



## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at the Fennes SG.**

### **1 Persons present:-**

Kevin Walsh (KW), Tracey Riddington (TR), Luke Riddington (LR), Richard Boutcher (RB), Paul Buckley (PB).

### **2 Apologies for absence:-**

Bill Logan (WL), Shaun Bell (SB).

### **3 Matters Arising:-**

At the last meeting it was decided to reinvest some of the levies generated at county shoots by sponsoring a Young Shots day with full instruction at the Fennes. The day was for under 16s who were either complete novices or had just begun to shoot; it took place in August and turned out to be a magnificent success attracting some 30 youngsters with many plaudits coming from both children and their parents. The day was very well organised and a great tribute to Tracey Riddington and her staff at the Fennes who have volunteered to return to the theme in 2012.

### **4 Chairman's report:-**

KW reported that he had entered into the usual email correspondence with members and was having some success with the Website which was getting pretty well up-to-date. There had been several charity shoots over the summer months which had been very successful and so important in recognising the ties between sporting clay shooters and their communities. Essex had introduced a Side-by-Side event which was very popular and looked set for a return in 2012.

### **5 Treasurer's report:-**

LR reported that all was going well and according to plan, the Young Shots day had offered Essex the opportunity to reinvest £650 of levy money in the county's shooting future and that this was exactly what was needed.

### **6 County Championship Reports:-**

KW was less than impressed with certain grounds which, although wanting to hold county championships, could not then be bothered to provide any sort of report or photos of such shoots. Doubtless this was a common occurrence in other counties too but a great shame that the burden of reporting on such events be left to the individual competitor - or much worse still left to the Chairman to have to chase down a few names and numbers from the CPSA website and try to make it into a story! It would also be helpful if committee members reported on such events where possible.

## **7 Website:-**

KW explained that he would soon be in a position to migrate the rest of the information from the old website to the new and that, although this was very time consuming, once complete it would serve as a permanent record on the CPSA site. Despite repeated appeals to grounds, shops, coaches and specialists to provide information and copy so as to appear on the website unfortunately apathy still ruled; KW would continue to engage with people in order to offer them this free service.

## **8 AGM Format & Agenda**

It was decided that we would again hold an informal premeet, an hour ahead of the AGM, that we would use microphones if available and that PB, RB and LR would say a few words on their disciplines. It was also decided to invite Johnny Johnson as South East Director.

## **9 AGM 2012 Venue & Date**

It was decided that we would hold the 2012 AGM at the Fennes on or around the 8th or 9th of February. TR would confirm this with the catering side of the Fennes.

## **10 Any Other Business**

Sean Bell had now officially resigned as Secretary and so KW would continue with the minutes for now. Another conversation around badges and vests ensued and it was resolved that PB/TR would furnish KW with details of the embroidery shop then he would post details of this on the website.



## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2011 at the Fennes SG.**

### **1 Persons present**

Kevin Walsh (KW), Tracey Riddington (TR), Luke Riddington (LR), Richard

Boutcher (RB), Paul Buckley (PB).

## **2 Apologies for absence**

Bill Logan (WL), Ray Rogers (RR), Shaun Bell (SB).

## **3 Matters Arising**

At the last meeting there had been a discussion around badges, shirts and medals for Essex Team members and although we decided to use generic badges, PB and LR were to investigate further. PB had identified a supplier who could embroider onto a Skeet Vest or other garment at very reasonable cost, which cost might then be reimbursed by Essex CPSA. This idea was adopted pending final arrangements between PB and with the supplier. KW would then issue a statement on the website as to how this would work in the near future.

## **4 Chairman's report**

KW reported that he had entered into the usual email correspondence with members, promoted shooting events etc but that his main work had been to migrate the Website from its old location to the new one courtesy of CPSA - this work was still ongoing and further mentioned below under section 6.

## **5 Treasurer's report**

LR reported that all was going well and according to plan though our revenues were slightly reduced as the ESP third Selection shoot had necessarily coincided with the County Championship this year, thereby reducing levies.

## **6 Website**

SB had retired from his duties as Web Coordinator due to domestic and work pressures but at a time when there were a number of selection shoots, team orders and championship shoots to report on. KW had to act quickly so a new Website was put into place under the auspices of the CPSA. PB commented that this had gone very well and there was general agreement that the website move had resulted in a positive experience. KW explained that there was still much to be done over time, for example, he had tried to get grounds involved in promoting their businesses on the website free of charge (but so far had not received a single reply to his emailed offer). KW would chase some of these grounds and also investigate promoting gunshops and other shooting related businesses.

