

British International Clay Target Shooting Federation Ltd

MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION'S BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 2302

Held via Zoom

Date: 23rd May 2023

Present: Mr N Woodward (NW) Chairman
Mr T Bobbett (TB) Deputy-Chairman
Miss M Rowe (MDR) Secretary
Mr C Bramley (CB) Treasurer

Olympic Trap
Mr T Bobbett (TB)

Olympic Skeet
Mr P Tudge (PT)
Mr A Lea (AL)

Helice
Mr D Jenkin (DJ)
Mr C Potter (CJP)

FITASC Sporting
Mr N Woodward (NW)
Mr M Hance (MH)

Universal Trap
Mr T Bobbett (TB)

Compak
Mr W Tatnall (WT)

England Mrs N Heron (NAH)
Scotland Ms E Barnes (EB)
Northern Ireland Mr H Henning (HH)
Mr I Parker (IP)

Wales
Mr R Harrison (RH)

Co-Opted Directors: Mr P Croft (PC) Ms M Conway (MC)

Meeting Opened: 18.37 hours.

2302.1 Opening Remarks

There were no declarations of interest.
The meeting is being recorded.

NJW said that as the CPSA had not paid their annual dues despite being sent an invoice plus a reminder, he asked the two CPSA Directors whether they would be prepared to remove themselves.

IP said both would like to stay.

NAH said Directors cannot be removed just like this and if they were then she would report it to Companies House.

TB explained Companies House is effectively an archive of company data and records and does not get involved in company legal disputes.

IP said it was just an oversight, he has not seen it on the bank statement, nor has it come across his desk to not pay.

CB confirmed it had been chased on the 5th May and today.

PC said this is the culmination of what's happened with the CPSA over the last few months. Last year they took the decision not to pay the invoice but did not tell the Board about it.

(CJP joined the meeting)

MC said this was crazy and the position needed to be checked with Companies House.

Proposal: CPSA to pay invoice within 7 days and carry on with meeting.

Proposed: MC; Seconded: NAH

Vote: In favour – 7, Against – 8, Abstentions – 3

PC said need to take a step back, this should be regarded as a shot across CPSA's bows, the CPSA has attacked the Board over the last few months, a lot of people are fed up with it and do not feel the CPSA supports the Board at all. This cannot go on; we need to sit down with the CPSA Directors and sort it out.

Proposal: CPSA to pay by close of business Friday and they remain in the meeting

Proposed: PC; Seconded: MC - Agreed

2302.2 Apologies for Absence

Trevor Wilson whose proxy was carried by Harold Henning (HH confirmed he would be about 20 minutes late and until then TB held his and TW's proxies)

Steve Ling whose proxy was carried by Terry Bobbett for OT & UT

CJP was going to be late and until then MC held his proxy.

2302.3 (a) Minutes of 21st March 2023 Meeting 2208

(i) Ratification

Proposed: TB; Seconded: MH – Agreed

(ii) Matters Arising & Actions

None.

There were no actions list.

(b) Minutes of 21st March 2023 Meeting 2301

(i) Ratification

Proposed: PC; Seconded: MC – Agreed

(ii) Matters Arising

None

2302.4 Treasurers Report - CB

Spreadsheets had been sent out showing the current situation.

The bank balance is £62,487, including the reserve and UT Foundation.

He had received notification today from the accountant that the UT Foundation money had been put into FSP, he has got them to amend this. FSP is therefore reduced by £2387, and the UT Foundation money is now

ringfenced.

Companies House accounts are done and will be filed.

Proposal: The accounts are now agreed.

Proposed: TB; Seconded: PC – Agreed.

There are 667 paid up members.

CB confirmed that Stripe takes the merchant fee straight away. The figures show the physical income, he will reflect these charges in shoots during the year.

MH queried the £4500 outstanding on levies.

CB has just sent a load of statements out, he has seen quite a bit come in, an update will follow. There is some old stuff that the disciplines need to look at and decide what to do. CB will send out a list to each discipline.

The old hosting charges are finished.

2302.5

AOB

(a) WT – a couple of grounds are still using the 20 bird 5 layout scheme for FSP, namely High Lodge and Steve Lovatt.

NW emailed the CPSA a month or so ago re Westfield and has had no reply. IP will check with Claire tomorrow.

Originally NJW had put this forward for winter hours, the Board agreed, IP asked why not do it all year round and NJW said to see how it goes.

NAH felt this was nothing to do with the CPSA.

MH said they were condoning a breach of the rules.

NJW said the CPSA were aware of the decision made by the Board so they should regulate their grounds.

IP – it is a FITASC discipline not a CPSA one.

CJP felt that if the ground is not complying with the rules, then the scores should not be registered.

