

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WEST REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
16 MARCH 2018 AT 2000hrs at THE GEORGE ALBERT HOTEL**

In Attendance: (6) Ian Stones, Jane Rowland, Richard and Marilyn Chapple, Mark Taylor and Mike Harvey

Apologies: Terry Bobbett, Paul Rendell, Nick Fellows, Simon Ede, John Dunne, Shaun Stacey

Minutes and Reports from the last AGM: The minutes of the last AGM and Reports were read out to the floor. All were accepted as a true account from the SWRC and they were proposed by Richard Chapple and seconded by Mark Taylor and signed and agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Chairmans Report: Ian Stones stated that the region is dying on its feet. Whatever the committee try and do there is a severe lack of enthusiasm across all majority of the counties making the serving committee lose their mojo to the point of despair. With all this said Ian advised that he will therefore not be re-standing at the election for Chairman.

We have approximately 3816 SW members broken down by County:

Hampshire 1200 (up 5%); Somerset 429 (up 15%); Avon 292; Cornwall 366; Devon 462; Dorset 405 (down 20%); Wiltshire 542.

We have 70 colts; 69 juniors, 2 honorary members and 60 life veterans

Whatever is happening with the Inter County championships, something is not right. whether this is due to costs increasing, lack of interest or lack of grounds to host

A special mention goes to Emma Stacey who has done extremely well taking the Ladies and Junior titles in English Sporting and Fitasc

Secretarial Reports: Jane Rowland thanked Ian for his support over the year.

Discipline Sub Committees: The region thanks the undernoted members who have agreed to sit on the sub committees and report back details of these meetings to the region.

Down The Line – Graham Sanderson and Paul Rendell (Dave Toomer as Reserve)

English Skeet – John Dunne

English Sporting – Mike Harvey and Ian Stones

SW and IC Shoot Allocations – Not an easy task due to the lack of grounds in the region able to host certain disciplines which left us no option but to combine some South West Championships with Inter County events. Brook Bank have said they will only be able to host South West Championships or combined events and will not host any individual Inter County events. We do have a new ground Two Counties on the Devon/Cornwall border who are able to host inter county Down the Line/Single Barrel events so this will certainly help with trap allocations. A rota system will be put in place after this years allocations to ensure fairness to all the grounds in our region that are willing to host shoots for us.

Treasurers Report: We have ended the financial year with an account balance of £4167.42. We re-introduced perpetual trophies for our inter county events to regain the history of the South West. We will also be looking at re-introducing badges or some other kind of recognition for 2020 and this will be looked at by the new serving committee. We still need to chase hosting grounds to pay their invoices and levies on time but all in all, the majority of the grounds ensure that payments are made without the need to be contacted.

HQ Report: HQ Representatives were unable to attend the SWAGM due to attending the National AGM but apologies were received from Nick Fellows and Terry Bobbett and a summarised report was pre-submitted:

Registered scores are up by 4% - 2.5 million targets shot – up by 5%

HQ are experiencing teething problems with the new website

Hampshire were finalists in the County Committee of the year but unfortunately did not win

England Teams did well in all disciplines

The Game Fair was a great success

Major championship entries are extremely strong

HQ will now publish the calendar much earlier to give more time to plan ahead; avoid clashes etc – this will be finalised by the end of March

Terry Bobbett thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Richard Chapple was proposed by Mike Harvey and Seconded by Marilyn Chapple – the vote was unanimous, and the nomination accepted by Richard Chapple

Vice Chairman: Mark Taylor was proposed by Richard Chapple and Seconded by Mike Harvey – the vote was unanimous, and the nomination accepted by Mark Taylor *Amendment: Terry Bobbett requested that the VC position was removed from the Minutes as he advised that it stated in the Regional articles that VC is elected at the first SWRC meeting and not at the SWRAGM.*

Secretary/Treasurer: Jane Rowland was proposed by Ian Stones and Seconded by Richard Chapple - the vote was unanimous, and the nomination accepted by Jane Rowland

Richard Chapple thanked Ian Stones for all his efforts and support of the SWRC and chaired the remainder of the meeting

John Newton Memorial: Unfortunately, this year's winner, Emily Hibbs, did not attend the meeting so was unable to be presented with this award but Mark Taylor will ensure that she gets the trophy when he next sees her

Any Other Business: Nothing raised

Meeting Closure: The meeting was closed by Chairman, Richard Chapple at 20.40hrs who thanked the few attendees for making the effort to attend.