committee members were re-elected: Bill Logan, Paul Buckley, Luke Riddington, Richard Boutcher, Tracey Riddington.

Luke Riddington, as Vice-chairman, asked if there were any nominations for the position of Chairman - none was proposed. Richard Boutcher proposed Kevin Walsh who then received an unanimous vote from the floor for him to stay on as Chairman for another year.

**11. A.O.B**

Hugh Walton pointed out that the Essex All Round championship is the same day as the English/British Open, Kevin said he will speak to Andy Riva to see if this can be changed.

Tony Cobham asked if anyone can help with sponsoring some army cadets in Essex, Kevin said that this will be considered at the next committee meeting in March.

**12.** Meeting closed @ 22:30