

Hertfordshire County CPSA
AGM – 26 January 2009 at 20:00 – Novotel, Knebworth

Present:

Nicola Heron – South East Regional Director
Jonny Johnson – South East Region Chairman
Paul Blackman
Glenn Paeckmeyer
Nigel Bowley
Richard Kirk

Apologies:

Alison Nicol
Michelle Rowe
Roy Tyler
Manny Marisol
Tim Tilley

Agenda:

1. Chairman's Report:

GP raised the issue of poor attendance at our County competitions and available competitors to choose from for the Intercounty competitions. He then went on to say that as a county the level of apathy around stepping forward to shoot for the county was very high and that we will find a way to improve the situation.

GP then addressed the meeting to clear up the issues surrounding the sudden departure of the County Secretary . He said the due to family problems and issues with his business the incumbent was unable to continue the role of secretary and that Paul Blackman had stepped into the role at the last minute to support the county.

GP also went on to say that the County Treasurer had unfortunately not been able to continue service and read a short message from her to the meeting, he went on to say that Richard Kirk would present on their behalf.

2. Treasurer's Report:

RK presented the meeting with the annual finance report (see addendum) he went on to say that we were not using our funds to gain the best from them and would present a solution to that problem at our first committee meeting for approval.

3. Nomination and Election of New Officers and Committee

Glenn Paekmeyer was nominated and elected as our Chairman for 2009

Richard Kirk was nominated and duly elected as our Treasurer for 2009

Paul Blackman was nominated and duly elected as our Secretary for 2009

Committee:

Mike Cotton
Martin Barker
Nigel Bowley
Paul Lovick

4. Funding Initiatives – Shotgun in the Olympics

NH gave a brief report on how funding for the Olympic Games was progressing, it would appear there will be little in the way of funding available to Shotgun disciplines as UK Sport has cut 80% of the budget to the 2012 games. The fund currently stands at £1.2 m with Shotgun, Small-bore and Air Pistol competing for the lions share. The likelihood is that the funded athletes will be cut down from 46 to about 8 and this has to cover all the shooting disciplines.

As we brought home no medals from the last Olympics it has become apparent that the UK Sport has drawn the conclusion that we deserve little in the way of funding.

JJ also raised the point British Shooting is the main body through whom we apply for our share of the funds and that the Chairman of the body is our very own Phil Boakes! CPSA itself has no influence on the outcome.

BRITISH SHOOTING Announcement

The announcement by UK Sport that British Shooting will receive £1,225,350 for the 2009-13 Olympic cycle is both disappointing and disproportionate compared to other sports. It is undoubtedly a hurdle that Shooting will have to overcome. It is 80% down on the budget we received for the Beijing Olympic cycle, so we will have to reduce the intensity and scope of our training and competitive programme in the run up to London 2012. This streamlining of costs will unavoidably impact the athletes, coaches and support staff.

Nevertheless the sport will look to the future with a new determination and British Shooting will continue to nurture the considerable talent available. We are already investigating other funding streams in order to effectively support athletes and win medals at London 2012 and beyond.

Members raised questions around the investment that Team GB made in their bid for medals in Beijing and how funds seemed to be wasted. This is a very complicated issue. British Shooting no longer can fund the cost of the Performance Director John Leighton Dyson and he has now been made redundant. His contract ends in March 09.

5. National Board Feedback

Nicola Heron made a brief report from the National Board explaining that the CPSA is not really involved in the decision making process surrounding the Olympic Games, the funding or lack of it. However the board will continue to push for the fair share of the funding available to British Shooting for shotgun.

Pull! Magazine was the main bone of contention at the moment as many members did not see the publication as adding any value, Clarification was needed as to who receives the magazine was sought. Nicola can now confirm that HQ states that all full and all clubman members should receive the magazine. If anyone has any problems please contact her.

6. Questions from the floor

Olympic Venues

Martin Barker raised the question – why has the Olympic Development Agency not responded to the presentation from Nuthampstead?

Nicola Heron replied that British Shooting are currently reviewing the “Alternative” venues for the shotgun disciplines – LOCOG and KPMG have revisited Bisley, however there is also a site at Barking that is being considered as a put up and pull down venue. Even though the Army do not want Woolwich to be used now due to their costs of relocating Army staff

during the games (est £10 million) there is still a strong chance that the ODA will insist on Woolwich. This is a waiting game to see who wins.

Pull! Magazine Copies

Members raised objections to multiple copies of the Pull! Magazine being delivered to the same household where there were several members in residence. Other members stated that they had the same problem but cured it by calling CPSA Head Office and requesting that only one copy be sent to them.

Trophies

It was suggested that all trophies should be presented at the AGM instead of at the competitions as control of the trophies is difficult to maintain – Hertfordshire have lost many trophies over the last four years. PB suggested that the committee discuss the issue at the first meeting in February.

County Column – Pull! Magazine

Ken Rist raised the question – why is there never anything in Pull! Magazine from the county, we are wasting space. PB replied that as far as he was aware the magazine column was entered every month with results, photographs and feedback from members, the only month our county column did not appear was when the editor mixed it in with Herefordshire's column. PB also stated that he had repeatedly requested in Pull! Magazine that members / team managers send to him results and photographs as he cannot read the ether these days, he is too old! Sending a professional photographer / reporter to all the competitions in the county is not possible we just cannot afford it.

Juniors need a boost

During the meeting the problem surrounding attracting more youngsters into the sport was raised, MB said that to encourage more participation he was willing to coach small groups of junior Trap shooters free of charge for an hour if they were entering Inter-county Competitions – while they pay for their clays and cartridges (juniors pay half-price for clays at Nuthampstead), Ken Rist said that he would match Martins offer to coach junior Sporting shooters if they were booked in with him.

7. Close.

The meeting closed at 10:45, the first full committee meeting will be announced shortly where Team Managers will be appointed

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