## **7 ESK Representation**

RR, who was not present, had handed in his resignation from the Committee asking to leave straight away if possible. RB immediately volunteered to assume responsibility for Skeet and KW would put RB and RR in touch with one another to this end.

## **8 Shoot Reports**

KW reminded those present about shoot reports i.e. that those responsible for disciplines and who presumably did attend shoots might offer, in addition to results, some photos, shooters' first names and give an idea of the weather and any other relevant details, without any of which he was left with very little to say.

## **9 Sporting Selection Shoots**

KW suggested there had been a number of grumbles and complaints over holding a selection shoot all the way at Southdown and especially as it was a compulsory event. KW said that there were many who might genuinely just not be available on that day or who might have shot badly in this one event and that either way attendance numbers from Essex had been at best very poor. The background to all this was that it had originally been felt that Southdown should be compulsory for 2 reasons: type of target (those who shot well in the selection there should do well in the real thing) and travel (those who would not bother to travel for the selection might not do so for the event itself). However PB and TR confirmed that they too had heard unwelcome opinions about the Southdown selection and KW suggested that this should be revised for next year so that no single shoot would be compulsory and the committee decided unanimously to adopt this procedure for next year.

## **10 Any Other Business**

PB, in celebration of the ever successful Essex Team and Club event at Arnold's Farm, suggested we might try to involve the CPSA in order to recruit new members among the competitors. KW had suggested this to the CPSA board once before some years ago but to no result. KW would, with permission from Glen de Freitas, ask again.

LR suggested that Essex CPSA should offer a "Young Shots" day at the Fennes where FREE shooting, cartridges and instruction would be offered to young Essex hopefuls. All agreed this would prove a very good way to redistribute some of the Committee's income and TR and LR would correspond with KW to arrange precise details - to be published in PULL and on the Website.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting**

Wed 09 11 11 at the Fennes 20:00.

# **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2011 at Fennes SG.**

## **1. Persons Present**

Kevin Walsh, Shaun Bell, Tracey Riddington, Luke Riddington, Ray Rogers, Richard Boutcher and Paul Buckley

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Phil Dyer, Billy Logan

## **3. Welcome to new members**

Ray: English Skeet, Richard: English Skeet, Paul: English Sporting/FITASC

## **4. Matters Arising**

Minutes from the meeting of 9th February were distributed and carried as an accurate record of that meeting. Proposed by Shaun and seconded by Luke.

## **5. Chairman's Report**

New members are shown by name on the website at present, telephone numbers are to be added when available.

Communications are via email and it is expected that a reply should be received within a week.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Billy: DTL/Double Rise

Ray: English Skeet/ Skeet Doubles

Richard: English Skeet/Skeet Doubles

Paul: English Sporting/Sport trap/All-Round

Luke: FITASC

Tracey: FITASC/Sporting

Members are required to attend shoots, collate results and fees, produce a report with full names. The report should give as much detail as possible and include pictures of at least 1.5mb in size for inclusion in Pull!

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

All figures were given at the AGM. There will be no ♦300 donation from the SE Region this year as they are low on funds.

## **7. County Medals and Shirts**

There have been complaints from some quarters about generic badges and how they are presented. Also some issues with being presented a polo shirt. (see minutes dated 27/10/2010)

It was decided to use the generic badges for smaller disciplines with dates on.

## **8. Trophy Register**

Whoever is responsible for a discipline to track down the trophies.

The main trophies to be awarded formally at the AGM with photographs.

It was felt that the following disciplines would award trophies on the day of the competition:

English Skeet

Double Skeet

DTL

Double Rise

Other disciplines would award a badge on the day with the trophy to be collected at the AGM.

It was decided that the Essex square badge would be preserved with date to be added for all disciplines.

## **9. Website**

Shaun has agreed to take over the website. All items to be emailed to Shaun.

## **10. AOB**

Luke agreed to take on the role of Vice Chairman.

Paul has agreed to be Essex rep with Luke at the SE Regional meetings.  
Possibility of subsidized shoots for Essex CPSA members was discussed.

### **11. Date and venue of next meeting**

Thursday 16th June at 8 pm

### **12. Meeting closed at 22:55**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at Fennes SG (AGM).**

### **1. Persons Present**

Billy Logan Jnr, Adrian Chapman, Kevin Walsh, Peter Stanton-Hope, Tracey Riddington, Luke Riddington & Scott Greenfield

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Sean Bell, Nick Garside, Bob Cooper, Terry Harris, Stuart Lodge, Terry Greenfield, Rod Blacklock, John Cutmore, Johnny Johnson & Barry Dobbs

### **3. Introductions of Committee**

Kevin Walsh introduced each committee member to the AGM.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were none.

