



# SOUTH WEST REGION

Minutes of AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 at 7:30 pm at The George Albert Hotel

**In Attendance:** 20 + 3 HQ Representatives; Ian Parker, John Martin and Stuart Oldman - CPSA

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the CPSA HQ Representatives; Ian Parker, John Martin 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:** Ann Cox, Roger Cox, Paul Underhill, Ian Stones, Andy Gorge

**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 Lauren Goodman and seconded by Don Brunt and signed and agreed.

**Matters Arising:** None

**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 another successful year with a previous 17% increase in attendance at the SW and IC championships from 2017 to 2018 and a further 5% increase from 2018 to 2019 which shows that there is still a lot of interest in our sport and the competitions.

It was good to see a spread of counties taking wins in the various disciplines, Devon were the winning county in the South West Championships, securing 14 winning titles and Somerset took the inter counties crown with 8 winning team results. The overall combined results also saw Devon come out on top with a total win of 21 titles. The other results were 17 titles to Cornwall, 15 for Somerset, 8 for Wiltshire, 6 for Hampshire, 2 for avon and 1 for Dorset.

It was also very pleasing to see that counties entered Junior teams in some of the Inter County events and all but two SW Championships saw Juniors taking a trophy. Ladies and Veteran teams were also entered for every IC event and as individuals in the SW Championships.

Followers of the Facebook page are growing steadily with more people using it to ask questions and find out information.

**Financial Reports** (Treasurers Report and Analysis issued to all)

I would like to explain how our income works – to purchase trophies/medals etc, we can only use the bank balance we carry forward to the next year. Our annual income is received after our SW and IC events have been held by way of shoot levies and ground fees which is normally between October and December. Therefore we can only spend what we already prior to the start of the Regional events. There was some confusion last year on who would receive cash payments for IC teams, and although it was first agreed that all teams would receive a cash payment, on visiting our finances it would have not been possible to meet these payments before we received any income so it was decided to just pay the Senior winning teams only from the finances we held.

This year the committee decided to reintroduce the medal awards for the winning teams. This was a decision that was made just before the events commenced which did not leave us with a great deal of time to organise, so for the remainder of the last season, we provided perpetual trophies and medals to all County teams.

The new regional committee will be discussing what to do for this years championships at their first committee meeting and with a healthy bank balance, we are in a good position to continue with more ideas for regional shoots.

James England asked for an explanation of the Ground Fees

#### **Election of Officers:**

**Chairman:** Tom Green was proposed by M Taylor and seconded by J Fairburn. Richard Chapple was proposed by M Burge and seconded by A Harris – the two candidates left the room and a vote took place. Out of the members who voted, 14 votes were for Tom Green and 4 votes for Richard Chapple. The position was accepted by Tom Green

**Vice Chairman:** Mark Taylor was proposed by T Green and seconded by L Glover. Richard Chapple was proposed by M Chapple and seconded by M Burge – the two candidates left the room and a vote took place. Out of the members who voted, 15 votes were for Mark Taylor and 4 votes for Richard Chapple. The position was accepted by Mark Taylor

**Secretary:** Jane Rowland was proposed by Mark Taylor and seconded by M Chapple. Wendy Spackman was proposed by J Fairburn and seconded by D Brunt - the two candidates left the room and a vote took place. Out of the members who voted, 7 votes were for Jane Rowland and 10 votes for Wendy Spackman. The position was accepted by Wendy Spackman

**Treasurer:** Jane Rowland was proposed by T Green and seconded by P Rendell – 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

Attendance at registered shoots is down, but does vary.

Reiterating again that many CPSA memberships were purely for insurance purposes.

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

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.

Ian asked for any questions from the floor:

.The main topic of conversation was regarding the CPSA financially / legally assisting grounds with noise problems. With input from both Graham Brown and Don Brunt from a ground owners perspective.

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.

**AOB** - None arose

**Meeting Closure:** Richard Chapple thanked the CPSA and members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 21.25hrs.

*Signed* ..... *Chairman*    *Date* .....