

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WEST REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 2000hrs at THE GEORGE ALBERT HOTEL

In Attendance: 16 + 2 HQ Representatives; Ian Parker and Stuart Oldman - CPSA

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the CPSA HQ Representatives; Ian Parker and Stuart Oldman. He asked for a minute's silence before the start of the meeting to remember those we have lost this year.

Apologies: Paul Rendell, Simon Ede, Keith Spear, Paul Underhill, Denzil Grose, Tony Read, Martin Burge, Carrie Dobbs

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 Ian Stones and seconded by Mark Taylor and signed and agreed.

Matters Arising: Terry Bobbett questioned the Vice Chair position which stated in the minutes that the position was held by Mark Taylor. Mark was not elected during the AGM but at the following SWRC meeting and a correction has been added to the minutes to reflect this.

Mark Taylor advised that, despite numerous attempts to contact Emily Hibbs to hand over the John Newton trophy, Emily had not made herself available to receive this although she was aware she had won it. Therefore, the trophy and cartridges were returned to the meeting

John Dunne advised that there was nothing to report from the English Skeet Sub Committee.

Chairmans Report: Richard Chapple gave a summary of events saying that entries were up from last year for the regional shoots and thanked the grounds who hosted the events. He also thanked Jane and the Committee for their input and support over the last year.

Secretarial Reports: Jane Rowland thanked Richard and continued with her reports:

We have had a successful year with a 17% increase in attendance for the SW and IC Championships for this last season.

It was also good to see a spread of counties taking wins in the various disciplines, but it was Devon who took the overall winning county, securing 10 winning team titles. The other results were 7 titles to Cornwall, 6 for Somerset, 5 for Hampshire and 3 for Wiltshire so well done to everyone who were part of these.

It was also very pleasing to see that counties entered Junior teams in 7 out of the 8 Inter County events and S, V and L teams were entered for all of them.

SW Championships were well attended across all categories. Owen Clark had a very successful season winning both the Senior and Junior titles in UT and OT with Junior titles also in ABT and DR. The ladies also did very well with Emma Stacey winning 4 SW titles and Rachel Bird 3. Paul Westaway and Bill Moussalli shared the honours in the Seniors and Vets with 2 wins each.

We welcomed a new registered ground, Two Counties on the Devon/Cornwall border, who successfully held the Inter Counties DTL with 74 in attendance. Another ground in the SW Region is very welcome indeed as it is a constant struggle to allocate shoots with the few registered grounds we have in our area.

We have now compiled a shoot rota to ensure all our willing grounds get a fair chance of hosting for SW and IC allocations and this will be published and the grounds contacted. (A copy of this rota was distributed)

Our Facebook page has received new likes and views and the followers are growing steadily. It is a quick and easy way for members to contact us to ask any questions and to submit photos and information of their achievements. We could do with some more input from our members and JR urged the floor to encourage people to submit their own achievements.

Financial Reports (Treasurers Report and Analysis issued to all)

With the introduction of perpetual trophies last year, we had the opportunity to trial something a little different this year and that was in way of donating cash awards and cartridge prizes to the winning Inter County team members and categories. From feedback this was well received across the region and the hosting grounds were very helpful in assisting with this process.

With a healthy bank balance of £6341.12, cash in hand of £25 and including some outstanding invoices our book value is £6531.12 we are in a good position to continue with more ideas for the regional shoots and more discussions will take place with the SWRC on the best ways to move forward with this to recognise the shoot entrants. Marilyn Chapple was approved to agree the figures.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mark Taylor was proposed by Ian Stones and seconded by Terry Bobbett. Richard Chapple was proposed by John Bradnam and seconded by John Dunne – the two candidates left the room and a vote took place. Out of the members who voted, 6 votes were for Mark Taylor and 7 votes for Richard Chapple. The position was accepted by Richard Chapple

Vice Chairman: This will be decided at the SWRC first meeting as Terry Bobbett advised that it states in the articles that the Vice Chair is elected at a regional committee meeting.

Secretary: Jane Rowland was proposed by Mark Taylor and seconded by Ian Stones - the vote was unanimous, and the position accepted by Jane Rowland

Treasurer: Jane Rowland was proposed by Ian Stones and seconded by John Dunne – the vote was unanimous and the position accepted by Jane Rowland

HQ Report: Ian Parker addressed the floor and introduced himself as the CEO of the CPSA and gave a brief history of his background.

Membership is stable as are the Clubs and Grounds

Grounds are giving feedback that they are still busy and lots of people are still shooting

There are team changes happening at HQ: Connie is retiring and being replaced by Stacey; Trudy is leaving to start up her own business (not shooting related); a couple of people have resigned to move onto different things and new people are being recruited.

The sport is still growing after talks with the trade. Proxy voting is very successful

Discussions are taking place regarding shotgun licence renewals with the BMA and doctors involvement and the CPSA are working on the involvement and procedures of shotgun licencing.

Ongoing discussions regarding environmental issues such as lead, noise, plastic v fibre wads etc – the CPSA are not going to enforce membership into what cartridges they use – membership is a broad spectrum of clay and game shooters.

The new shoot programme is in the final testing stages. New sponsorship deals are being worked on for shoots and also England teams

Ian asked for any questions from the floor:

John Dunne asked if there will ever be an amalgamation of the shoot programme when shooting in England, Ireland, Scotland etc. Each use a different platform and classifications can differ.

Ian responded that possibly yes and Terry Bobbett confirmed that Wales and the Republic of Ireland will now be using the same system and each individuals details will be integrated into one.

Don Brunt asked if there would be any issues for holding a NSCA sporting shoot. The reply was it is nothing to do with the CPSA so there would not be any issues.

John Dunne asked why only one third of the membership shoot registered events. The general response to this was members join the CPSA mainly for the insurance but also for the enjoyment of just shooting, tradition etc – all of which does not need to be at registered events.

A Harris/R Chapple asked if the CPSA can assist grounds with noise problems. Could there be a fund set up to help with this?

Ian advised that there is a telephone number for an advisory service that you need to register with when you first receive a noise complaint. This registers your issue and passes onto the insurance company if legal proceedings take place. Some members were unaware of this telephone number and Stuart Oldman advised that the number is in all the ground owner packs.

General questions were asked about the CPSA financially assisting Counties but it was advised that there are no funds to do this.

John Newton Memorial: Unfortunately, this year's winner, Denzil Grose, did not attend the meeting so was unable to be presented with this award but Jane has already spoken with the Cornwall Committee who are happy to do presentation for Denzil at their Committee meeting. John Dunne kindly agreed to take the trophy and cartridges back to Cornwall. JR read out a long list of Denzil's achievements and a statement about his love of shooting.

Any Other Business: Richard Faulds brought up the subject of trap teams at the Inter Counties and what happens if someone from the submitted team is a no show on the day. This question was decided to be carried over to our first SWRC meeting.

Ian Stones advised that Tor View is opening up again for English Sporting and Fitasc. In time it will be ready to host regional championships.

Terry Bobbett questioned Jane Rowland about her membership and residing county. Jane confirmed that her main address/electoral role/gun licence etc is all registered in Hampshire and would seek CPSA confirmation of this along with her Clubman membership.

Meeting Closure: Richard Chapple thanked the CPSA and members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 21.30hrs.

Signed Chairman *Date*