

WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Held at The New Inn, Newbridge On Wye on 18th June 2014

Present.

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

Action

1. Chairman's addressed & welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 and welcomed everyone attending.

2. Apologies.

Received from JHT, IJ, WP, MA.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

Acceptance of the previous minutes were proposed & seconded, agreed by all & duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising.

3012. IJ advised, via email, that he was awaiting contact from the Scottish discipline representative regarding the booking of hotels for the Sporting HCIT.

3117. DD reported that he had spoken to the ground again re; Julie's concerns & was assured that the situation was OK. The Board decided that no further action needed to be taken but Rich H suggested if Julie experienced a problem at the ground she should advise a discipline representative straight away. AS to advise Julie of the Board's decision.

3122 JS reported that she still had not heard from Stuart Dodd re; the outstanding invoice & it was noted that he was not a member of the WCTSA this year. To follow up.

3124 Re; the GB Academy Programme – discussions took place asking why the WCTSA were not involved in the setting up of this Academy as other Nations were and why it had fallen to the WTSF instead. Two more possible candidates were put forward by the Board, prop and sec. that George Seaborne and Owen Huffer be nominated too. All agreed. AS to collate their CV's and forward to John Dallimore.

3127 AS reported that she had heard nothing to date in reply to her letter to David Kidner concerning the missing trophies. Rich H agreed to follow this up with him and report back.

3130 GE presented to the meeting with a new trophy to be used in whatever way they agreed but it was noted that it needed a new base. AS to source one & agreed to take the trophy home. The Chairman thanked GE for donating the trophy to the WCTSA, agreed by all.

5. Correspondence.

- 3131.** Two emails from Jill Grieve & Phillip Davies, Countryside Alliance, regarding information on the Welsh athletes going to the Commonwealth Games. AS advised the meeting that both had been sent the contact details of the WTSF/Sport Wales and also copies of the WTSF newsletters with all the information on the athletes going.
- 3132.** Email from a sports massage therapist providing information of her service, noted by the Board.
- 3133.** Email from Jess Moore regarding her recent successes in shooting for medals. The Board agreed that she is shooting extremely well, and send congratulations to her, and a report and pictures are already on the WCTSA website.
- 3134.** Email from Clive Hames to the East Midland Region Director of the CPSA. This had been circulated prior to the meeting but a few did not appear to have received it. AS to re send.
- 3135.** Letter from Mark Davies regarding disruption at a NSK selection shoot at SW2000 concerning B. Philips, himself as a referee, the jury and the resulting hold up to the other shooters. This incident was discussed in some detail & it was also noted that B. Philips had been rude to a number on the Board on other occasions. Dell D felt in the circumstances given the shooter should have been requested to leave but it was also noted that the correct procedure had been followed with the jury. It was prop and sec that AS wrote to B. Philips stating that his conduct was deemed unacceptable with regard to his actions at the shoot.
- 3136.** Email from John Dallimore advising that Katie Cowell, Commonwealth Athlete, was appearing on the One Show that night. Circulated to all and it was felt by those who saw the programme that she had been good.
- 3137.** Email from John Dallimore giving a link to the information and dates for the next input to the GB Academy. This had previously been circulated to the Board.
- 3138.** Email from British Shooting asking for feedback on the organization via a survey they were involved in. This had previously been circulated and the link put onto the website.
- 3139.** Email from Terry Bobbett asking if Jays Clay Target Club (Geoff Rowe) were now members of the WCTSA. AS had already replied in the affirmative to Terry after speaking to BD & A. Jones.
- 3140.** A number of emails had been received from Welsh OT shooting members regarding a date change from 29th June to 15th June for an OT Welsh selection shoot following the initial email request from JD & date change on the website. This email was stating that HP was planning a competition abroad & that the European Championships were also on the same week. However it had been noted that the email did not make clear if this was an official WTSF competition. These emails had been circulated to all & following input from MA & members of the Board the date was changed back to the original date & amended on the website. An email was received from JD accepting this date amendment with apologies for not consulting MA but requesting that the scores achieved by shooters attending the Beretta Gold Cup in Lonato be counted as score substitution for the Welsh OT team as he felt that we should be sending our strongest team to the forthcoming HCIT. This was then discussed in great detail at the Board meeting & JD stressed again that he felt we needed to send the strongest team to the HCIT & therefore needed to count the scores but he agreed that it was not a GB shoot & could therefore understand if the Board disagreed. Rich H suggested getting feedback from the Welsh shooters to see what they felt about the subject. It was suggested that JD could seek the views of the OT shooters & that GE could ask those who attended the next ABT shoot. AO asked if the date change was due to the Commonwealth Game and felt that this could set a precedent to other disciplines if allowed. AW felt that the rules should be abided by & therefore prop & sec. that the scores not to be substituted. A vote followed with 7 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstained.
- 3141.** Email from E Jones thanking the Board for considering him to be put forward to the GB Shooting Academy. AS had already replied thanking him for his email.