### **5. Chairman's Report**

Kevin gave his thanks to the committee for the last year's work. He also thanked all the ground owners for putting on the County Championships. Special thanks were given to Billy Logan at Mayland GC and Andy Riva at Clacton GC for all the events they hold throughout the year.

Kevin mentioned that we need to encourage new people to register their interest in shooting for the county. But would also like existing shooters to try other disciplines as he feels too many shooters only enter their preferred discipline, particularly ESP.

Kevin mentioned that he wished to collect members' contact details so that regular news emails could be sent out. Kevin also requested that Essex members submit news stories to him so that they can be published on the website and in PULL. Kevin cited the example of Daniel Wicker whose father sent in news and photos of his son enabling them to appear in PULL.

Because Adrian Chapman is stepping down from the committee, Kevin will be looking to alter the website and bring it into the CPSA main website as a number of other counties already do.

This year Essex won 3 Inter-county events. ESK, OSK & FITASC. Essex were also runners-up in DTL.

The following young shooters have also performed well over the last year. ESP: Lewis Steed, Daniel Wicker, Callum Greenfield and Zac Palmer. DTL: Connor Logan and Ross Smith. ESK: Tia Eyres.

#### **FITASC Report ♦ Luke Riddington**

For the 2nd year running, Essex won the team event at Southdown. Tracey Riddington won the Ladies and Dennis Webb won the Veterans. Luke passed his thanks on to all the Essex teams for such a good year. Luke also mentioned that he feels very proud of the sporting shooting teams.

#### **ESK Report ♦ Peter Stanton-Hope**

ESK teams have had a good season. The team won the South-East Inter-Counties via a shoot off with Oxford, but just missed out on the National Inter-Counties championship.

#### **ESP Report ♦ Scott Greenfield**

The Essex team performed very well at the South-East Inter-Counties event. Congratulations to all who made the team through the selection shoot process. ♦The Veterans did especially well this year.

### **6. Treasurer's Report – Luke Riddington**

Luke distributed the last 2 years financial reports to all persons present at the AGM. He had moved the money to different bank account type to ensure that more interest is made from the savings. This years money is slightly down from last due to not having an ESP or FITASC Challenge Event. However, a good return was still made. Luke requested ideas from the county members as to how to spend the money each year.

### **7. Election of Committee**

The following committee members are standing down. Barry Dobbs, Scott Greenfield, Nick Garside, Peter Stanton-Hope and Adrian Chapman

Luke Riddington thanked Kevin Walsh for his hard work over the last year.

Kevin Walsh was proposed as Chairman by Scott Greenfield and seconded by Mike Lankshear.

The following committee members were re-elected. Tracey Riddington, Luke Riddington, Billy Logan Jnr. Two new people were elected to the committee. Ray Rogers and Paul Buckley. Immediately after the meeting Richard Boucher and Phil Dyer offered their services to Essex CPSA for the coming year.

### **8. A.O.B.**

Scott Greenfield thanked Phil Moss and Mike Lankshear for opening new clay shoots within Essex. Scott also suggested that the county team be given polo shirts instead of a badge.

Phil Moss asked why was the website being moved to the CPSA website. Could Shaun Bell or Ray Rogers run the website? Kevin stated that the issue would be discussed at the next committee meeting. There was then a general discussion on how the website should be run.

Luke then made a presentation to Zac Palmer for winning the 2010 FITASC Junior and ESP Junior competition and to Callum Greenfield for winning the 2010 FITASC Colt competition.

The raffle was then held.

### **9. The meeting was called to a close @ 22:20**

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### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Sean Bell, Nick Garside, Billy Logan and Barry Dobbs

### **3. Matters Arising**

Is Dartford still for sale? The sale is on hold. The ground has just achieved CPSA Premier Plus status. The Trophy collection needs re-visiting and inventoried. Some winners have not returned the relevant trophy. We have a list of all winners on the website. A discussion will be held over the future of county badges and/or polo shirts at the next meeting (March).

### **4. Chairman's Report**

Scott Greenfield, Adrian Chapman, Barry Dobbs, Peter Stanton-Hope and Nick Garside are all resigning from the committee. Kevin will investigate the migration of the website to the CPSA format.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Nothing to Report

### **6. Next Meeting**

Thursday 10th March 2011 20:00 @ Fennes SG