

National Association of Masonic Clay Shooting Societies

Held at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

On Thursday 19th. February 2015.

Those Present: Brian Saidman, Marc Price, Keith Goodman (MetGL CSA) Peter Dyke (Wiltshire) Donald Campbell (Middlesex) Chris Lynch, Jim Stutley, Svend Jensen, Cliff Jones (Hertfordshire) Roger Nash (Suffolk) Stuart Darby (West Kent) Paul Reeves, Rob Hollier, Mike Gravenor (Essex) Mike Casey, Lawrence Alston, Graham Breeton (West Lancashire) Roger Wilkes, Ray Suddick, Nick Jenkins (East Kent)

Apologies were received from: Dennis Adams (Essex) Vic Marsh (Cornwall) Ram Malloca (Hert's) Paul Askey, David Good (Norfolk) Martin Lane (East Kent) James Pike (Warwickshire) Martin Price (Monmouthshire) Stephen Carter (Bristol) Alan Haskins (Devonshire) Geoff Gregan (Cumbria & Westmoreland) Mark Cotterall (Bedfordshire)

- 1) The meeting was opened at 12:10pm. with a welcome and brief introduction by Brian Saidman.
- 2) Brian Saidman was elected as the Chaiman for the meeting, Proposed Roger Wilkes seconded Mike Casey.
- 3) The name and objectives of the society were discussed, there were currently 24 interested provinces including the island of Jersey. There were several considerations put forward, these included the promotion of both freemasonry and clay shooting, to raise the profile of clay shooting within freemasonry, that the society should maintain a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. General agreement was reached on all topics discussed and the formation of the society was proposed by Brian Saidman (MetGL) and seconded by Svend Jensen (Hert's) Further discussion then continued with regard to the name and it was agreed that the word 'Clay' would be added, this was felt to define our aims in a clearer manner. This amendment was proposed by Rob Hollier (Essex) and seconded by Stuart Darby (West Kent). The proposal and amendment were then put to a vote which was unanimous.
- 4) Further discussion was given to the Constitution and By-Laws, as this proved to be a very lengthy process Brian Saidman proposed that a Sub-Committee should be formed to discuss these and report to the Main Committee, this was agreed and a Sub-Committee would be formed for this purpose.
ACTION: The Officers and Provincial Representatives of the society would form a Sub-Committee.
- 5) The topic of subscriptions was discussed and several methods of their collection also brought different considerations. Finally it was agreed that a small working account was necessary and an Annual Subscription of £10.00. per province would be collected to defray any expenses. Proposed by Ray Suddick (East Kent) seconded by Cliff Jones (Hert's)
- 6) The election of Officer's followed and these were agreed as;

Chairman; Brian Saidman proposed Ray Suddick (East Kent) seconded Graham Brereton (West Lanc's).

Vice Chairman; Mike Casey proposed Paul Reeves (Essex) seconded Nick Jenkins (East Kent).

Secretary; Roger Wilkes proposed Paul Reeves (Essex) seconded Nick Jenkins (East Kent).

Treasurer; Cliff Jones proposed by Chris Lynch (Hert's) seconded by Svend Jensen (Hert's)

Auditors; Stuart Darby & Lawrence Alston; proposed by Roger Wilkes (East Kent) seconded by Ray Suddick (East Kent).

- 7) The hosting and rules for the National Competition were discussed with one or two additions from those previously adopted.

These included;

Top Masonic Team 1st & 2nd places (top three scores)

Top Guest Team 1st & 2nd places (top three scores)

Top Ladies Team 1st & 2nd places (top three scores)

Masonic High Gun 1st & 2nd places, Guest High Gun 1st & 2nd places

Ladies High Gun 1st & 2nd places, Junior High Gun

Veteran High Gun (65 years of age)

A document listing all regulations to be met by host provinces would be issued which would include CPSA Rules and Regulations. Provinces would also be invited to submit applications to host this event which would be allocated on two years notice.

ACTION; Mike Casey

The 2016 National Masonic Clay Shooting Competition would be hosted by Warwickshire with applications from Hertfordshire and Essex for the 2017 competition, other applications would also be invited.

- 8) Actions for the introduction of matters passed would be at the discretion of the Officers and Committee or those listed in the minutes as taking any necessary actions.
- 9) Any other Business; Other than general agreement on the topics discussed the only request was that "Release Trigger" shotguns should be excluded from our competitions. This was agreed in essence with their use being very limited. Also with cartridges there should be no 'Home Loads' or re-loads of any description.

ACTION; Mike Casey.

Roger Wilkes (East Kent) explained to the meeting the un-usual absence of Martin Price (Monmouthshire) and the situation which caused his absence.

The Chairman wished to record his considerable thanks to all who attended the conference and his appreciation of the considerable amount of time and effort that Mike Casey had spent in preparing the fundamental paperwork for the Society together with Roger Wilkes' earnest endeavours in bringing the members together for this historic meeting.

The date and venue of the next meeting will be circulated to all provinces as will the formation of the By-Laws Sub-Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:05pm.