



South West Region of the CPSA

Regional Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 via Zoom at 1930hrs

Hosted by Nicola Heron (CPSA)

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting Attendees: 19 including SW 2022 Regional Committee and CPSA HQ; Iain Parker & John Martin

Apologies: Richard Faulds & Lauren Goodman (Hampshire Representatives)

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Read and agreed as being a true account of the previous RAGM. Proposed by Mark Taylor and Seconded by Don Brunt. Unanimously Agreed.

Matters Arising: Team format will be kept the same for 2022.

Chairman's Report by Tom Green

The Region has been interesting this year. We have had some very good results; Richard Faulds winning Clay Shooter of the Year, Charlie Faulds – Emerging Shooter of the Year. Some of our South West Grounds have received massive investment and improvements; Enford, Barbury and South West Shooting School.

On a sad note, we have lost some great members of our fraternity; Joe Kitson; Richard Farquhar and of course Graham Brown of Purbeck Shooting School; all of whom will be sorely missed and a great loss to our sport.

South West Regional reports for the Pull Magazine will now be taken over by Lauren Goodman. If any County has anything regional to add to the monthly report, please ensure Lauren receives your article in good time for publication.

Financial and Regional Report by Jane Rowland

We started the year with an opening bank balance of £6905.24 and at our year end of 31 December we closed with £9082.02. We have received £5447 income from Ground Invoices, CPSA Support and Regional Levies. Our expenditure totalled £3270 for Regional Inter County prizes/expenses, honorariums and annual subscription. We made a healthy £2177 profit.

The overall winning Counties for 2021 were:

South West Championships: 1st Somerset (13 titles); 2nd Devon (9 titles); 3rd Cornwall (7 titles)

Inter County Team Events: 1st Hampshire (10 titles); 2nd Cornwall (8 titles); 3rd Somerset (5 titles)

It was also great to see a team entry from the IOW who fielded a winning Ladies team in the DTL Inter Counties

Elections (via Polls run by Nicola Heron, CPSA HQ)

Nomination Polls were run by Nicola to determine the officers for the Region and the only candidates were:

Tom Green – Regional Chair

Mark Taylor – Vice Chair

Jane Rowland – Regional Secretary

Jane Rowland – Regional Treasurer

All votes were 100% unanimous and accepted by the Officers.

County Representatives:

Cornwall – Steve Tomlinson & Jody Nicholas

Dorset – Tom Green and Mark Taylor

Somerset – Don Brunt (& TBC)

Devon – Paul Rendell and Andrew Harris

Hampshire – Richard Faulds and Lauren Goodman

Wiltshire – Jamie Campbell and Josh Brown

John Newton Memorial Nominations:

From the nominations received, the Regional Committee discussed each shooter's achievements and improvement at their last Committee meeting and it was unanimously decided that Theo Coleman from Somerset is awarded the John Newton Memorial award for 2021. Theo's father, Guy Coleman will be shooting at Owls Lodge soon and it is hoped he will collect the trophy for Theo there.

Iain Parker and John Martin – CPSA HQ News

Iain thanked the Region for the invitation to attend the RAGM and said that Zoom was a very good thing to come out of the Covid situation to which all the members agreed.

CPSA Membership – due to covid over the last year, saw a loss of over 3k members but thankfully now it is back up to almost where the numbers were pre-covid. It is also very pleasing to see that there are many new members joining and taking up the sport.

Finances are in a good, stable position with any surplus kept in reserves.

Shoot Program has now been rolled out to 50% of the grounds and it is intended that by the end of the year it will be fully functional across 100% of grounds. The Program is easy to customise for grounds and has some very good features such as real time scoring for Championships.

Lead Shot is still under debate with Defra issuing a public paper in the forthcoming months for public consultation after which time the CPSA will be able to have their say to fight to keep using lead in unison with the NRA and the Smallbore Association.

Noise will always raise issues, but the CPSA continue to work on and give their support to Grounds.

Association Change of Name – over the coming months it is hoped forums will be run across all the counties to decide whether to keep the name as Clay Pigeon Shooting Association or move to Clay Target Shooting Association.

Any Other Business:

Regional championships (raised via email by Lauren Goodman) will be discussed at our first Regional Committee meeting

Aaron Waltho advised Max Tarr was awarded Coach of the Year at the recent CPSA Awards. He asked if there was some support that Max could receive. Tom Green responded that although Max does receive assistance from a few sources, he is running his business as a chargeable concern so it is quite difficult to expect free support when his services are being charged for.

Aaron also asked if it would be viable to reduce competitions to a 50-target event instead of 100 targets in the hope to encourage new shooters who may not have the confidence to enter a full competition plus it would keep the costs down. It was briefly discussed but as all championships and averages are based on 100 targets and the lack of calendar space each ground has, it would be very unlikely any ground would forfeit a registered 100 target event to run a registered 50. Encouragement was given to Aaron to try out some local grounds that cater for practice and registered competitions.

Melissa Callum thanked Nicola Heron and Tom for their assistance with the Avon County situation.

Tom Green personally thanked Iain Parker, Nicola Heron and Jane Rowland for all their help and support and for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the region running smoothly.

Meeting Closure: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:25hrs.

Minutes compiled as a true account of the SWRAGM

Jane Rowland

South West Regional Secretary

