

West Lancashire Masonic Clay Pigeon Shooting Society  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
held on 23rd June 2006 at Wellington Park, Leyland

**Present:**

W Bros: B A Jackson PJGD, G B Wrennall PPrDGSuptWks, P H Gunning PAGDC, P Wilson PAGDC, M A Clowes PPrSGD, I R N Heyes PPrGSuptWks, A Hammond, D Glover PPrSGD, R Hodgson, G W M Casey, R McBride PPrAGSuptWks, D Read PPrAGDC, and K Nuttall PPrGSuptWks and Bro L Alston.

**Apologies** were received from:

V W Bro T Blackburn PGSwdB, W Bros: J Hammond PPrJGW, D Chester PPrJGW, and D Potts PPrSGD.

**Opening Remarks:**

In his opening remarks the Chairman Bro B A Jackson welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Minutes of the Previous AGM:**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2005, having been previously circulated were accepted by the Meeting on a Proposition by W Bro R Hodgson and seconded by W Bro K Nuttall.

**Matters Arising:**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**Chairman's Report:**

In his report W Bro B A Jackson thanked all the members who had worked so hard to make the National Shoot a success. He stated that he was proud of what had been achieved. He then read out a letter from V W Bro T Blackburn congratulating all those who had helped.

**Secretary's Report:**

W Bro G W M Casey started by reading out cards of thanks from Mrs E Wrennall and V W Bro D Vaughan DPGM of Worcester. Several congratulatory telephone calls and emails had been received about the National Shoot from Middlesex, Worcester and Metropolitan Grand Lodge Rt W Bro Colin Hutchinson PGM (Cams.) had given a donation of £50 in appreciation of our hospitality.

He then gave an analysis of the entries at the National Shoot and brought to the attention of the members the fact that the number of paid up Annual Members was decreasing at an alarming rate. He recommended that the new Committee discussed the situation as a matter of urgency.

He also reported that W Bro B Gillbanks PSGD, Deputy Provincial Grand Master had accepted the position of Vice President of the Society.

**Treasurer's Report:**

W Bro D Glover explained the Balance Sheet, which had been duly audited, and asked for any questions, there were none.

He then outlined a Statement from the Acting Treasurer W Bro D Potts showing a healthy projected balance of £2750.00 and suggested that the members restrict further distribution of Charity money to £1500.00.

W Bro Potts further recommended the Life Membership remained at £50.00 but the Annual subscription be increased to £8.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 as the current level was increasingly cost ineffective.

He further requested, that as the current level of membership subscriptions were not sufficient to meet ongoing Society expenses, that the Members authorise an allocation from the proceeds of the Sportsman's Dinner to defray running costs. As this was one of the reasons for running these events W Bro P H Gunning proposed that a sum of £1000.00 be held back to cover the next two years. This was seconded by W Bro D Glover and agreed by all present.

It was then explained, by the Chairman, that W Bro D Glover had retired as Treasurer due to the pressure of work. W Bro Glover was thanked for his hard work on behalf of the Society.

### **Shoot Captain's Report:**

In a very comprehensive report W Bro M A Clowes outlined all the events that Members of the Society had attended over the past year and said that as a Society we had had a very successful year.

He gave details and the results of:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Whittington Clay Shoot
- The Family Fun Day at Lindale
- The Inter-Provincial Shoot at Knaresborough, the Watson Eden Trophy being won by West Lancashire
- The Christmas Turkey Shoot at the Dolphin Shooting Ground
- The Worsley Grange Away Day
- The Provincial Shoot at Lindale Gun Club
- The trip to Berkshire Country Sports Lodge and finally
- The National Shoot at Leighton Hall

He mentioned the monthly shoots at Kelbrook and outlined the proposals for a new competition to be held on these days for the 'Adams & Co' Trophy.

He finished by saying he felt the time had come for him to step down as Shoot Captain.

### **Election of Officers:**

The following Officers were duly, proposed, seconded and accepted by the members present:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>POROPSER &amp; SECONDER</b>
CHAIRMAN	W Bro B A Jackson	V W Bro T Blackburn & W Bro P Wilson
VICE CHAIRMAN	W Bro G B Wrennall	V W Bro T Blackburn & W Bro P Wilson
SECRETARY	W Bro G W M Casey	W Bro B A Jackson & Bro L Alston
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	W Bro D Chester	W Bro G W M Casey & W Bro B A Jackson
TREASURER	W Bro D Potts	W Bro B A Jackson & W Bro D Glover
SHOOT CAPTAIN	W Bro I R N Heyes	W Bro M A Clowes & W Bro G W M Casey
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	W Bro D Read	Bro L Alston & W Bro P H Gunning
MEMBERS	W Bro P H Gunning W Bro M A Clowes W Bro J Hammond W Bro K Nuttall Bro L Alston	W Bro D Glover & W Bro D Read W Bro D Glover & W Bro D Read W Bro D Glover & W Bro D Read W Bro D Glover & W Bro D Read W Bro D Glover & W Bro D Read

AUDITORS

W Bro M Kinsella PAGDC  
Bro I Walton

W Bro B A Jackson & W Bro G B Wrennall  
W Bro G W M Casey & W Bro G B Wrennall

**Notice of Motion:**

The Meeting was asked to vote on a Notice of Motion to amend Rule 14 of the Byelaws to include the provision to appoint Life Vice Presidents. This was approved by the members present.

**Propositions:**

W Bro P H Gunning proposed and W Bro M A Clowes seconded a motion to make V W Bro T Blackburn a Life President of the Society. This was agreed by the members present.

W Bro G W M Casey proposed and W Bro B A Jackson seconded a motion to make W Bro M A Clowes an Honorary Member of the Society in recognition of the 12 years he had been Shoot Captain and the work he had done representing the Society. All the members present warmly received this proposition. W Bro Clowes accepted the honour.

**Subscriptions:**

The new Treasurer W Bro D Potts had proposed an increase in the Annual subscriptions to £8.00; this was seconded by W Bro D Glover and agreed by the members present.

**Charity Nominations:**

This matter was deferred to a Committee Meeting when the finalised figures would be available.

**Any Other Business:**

W Bro P H Gunning said that at the start of the National Shoot we had been desperate for helpers and we could not have managed without those few who unstintingly helped us to get started and in some cases worked without a break all day. He proposed that a list of those worthy people be drawn up and that they are invited to dinner at Wellington Park in recognition of their hard work. This was seconded and agreed by the members present. W Bro G B Wrennall was asked to organise the event.

After discussion, the Meeting felt that, with some changes, the Society would be prepared to host a 4<sup>th</sup> National Competition in two years time. It was left to the next Committee Meeting to finally agree a decision.

W Bro G B Wrennall then thanked W Bro R McBride for all the work that he had done on the Archives of the Society. He was once again asked to be the Honorary Archivist, which he accepted.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.