

National Association of Masonic Clay Shooting Societies  
Held at Freemasons Hall, Park Street, Bristol. BS15NH  
Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. March 2018.

Those Present: Brian Saidman (MetCSA), Mike Casey (West Lanc's), Roger Wilkes (East Kent), Nick Jenkins (West Kent), Roger Nash (Suffolk) Rob Hollier, Paul Swinge, Paul Reeves (Essex), John Hemmings (Bristol), Peter Dyke (Wiltshire), Dave Randell (Dorset), Martin Price, Paul Burley (Monmouthshire), Roger Gills (Buckinghamshire),

Apologies were received from: Mike Bushby (Surrey), Stuart Darby (West Kent), Ian Townley (Warwickshire), Keith Goodman, Marc Price (MetCSA), Donald Campbell (Middlesex), Dave Hollis (Buckinghamshire), Kenneth Ellis (Cambridgeshire), David Thornley (West Sussex), William Watson West Yorkshire), Graham Spence (Jersey), John Burgess (Wiltshire)

- 1) The meeting was opened at 11:05am. with a welcome and brief introduction by our Chairman Brian Saidman.
- 2) Those attending are listed at the head of these minutes as are those that tendered their apologies.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting having been circulated were accepted

- 3) The Chairman's report was enhanced with a power point presentation featuring a logo depicting Great Britain, shooting and freemasonry. He welcomed the new provinces into the association with Dorset in attendance saying that we were encouraged by having several other clay shooting provinces showing an interest. He particularly mentioned the Island of Jersey where shooting was popular within the masonic community and where we would also be very welcome to visit on some occasion especially the weekend of their Annual Provincial Meeting. He mentioned that prior to the 300 year celebrations during 2017 national masonic sporting groups were asked with regard to organising a national sporting event within their discipline where a trophy would be supplied and we, as the national shooting association, were the only discipline to take up the challenge which was the "Jonathan Spence Clay Shooting Challenge" an event which attracted the largest entry of clay shooters ever. A very successful day and one which we should all be very proud of. The chairman's report went on to say that from an idea of Mike Casey's the possibility of holding an International Competition should be investigated, this would include England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, it would involve UGLE approaching the other constitutions on our behalf and Mike Casey informed the meeting that the letter, or a draft of the letter, had already been written and was ready to be sent to UGLE.
- 4) The Secretary's report is attached as Appendix 1
- 5) The Treasurer's report showing a large amount of money from the "Jonathan Spence Clay Shooting Challenge" which was just a little less than £4000.00. this amount needed to be allocated and it's beneficiaries needed to be decided. After some discussion it was agreed to donate £2000.00. to the "Life Lites" childrens charity who are located in Great Queen Street close to Freemasons Hall. And the other £2000.00. to a Disabled Shooting Team of national standard and the secretary will investigate this reporting back to the committee. The balance sheet is attached as Appendix 2
- 6) The election of officers, the secretary informed the meeting that 12 ballot papers had been returned and that the results were as follows;

Chairman	Brian Saidman	12/12	elected
Vice Chairman	Mike Casey	12/12	elected
Treasurer	Nick Jenkins	11/12	elected (one spoilt paper)
Secretary	Roger Wilkes	11/12	elected (one spoilt paper)

Committee membership, it was further decided that the By-Laws are to be altered so that the ballot papers do not ask for a vote as to who takes a place on the committee but that each Province nominates a representative to attend committee meetings with the vote limited to one vote from each province. If more than one person attends a meeting then the criteria remains the same one vote per province.

These were Proposed by Mike Casey and Seconded by Paul Reeves

- 7) *With regard to the suggested visit to Jersey, as this would involve taking guns and cartridges off of the mainland, rules and regulations for importing guns onto the island of Jersey are available from the Secretary. The Secretary will circulate a request to all those who would like to be included in the visit to Jersey.*
- 8) Data Control Officer: As the control of data is an issue currently with provinces and freemasonry in general with further directives being received by lodge secretary's it is suggested that we elect a Data Controller. Several of the pitfalls were discussed to data being generally available and the problems this attracts. It was proposed by Rob Hollier and seconded by Peter Dyke that the Secretary be appointed as the Data Controller, this was accepted and agreed.
- 9) AOB: The Secretary asked that the Provincial Representatives inform the associations Web Master of future events so that full use is made of this facility thus opening the social media door to all members. [webmaster@namcss.org](mailto:webmaster@namcss.org)

Paul Reeves asked the meeting their thoughts on having a National Clay Shooting Team to take part in other national team events, this was thought to be a worthwhile suggestion which we should investigate further.

Nick Jenkins brought up the cost of shoots, these now ranged from £38.00. to £85.00. and this was thought to be above the range of many, was a cap on costs viable? Depending on the ground we were limited to the cost of clays, referee's etc. so costs would have to be left to the particular province organising the event.

Paul Reeves asked what was to happen to the Jonathan Spence Clay Shooting Challenge Cup in the future. This trophy would, from August 2018, be presented to the Masonic High Gun.

Roger Nash expressed the feeling of many that there was concern over the day (Friday) chosen for this year's National Competition would these effect entries and preclude members from taking part, especially those with long distances to travel.

Paul Reeves asked on behalf of the Essex Safety Officer about the conflict between CPSA Rules and NAMCSS rules. Mike Casey explained that NAMCSS rules were those that had been accepted since West Lanc's started the competitions but as we are a growing association these rules can be changed at any AGM. He also raised the non acceptance of the "Release Trigger" rule and while some were in favour of this rule again it could be rescinded at any AGM.

The subject of only NAMCSS members being able to shoot in competition for Masonic Trophies, it was decided to drop this rule in favour of a rule which allows any mason to shoot for any masonic trophy but only provinces that are NAMCSS members can host a Masonic Competition in our name.

The date of the next meeting will provisionally be 11<sup>th</sup>. March 2019, the venue to be announced.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:15pm.