- 3142** Email from J Lewis concerning the Board's decision on the Visit Wales Recognition. AO reported that this subject had been discussed at the recent WTSF meeting that she had attended in the form of a complaint that the WCTSA did not support Griffin Lloyds application. AS was unaware of this complaint & the Board then discussed the subject again pointing out that they had originally felt that this was for the grounds to apply for & that a list of approved member clubs had been notified to VW. It was concluded that AS would get in touch with Glyn Roberts, VW, again & bring before the next meeting.
- 3143.** A number of emails from C Gizzi regarding the Commonwealth Games & DT shooters, and scores from Beverley GC, were brought before the Board with the earlier ones having already been answered by John Dallimore to BD/C Gizzi.
A later email was presented to the meeting stating that possibly a pistol shooter who had not attained the MQS might be attending the CG, this email had also been sent to AO. However it was noted that her name was not on the Wales Team list on the Sport Wales website at that time so we therefore had no further details on this matter. It was felt that the Team list needed checking and if her name appeared then the WTSF needed to be asked to verify why she was going when the MQS score had not been achieved. AS to advise C Gizzi of this.
It was also noted that very few ladies D/T teams were attending the CG.
- 3144** AO had received correspondence from a new member, Laura Betts, who had still not received her new membership card. AO was still awaiting an answer from A. Jones. AS to contact A.J regarding this matter.
- 3145.** BD advised that there is an ICTSF letter circulating regarding monies and the Canadian club/BICTSF fund. AW said that it will be discussed at the next meeting of the ICTSC in July.

6. Treasurers Report.

3146. Bank Accounts - As at 18th June 2014

Current Account	14,062
Base Rate Reward	30,696
Saver	79
Secure Trust	56,045
Total	£100,822

Major movements since last meeting 07/05/14;

Sional re badges	522.00
B George – pennants/ties/county badges	884.65

Invoices to pay:

B George 10 County badges	94.30
Top Gun 28 x shooting vests	1140.00
Clive Sawyers re Accounts for 2014-07-16	950.00

Total 2184.30

Sional despatch note for 90 date bars +

The Chairman then thanked JS for her comprehensive Treasurers report.

7. Executive Decisions.

- 3147.** None taken.

8. WTSP Report

3148. AO had attended the last meeting, 19th May 2014, in place of JD who was unable to attend and produced a report for the Board, copied below;

Correspondence from WCTSA read out before any other matters.

Discussion by all re the matters raised:

Martin Watkins and John Dallimore felt that most matters would be best discussed at meeting between WCTSA and WTSA sub committees. According to John he has been trying to arrange for 5 years. It was pointed out that when WCTSA had agreed to a meeting at short notice, the WTSP called it off at even shorter notice.

Answers re points raised by ourselves :-

Richard Stepney is John's High performance coach and as such only concerned with elite athletes. John can provide details of all his qualifications and previous experience.

Trips abroad – John felt this should only be discussed at meeting between sub-committees.

I pointed out that we had had complaints from some shooters who had been on these trips that they were unaware of what they were expected to pay for themselves and lack of information given before these trips. John's reply to these points was that as up to £800 per person had been spent on flight and accommodation for these shooters they should be prepared to pay for practice rounds themselves. No answer given to the point that they should know before going the costs that they would be expected to pay.

Matter of shooters representing Wales at Home Internationals. Both John and Sport Wales take the view that the elite athletes are professional sports people who had their own training schedule. Sports Wales and WTSP are only interested in medal potential, not in whether shooters represent Wales at any other level.

Failure to wear uniform at Home Internationals, some sympathy shown by other associations who have the same problem. Rifle and pistol simply do not take anyone who will not wear appropriate uniform to national championships. John Dallimore stated that he would not take anyone in a team who would not wear appropriate uniform, but that of course the WCTSA could not enforce this rule as they would not have enough shooters for national teams.

At this point it was suggested by Paul Gumm and Martin Watkins that further discussion should take place at a meeting between sub committees to take place before 25th May. I pointed out that this was impractical and they said that they could not even arrange a meeting of WCTSA without difficulty, due to Commonwealth Games. At this point it was agreed by both myself and WTSP that we should arrange a meeting before both AGM's, preferably in September.

Sport Wales was concerned that we had raised the manner and timing of the naming of CG shooters, and wondered whether the best athletes had been put forward. John said that he and Richard were the best placed to choose CG shooters. No answer given as to why the team had been named so early. No answer given to why Welsh ranking list was ignored.

Sports Wales Matters - Laura Edwards was introduced as replacement for Ian Blackburn.

Equality Standard : Champion from each Association should be nominated. (Possible Jonathan can shed more light on this as he has attended previous meetings.)

A Letter from Jackie Lewis (Griffin Lloyd) was read out, stating that the WCTSA had failed to endorse GL being given brown signs to the ground. I pointed out that this was inaccurate as WCTSA had as I understood it pointed out that we had no facilities that applied to correspondence and questions asked but that a list of all our affiliated grounds had been sent. The questions asked were not applicable to governing bodies but to individual grounds.

Laura Edwards had been in touch with Paul Gumm to say that all funding to WTSF had to account for and figures were to be given to Sports Wales for projected expenses for the next year. Paul pointed out that due to the cut in projected funding, he hoped to be able to give each governing body £2000 for the next year but figures would have to provide to him as to how the money was to be spent.

Copy email from MD to P Donovan regarding the funding that he had been allocated & reporting to Paul the outcome of the first training day. This is ongoing but had been met with a very good response so far & MD intended to apply for funding early for 2015 to repeat.

Minutes of WTSF meeting of 31st March 2014 + Agenda for meeting of 19th May 2014, circulated prior to meeting.

Profit & Loss Budget overviews, UK Balance Sheet-Standard, Income & Expenditure Budget vs Actual had all been circulated prior to the meeting. Dell D queried expenses for Elite Sport & also Fixed Assets shooting equipment b/fwd. It was noted that it appeared that 33% of £ coming into Wales was spent on administration.

Copy of the WTSF Equality Policy had been circulated prior to the meeting as had information concerning Glasgow 2014 (Wales set target of 27 medals), John Dallimores newsletter on countdown to CG and a letter from P Donovan regarding Talent Identification funding for 2015.

9. BICTSF report.

3149. There had been a meeting the previous week but both IJ and AW had not been able to attend.

10. ICTSC report.

3150. Next meeting in July.

11. WCTSA Articles of the Association/Rules.

3151. Email from J Lewis asking for updates of this matter & for the subject to appear on the Agenda until completed. Email from Laura Edwards, Sport Wales, regarding the initial question of funding help with this matter & suggesting to contact Martin Watkins, WTSF, which IJ is already doing.

Copy email from BD regarding the costs from Harrisons Solicitors in completing this task, estimated at between £800-£1000 + VAT. BD then explained the background & asked if the Articles & Rules could be combined but it was felt by MD that is a rule needed changing this could cause problems. AO stated that our rules were more or less on a par with the CPSA. Daff D also offered to look into this matter, prop and sec, all in favour that this to be updated at the next meeting and also to appear on the agenda. Needs completing in time for presentation at the forthcoming AGM.

12. WCTSA Representative to the Board of WTSF.

3152. JD requested that this go to the next meeting as an agenda item as the wording was incorrect, he said is actually a Director and not a Representative. A discussion followed on this point with AS pointing out that WTSF minutes state 'Representatives Report' & this term also appeared in the WTSF minutes 4.2 of 31st March 2014 which is why this term had been used. AS apologised to the Board if the wording was incorrect. The Chairman then gave his view of the terminology & stated that he felt it was correct and that JD was a Representative of the WCTSA to the WTSF & had been appointed a Director by the WTSF. AW felt that the agenda item should proceed & prop. & sec, that AO should be proposed at the next AGM of the WTSF to replace JD in that position, 11 in favour, 1 against.

It was also noted that a second Representative should be proposed & MD was asked if he would be willing to stand & although he was not particularly happy to do so he did agree. Prop and sec, all in favour.

AS to prepare a letter for the WTSF AGM with these proposals.

13. West Glamorgan County Scores.

3153. MD had received some complaints from members regarding their scores not getting to the CPSA in time for the issue update. He pointed out that quite a few County shooters were upset at this and he had been in touch with A Jones but was not happy with the process. BD said that he had also sent an email to A Jones re County scores as the deadline was getting close & AO stated that she had sent hers directly to BD, who sent to the CPSA, but they only registered 1 shoot.

AO queried where they should go to directly in the future but it was pointed out that A Jones was the County Administrator and was paid for this position so they should go to him. It was decided that AO/MD should look at some terms & conditions for this position and AW suggested that a CC meeting needed to be called to clarify and discuss the new set up.

MD noted that as he had resigned from the CC job it was not advertised yet on the website which needed completing & that West Glamorgan County Sporting did not have any badges.

14. Any Other Business

3154. GE advised the Board that he had been contacted by the wife of Jan Maksymczuk, ABT/OT Welsh International shooter, to advise that he had suffered quite a serious stroke. GE requested that the Board send a letter to him to which all agreed and all were sorry to hear about his health. GE advised that a few Team members had already contacted him & AS advised that she had put a piece on the WCTSA website.

GE advised that the previous weekend he had seen Ken & Elaine Martin who had shot for Wales. It appeared that Elaine had cancer & was advised that she only had 3 years to live but has, so far, survived 5 years. All send best wishes to her.

MD reported that they had held the 1st ISSF coaching day with the WTSF funding which had been very successful. It was hard with the busy season to set dates for this but he felt that it was going to be a successful project. He also reported that 8 shooters went to Ireland with the Welsh Skeet Club, self funded, & took Junior HG, J. Roberts, and Ladies HG, Natalie Davies.

BD noted that only about 6 OSK shooters were competing in the qualifiers and that a team of 5 Seniors going to the HCIT plus 1 Junior. GE pointed out that it had not been good since Telpyn had left the WCTSA. Dell D asked AS if she had received an email from A. Jenkins regarding scores not being displayed but AS stated that she had not received this to date.

Rich H stated that a few Sporting shooters would like a few more grounds to be made available for selection shoots & wondered what the Board thought about a few just over the border in England. It was noted that if used these grounds would need to be members of the WCTSA & JD pointed out the problems with the levy if shot outside of Wales. AO pointed out that grounds like Griffin Lloyd had to pay for referees and these were not cheap. Dell D noted that there could be a good ground at Whitemills which had just been purchased. Currently the grounds used to shoot selection shoots are Fauxdegla, Mid Wales SC and Harts (St Dials). Suggested that more information is needed and the shooters asked and to go on agenda of the next meeting.

Rich H asked about expenses following Richards * mobile calls/emails regarding the World Sporting Championships as Team Manager as his bills had increased greatly. BD pointed out that expenses should be paid as per Team Manager. To be clarified & discussed at the next meeting.

AW advised the Board of a surprise call from Laporte concerned about Southern Counties. They have made a fantastic offer to Mid Wales SC of putting in OT traps at the ground which they will professionally oversee with 2 covered layouts. They are meeting with Mid Wales SC shortly to discuss further details and it was felt to be exciting news.

The Chairman apologised to the Board for the slight lack of time due to his Chairmanship of the Carmarthenshire County Council. He was then congratulated on this position by the Board.

AO then asked Daff D if he was going to be the ABT Team Manager this year due to his time but he felt that he was going to take the position. GE said if he is not able to do it John Hewlett could be a reserve.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm and thanked everyone who had attended and wished them a safe journey home. But before closing the Chairman wished, on behalf of the Board, the very best of luck to the Welsh Commonwealth Games Team in Glasgow 2014.

Date of next meeting to be Wednesday 30th July 2014 but the Chairman to ensure that this date is agreeable with him and advise AS.
It was also felt with the agenda items & correspondence received that the meetings should possibly be about every 6 weeks.

Minutes agreed and signed by;.....

Position;

Dated;

