

WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Held at The New Inn, Newbridge On Wye on 7th May 2014

Present.

President; Arthur Williams
Chairman;
Stats Officer; Brian Davis
Secretary; Ann Snelgrove
Treasurer; Jackie Spencer
Sporting; Richard Hughes, Rob Harrison
ABT; Graham Evans
DTL; Dai Ricketts
Olympic Skeet;
Olympic Trap;
National Skeet; Angie Oliver, Mark Davies

Action

1. Chairman's addressed & welcome.

The President opened the meeting in the Chairman's' absence at 7.35 and welcomed everyone attending.

2. Apologies.

Daff Davies, Mike Amodeo, Jonathon Davies, Will Palmer, Ian Jones, Dell Davies, Gareth Wrentmore and John Henry Thomas.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed & seconded, agreed by all & duly signed by the President as a true record of the meeting. However it was noted that Dai Ricketts was not at the last meeting & had been included in error.

4. Matters arising.

3065. AO is in the process of preparing a document & will then distribute to the subcommittee.

3089. Talent Identification funding from WTSF – MD reported that this was ongoing & that the bid for funding had been successful. There was money to buy cartridges & targets and arrangements were in place with regard to some dates & coaches but due to the shooting calendar this had taken some sorting out. He had also received a fair response to date.

3099. Letter from Helen Slack - copy had been sent previously to IJ who wished to address the matters noted. AS to contact IJ for update on this issue.

3100. Email from Jackie Lewis querying why the WCTSA were not registering with EST, this had been answered prior to the meeting.

3102. Previous email from Nicola Walker concerning the hotels for the forthcoming Sporting HCIT which IJ was to follow up with the CPSA. AS to contact IJ for an update.

3105. Reply from WTSF, which had previously been circulated, concerning the question why a letter had not appeared in correspondence as requested at a previous meeting of theirs. A lengthy explanation was given by P Donovan to the WCTSA in which he explained that as it was between their meetings the matter had been dealt with. The Board stated that they were not happy with this outcome but felt that there was no way forward in this matter.

3107. It was explained that the BO was incorporated on the second day of the ABT HCIT & that if the team wanted to enter an extra £15 would need to be paid by the individual shooter & scores would be incorporated. Non team shooters would have to shoot the BO after the Internationals.

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MD had written something up on speed guns & a brief discussion followed on where was the best place to position the guns as it was felt that to take accurate readings it needed to be in the same place at each ground. MD reported that he still needed to do some more work on it.

5. Correspondence.

- 3112.** Email from Allan Jones asking the Board if they agreed to allow Anglesey to hold two of their County Qualifiers in August & September this year as the ground used closed for the winter. All agreed that this would be acceptable, AS to advise A. Jones.
- 3113.** Email from Rachel Evans, Director for Wales of the Countryside Alliance asking to meet AS to discuss their forthcoming National Shooting week. Agreed that AS follow this up.
- 3114.** ICTSF minutes of the General Assembly Meeting held in New Zealand on 8th March 2014 at which Dai Ricketts represented the Board. These had been distributed prior to the meeting. An email was also received from Tony Turner advising the Board that J. McCormack had been made redundant & due to the terms his involvement with the ICTSF had ceased.
- 3115.** Letter from Ieuan Davies regarding insurance, individual and club, which had been dealt with by Jackie Spencer. However it was noted that rifles would be covered at no extra cost on the policy.
- 3116.** Email had been received from Chris Dean offering his services to the WCTSA as a coach. He had also contacted the WTSF, JD, MA & MD. AS had replied to Chris that it would be held on file, MA had replied as had MD in the same vein.
- 3117.** Letter sent to AW, copied to AS, from Julie Allan detailing an incident which took place at Fauxdegla between herself and the ground which was followed by messages on Face book. In the letter Julie advised that she was concerned that she had been banned from the ground but since receipt WP had spoken to them & had received a verbal acknowledgement from the manager that this would not be the case. AS had advised Julie of this outcome but she had recently emailed asking that it be obtained in writing from Mike Faux. AS to advise WP, IJ and DR of this to be discussed & followed up.
- 3118.** Email from Fauxdegla thanking the Board for allowing them to tender for the NSK HCIT 2015 but stating that they were going to build a fourth layout but stating that due to this they would not be tendering this time.
An email had also been received from SW2000 concerning this subject & thanking the Board for the offer to tender but again turning down the offer.
- 3119.** Email from JD explaining that the new traps for OT & OSK had now been delivered to Griffin Lloyd & were currently being installed. He asked if the date of the next OT Welsh Selection shoot could be changed from 11th May to 29th June to allow the new ranges to bed in and that he would advise everyone at the selection shoot on 4th May. AS advised the meeting that this had also now been changed on the website.
- 3120.** A CPSA English Sporting Referee certificate had been received from Steve Ashford, 50119, to be held on file.
- 3121.** Letters were presented to the meeting from Alf Weston & Trevor Marshall regarding problems that they encountered with their membership numbers whilst at an OSK selection shoot held at SW2000. As AS was away at the time this had been dealt with by BD & it appeared that it was a misunderstanding as the numbers were new and needed adding to the shoot programme at SW2000 which is run on the CPSA system and needed updating. BD had sorted it out with regard to the scores & noted that the CPSA send updates on a regular basis but these needed triggering. AS also requested an updated list for mailing purposes & to contact Allan Jones regarding this but BD offered to help if any problems were encountered.

6. Treasurers Report.

3122. Bank Accounts - As at 7th May 2014

Current Account	13,452
Base Rate Reward	30,682
Saver	79
Secure Trust	56,045
Total	£100,258

Major movements since last meeting 05/03/14;

Interest received from Secure Trust £318.78

Letter to say gross interest rate will reduce from 2.32% to 1.99% from 28/06/14.

It was noted that this was quite a common occurrence & that the new rate was not too bad but that JS would look around at other rates available.

£1719:35 had been received via the CPSA for the Canadian trip expenses from the ICTSF.

Invoices to pay:

Sional re Badges £435 contra to sale of clothing,

Outstanding Debtors;

Stuart Dodd invoice 197 dated 02/09/13 for polo shirt and shooting jacket of £55. JS asked if she should write this off as a bad debt & should he be representing Wales in the future. It was advised that it was left on file now & JS to email Allan Jones to see if he had renewed his membership.

General;

JS had also received a request from the wife of a deceased member asking if a refund could be made on the membership paid. It was discussed that the Articles state that no refund was allowable, JS to check and then advise the lady concerned.

JS then asked if there was a set time for membership to be paid but AW stated that currently a Shooter could pay the ground prior to shooting.

JS then showed the meeting a new card system for membership cards, as used by the CPSA, which could replace the current laminating system but would cost £435 per 1000. It was felt that this was dearer than the current system & it was felt that due to the process involved that it might not be an advantage to the WCTSA but suggested that JS had a discussion with Allan Jones about this.

The President then thanked JS for her comprehensive report.

7. Executive Decisions.

3123. An Executive decision had been made regarding the scores of Sarah Wixey from Tucson.

8. WTSF Report

3124. As AS had no internet that week JD had sent a report to AO which was presented to the meeting. He reported that the traps had finally arrived at Griffin Lloyd & were nearly all filled in A & B ranges. The electronic work was ongoing & both ranges would be operational shortly, possibly within the next fortnight. The skeet range would be started shortly now that the ground was drying out after the wet winter.

There had been a great start to the shooting season with the first 3 ISSF World Cups having Welsh representation. The World Cup held in Tucson saw Mike & Sarah Wixey in the trap team, JD in the trap MQS competition & Elena Allen in the women's skeet. Sarah won the silver medal in the women's trap event with a great performance in the semi final & then again in her medal match against Australian Letisha Scanlan missing out on Gold in a sudden death shoot off. AS advised the meeting that a report was on the WCTSA website concerning this success.

More Welsh success at the GB trap selection shoot at Southern Counties as on day one both Mark Evans & Mike Wixey made the final. Mark who has been shooting very well this year shot the highest score of the day in very tough conditions & ended up in the Gold medal match with fellow Welsh team member Mike Wixey. Mike went on to win the Gold with Mark taking the Silver. The following day saw Scott Morgan in the final of selection shoot two & after a very solid semi final Scott went into the Gold medal match & won the Silver. As a result of this Scott has earned a GBR team place for the Munich World Cup.

The Board were very pleased with these results & offered their congratulations to those successful Welsh shooters on their achievements.

The following paperwork had been received from the WTSF and had been circulated prior to the meeting;

Confirmation from John Dallimore that Jess Moore had been awarded a Sports Aid award for 2014.

Email from John Dallimore regarding the details of the Great Britain Academy Programme and providing a link to same. GE had requested that the Board consider putting Jess Moore forward for this & it was discussed, and agreed, that the Board propose Jess Moore, Josh Keeble, Jack Beech, Ellis Jones and Georgina Roberts. AS to advise John Dallimore.

Email from GE following an email from John Dallimore concerning 2nd window for CG 2014 nominations in which GE pointed out that the MQS was set on Delhi which was virtually unattainable due to the system changing & therefore no time for the shooters to achieve good scores in this event. He also noted that he felt that Welsh shooters didn't have the opportunity to take part in or have the correct training for DT events. AO noted that she felt a lot of the MQS were set too high.

Email from Paul Donovan which accompanied their minutes stating his disappointment at not being able to set a meeting date between the two Associations & that now we were approaching the shooting season it would become more difficult to arrange.

Minutes of the WTSF meeting dated 24th February 2014.

Agenda for the WTSF meeting on 31st March 2014.

WTSF UK Balance sheet as at 30th March 2014.

WTSF Income & expenditure budget vs. Actual 1st April 2013 to 30th March 2014.

WTSF CG newsletter.

9. BICTSF report.

3125. AW advised that they had not had a meeting since the Boards last meeting and was unsure of the date of the next one.

10. ICTSC report.

3126. Next meeting due to be held at Bywell in July. BD queried the age of veterans as he felt it should be 60 & AO pointed out that the Board were to advise IJ of their thoughts for this forthcoming meeting.

11. Missing Trophies.

3127. RH asked the meeting if a letter could be sent to David Kidner regarding the missing Welsh International Junior High Gun Trophy which was presented to him in 2011 and had not been available for presentation since this date. This was supported by a photograph of this presentation to David.

The letter to also include the Inter Counties Sporting Junior High Gun which was presented to David in 2012 & had not been available for presentation since this date. This was featured on the WCTSA website.

The Board agreed that he be written to and asked him to discuss the return of these trophies, also pointing out the photographic evidence of the presentations. The letter to also state that if these trophies were not returned then a bill for the costs of both would be sent to him.

12. County Finals Scores.

3128. Some problems had arisen at the Skeet Inter Counties finals recently as some teams only had 8 members turn up. AO proposed that the Board upheld the decision taken by the County Coordinators at their meeting in that 8 scores were to count to alleviate future problems of this kind. This was sec. by RH and all in favour. AS to advise Allan Jones.

It was noted that at the last two Inter Counties finals there had been a good turnout of shooters which was encouraging.

13. World Sporting 2014

3129. Both representatives reported how proud they were of the Welsh team and that a full report and photographs would be provided shortly by Rich H. It was a very good event enjoyed by all and the Welsh team did very well and presented themselves exceptionally well in the Welsh clothing as was seen later in some photographs shown by RH. Nigel Hart shot extremely well and was in the super 6 shoot off and ended up third in AAA. New caps for the team were presented by Richard & Dorian & supplied by Sional, they looked very nice with their names on them. Sadly they did not have WCTSA pennants to present so some hats & Welsh tea towels were given by some of the team & 5 Welsh Team ties, AS to send RH 5 to replace these.

Janine White (Preece) was 3rd in the ladies after a shoot off, Mike Harding 2nd in Super Vets, the juniors were only 3 clays away for the bronze medal, and Wales picked up the Ladies bronze medal, the veterans bronze medal and the seniors shot well too.

Overall it was a very good event and one for the Welsh teams to be proud of in their shooting and the presentation of themselves at the event.

14. Any Other Business.

3130. BD stated that the Articles & Rules of the WCTSA needed addressing with some urgency now & it was noted that previously there had been discussions on funding from the CPSA & funds available from the WTSF to help complete this. AO to advise of the WTSF minute regarding this and AS to contact IJ regarding the CPSA funding. Following this possibly contact Ian Blackburn regarding the WTSF/Sport Wales offer to ascertain what funding is available from them. It was agreed that this needed putting on to the next meeting agenda as there would possibly only be two more meetings before the agenda for the AGM needed to be sorted out and published to the membership.

GE asked the meeting if there was any discipline short of a trophy as he had a new one which only needed a new base which he was willing to donate to the WCTSA. The President thanked GE & asked all of the Board to consider where this trophy could be presented, GE will bring it to the next meeting of the Board.

DR advised the meeting briefly of the recent DTL World Championships held in New Zealand. Ellis had shot well & Roy had also shot well & won some cartridges. There had been some problems with a couple of guns, one in England and one in Dubai, and also some luggage but they had received a great welcome. It was very warm, everyone was very friendly but the background was difficult and the targets were set slightly different than here. DR also represented the WCTSA at the ICTSF meeting held there which he reported to be interesting but very long. The President thanked him for his attendance.

A brief discussion on meeting dates followed and AO suggested setting about them every 6 weeks, give or take a week, and suggested the next one be held in mid June to allow for the Articles and Rules of the Association to be sorted out.

The President closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone who had attended and wished them a safe journey home.

Date of next meeting to be Wednesday 18th June 2014 but AS to contact the Chairman to ensure that this date is agreeable with him also.

Minutes agreed and signed by;.....

Position;

Dated;