NAH – it is up to BICTSF to govern the discipline. As it was done originally to increase participation does it really matter?

CJP – it is a discipline rep problem not the CPSA.

EB – This is a major issue in Scotland, the old system is run not the new.

The main central belt is run with 20 bird layouts to accommodate 70 shooters and make it viable for the grounds. They also would not have enough referees.

WT & PC felt the rule booked could be binned.

IP said the CPSA would not become the police of FITASC.

NAH asked NJW & MH what their shooters want. MH was not on the Board when this was voted on, but he wants to encourage grounds and shooters, what is the risk if we don't enforce the rules?

Westfield is a county championship so should be run as per the rules.

PC – Championships and selection shoots must be per the FIATSC programme. We are not asking the CPSA to police it, but not to register the scores if the shoot is not run in accordance with the rules.

MC – the discipline reps ought to decide what is best, it is hard on the shooters if their scores are not registered – it is not their fault.

MH – the discipline reps and ground owners need to talk.

IP – the policy is not to de-register a shoot after it has been shot, members have done nothing wrong. In some cases, if the CPSA rules are infringed then there is a warning procedure.

NJW & MH will go back to the sub-committee and EB asked to be able to join in.

The shoot in question has not been shot yet so a discussion needs to be had with the ground.

(b) TB – After the previous discussions about registered shoots and the membership fee, he read the CPSA rule book and saw two new rules had been added. He read out the rule about suspending members who have been banned by another federation. TB asked IP if the CPSA Board had been made aware of what has happened with two CPSA members and IP confirmed they had.

TB believed the CPSA have got their complaints procedure wrong and detailed the inbuilt escalation procedure with the Board only able to make decisions relating to the CPSA and its members, not any other individual or organisation. IP did not agree so TB and IP will have to agree to differ.

(c)

MH asked NAH if she was responsible for the post on Fedecat UK re GB flag.

NAH said various people post.

MH pointed out that NAH had put the post up re the flag and when MH responded he asked why she then took it down. NAH confirmed it was still there, nothing is taken down.

(d) AL – They have the UK Champs this weekend. He thanked CJP for his donation and CB for hosting it. They will use the raffle money to buy new trophies and then some to charities. The ladies will have a Sarah Gray Memorial Trophy.

(e) AL – referred to the start of the meeting, although not aware of the history he would like everyone to work together for the benefit of the sport.

(f) CJP – How can he check if someone is a member of BICTSF, CB will send him a link.

(g)

(h) NJW – Proposal for 2024 FSP – the shoots from June 2023 onwards will be for 2024.

TB said there was nothing in the Articles and thought it should be for the FSP directors and sub- committee to sort out.

NJW – in the sub-committee meeting it was agreed they would seek board approval.

PC said he could not support it as it goes against the reasons this Board was formed for. There is a ranking system which should be used to determine the team. Selection is done by shooting against each other not by being picked.

NJW pointed out that quota places in the Olympic games are for the country not the individual.

MH – the wild card would only come from someone who has shot the selection shoots leading up to the shoots in April and July 2024. The idea is to ensure there is the best team, e.g., if someone is not on form.

PC – the person who is being asked not to go wont be happy and there is no guarantee that the person who goes will perform.

MH – they would like the sanction of the board to use it if needs be. Morally they would have to ask the person who is to step down.

TB – the proposal is akin to the BICTSF/BS selection procedure. Places 1 & 2 in the ranking system is sacrosanct but the person in third place would be sent unless BS could come up with a compelling reason to send someone else.

MH – it would have to be published well in advance.

PC – there would have to be a robust appeals procedure.

NAH – this is a ranking Board not a squad Board, how would the wild card be chosen as have rankings.

MH – There will be 3-4 shoots this year to choose a team for Malaga in April 2024. The Worlds are in USA, what if the top 6 or 7 cannot afford to go, we would have the option to pick someone who has done two of the shoots and is going to the USA.

PC – sounds like it will be ok to miss a couple of shoots, possibly shows lack of commitment on the part of the shooter.

MC – In Helice, the Worlds are in Argentina, they have decided not to send a team as no guarantee that the top rankings would be able to afford to go.

NJW – need to go back to sub-committee and look for an alternate way of doing things and come back to the Board.

(i) NJW – asked CB if when someone joins whether they tick a box to say they will abide by all rules and regulations.

CB – it is the same as what was on the previous website. He believes there are some terms and conditions.

MH – some fellow countrymen were bad mouthing the team members.

NAH – you are never going to be able to cure someone taking pleasure at another's downfall.

2302.6 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 18.30 hours via zoom.

Meeting Closed: 20.27 hours.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: