

## **Hertfordshire County Committee of the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association AGM – 24 January 2011 at 20:00 – St Ippolyts Village Hall**

### **Present**

Martin Barker + guest Ed Barker  
Paul Blackman  
Andrew Board  
John Cordell  
Wai Fu  
Alan Haynes  
Phil Kenton  
Paul Lovick  
Glenn Paeckmeyer

### **Apologies for Absence**

Mike Cotton  
Nicola Heron – South East Regional Director  
Jonny Jonson – South East Regional Chair  
Alison Nicol  
Mick Terry

### **AWOL**

None

### **Minutes of 2010 AGM held 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were reviewed by members present and no queries arose. Minutes were then proposed for acceptance as a true record by GP and seconded by AH, all were in favour.

### **Matters Arising**

None

### **Chairman's Report**

GP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending. He stated that the change of venue was due to cost, meeting at the Novotel in Stevenage was not sustainable. GP then stated that the general apathy in the sport was leading to a reduction of county representation at regional and national levels, which was a shame as Hertfordshire performed really well at the National ABT GP went on to thank PB for his continued support as Secretary and Treasurer and hard work in 2010 in the face of difficult personal circumstances. Payment of an honorarium to the secretary to cover last years service and the costs surrounding the post were declared to the members present. The chair expressed the frustration of county committee plans to deliver a schools programme due to a lack of involvement by the shooting trade and therefore sponsorship to allow us to continue into development with Hertfordshire Education Authority lead by Herts County Council. GP also expressed his heartfelt thanks to Tracy Speirs for her sterling work and drive while she acted as OT Captain, Tracy moved home to Bedfordshire at the end of 2010, she will be missed.

### **Secretaries Report**

PB thanked everyone for the support they had given him throughout 2010, but highlighted the apathy which seems to be choking the sport, sighting this meeting as a typical example of

the lack of enthusiasm which seems to be prevalent at the moment. He went on to say that its only the hard-core of members in the CPSA who can be counted on to keep things running at county level. PB stated that the reports from team captains have improved dramatically and can for the most part be added directly to the Pull! column which he collates. PB went on to say that as the magazine is printed two months behind current events it is not always possible to include scores and positions from competitions held close to deadline dates. PB also called for more photographs from team captains and information about top county shooters who are doing well to add depth to the column.

### **Treasurer's Report**

PB discussed the final accounts which had unfortunately been left on the chairman's computer. He stated that the county had reserves of just over £2,000 and the business saver account had developed about £0.70 last year. Actual financial summary is available to non committee members on application, although the document is available on the web site.

Levies to the county were up on 2009, PB thanked the team captains for accepting the responsibility for the collection of levies.

### **Election of Officers**

Chairman – MB proposed that GP be re-elected as chair, seconded by Alan Haynes, all were agreed.

Secretary – MB proposed that PB be re-elected as secretary, seconded by Paul Lovick, all were in agreement

Treasurer – MB proposed that PB be re-elected as treasurer as he seems to have the job in under control. Alan Haynes seconded, all were in favour.

Vice Chairman – PB proposed that Martin Barker be re-elected as vice-chair, seconded by Wai Fu, all were in agreement. PB will obtain the relevant forms to add MB as a trustee and remove Richard Kirk from the account.

### **Team Captains**

Martin Barker – OT  
Alan Haynes – ABT  
Paul Lovick – ESP  
Mike Cotton – FITASC  
John Cordell – ESK  
Wai Fu – ESK  
Alison Nicol – OSK  
TBA – DTL  
Glenn Paeckmeyer - UT

### **County Goals for 2011**

GP stated that it is the responsibility of the CPSA to encourage and conscript new shooters to its ranks.

### **Fundraising and Sponsorships**

PB Proposed that Hertfordshire hold a fund-raiser in the warmer months in the county in order to sustain county coffers, GP seconded the motion. MB suggested that Nuthampstead could be used again if required.

### **Schools Programme**

EB raised the issues around the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in schools and that it would be an ideal opportunity to put shooting into the curriculum for older pupils taking the DEA. He stated that CPSA were looking into the development of shooting as a subject but for some reason it had been dropped by HO. EB requested that we raise the subject again since the change of leadership of the main board. PB and GP to raise with Nicola Heron or SER Committee.

### **County Badges**

Following changes to the county badge last year many members complained that the change to silk embroidery from silver bullion was out of tradition and was there anything that could be done to reinstate the bullion badges. PB has re-designed the badge following discussions held at the last meeting of 2010 in November. A graphic impression of the new badge is available on the county web site and attached to this document. The changes will enable a massive cost saving from next year onwards as year tags will be the only badge required. The County Champions badge will remain unchanged.

### **Any Other Business**

MB raised the question of capability at Head Office to undertake the job of contacting the huge numbers of shotgun owners in the country – currently the number in Hertfordshire stands at 18000c - with the facts surrounding Public Liability Insurance i.e. that shooting at any clay shooting ground or on any ground where they have permission to shoot, the shooter must have public liability insurance. How will HO cope with the figures nationally? As an association, what are we doing to contact or even tell shotgun owners that we can cover them under our membership. For example, could the CPSA offer the straw bale clay shooters a minimal membership fee of say £10 per head to cover insurance costs, for which they would receive cover and a membership card?

A simple and effective means of increasing membership numbers dramatically – always useful when politicians start to look at sports.

The BASC have been thinking on parallel lines for some time and are likely to recruit before the CPSA can move into action. PB suggested that a possible solution in Hertfordshire would be to ask the constabulary to include us on their firearms web site with the angle that it would be fulfilling the public interest to suggest that shotgun owners insure themselves for Public Liability, this would have to come from HO.

MB proposed that due to a total lack of teams for Double Trap and ZZ Helice, that the committee drop the two disciplines for 2011 and not enter teams into South East Regional competitions. PB seconded, all members were in agreement. Hertfordshire will not field a team for either event for 2011.

### **Next AGM**

MB suggested that to improve the attendance at the AGM we should seriously look at combining the event with a shoot of some kind.

MB proposed the motion that the meeting be held at Nuthampstead after a Sunday shoot, PL seconded the motion.

MB suggests the following for comment:

100 bird all rounder, Club Team Challenge, format to be defined - at Nuthampstead on the third or last Sunday of the month. Prize of 250 cartridges is proposed, but, for every ten extra 3 man club teams entering, there will be an additional 250 cartridges added to the prize.

Clubs in the county may enter as many 3 man teams as they can muster.

This will be followed by the AGM, where refreshments will be served.

The month can be January to March 2012.

All comments to Martin Barker via email or mobile.

**Next Meeting**

First Meeting of the County Committee will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 07:30 pm at St Ippolyts Village Hall.

**Meeting Closed:**

At 22:15

New Hertfordshire County Team Badge (artists' impression)

