

# WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held at Mid Wales Shooting Centre  
on the 19th October 2013 at 2.30pm.

## **Absent Friends.**

The President, Arthur Williams, opened the AGM and requested the meeting be upstanding in remembrance of Absent Friends. The President asked all attending to ensure that they had already signed the Attendance Form, agreed.

## **Apologies for Absence.**

Glyn Jenkins, Mike Amodeo, Jonathan Davies, Dell Davies, Peter Croft, George Seaborne, Katie Cowell, Basil George and Charlie Snelgrove.

## **Presidents Address & Welcome.**

The President, Arthur Williams, welcomed everybody attending the AGM to Mid Wales Shooting Centre and for their support to the WCTSA throughout the year. He noted that the attendance for this AGM was a little thinner on the ground this year and hoped that this was a reflection that the membership felt that the Board had performed well this year.

## **Minutes of the previous AGM.**

The meeting was then asked if the minutes of the previous AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were an accurate copy and should be signed. This was proposed by Graham Evans and seconded by Ian Jones, all in favour. The minutes were duly signed by the President, Arthur Williams.

The meeting was then asked if there were any matters arising from these minutes, there were none.

## **Chairman's Report.**

Mr. Daff Davies, Chairman, then presented his report to the meeting.

He started by thanking the President, Arthur Williams his wife Rita and their staff for allowing the Association to hold the AGM again at Mid Wales Shooting Centre. He then went on to thank all of the Shooting Grounds who had held Welsh International qualifiers & County qualifiers throughout the year, the administrators and everyone involved in these shoots. He then extended thanks to everyone who had helped and contributed to the WCTSA in Wales during the year.

Congratulations to 6 members for representing Team GB, Malcolm & Elena Allen & especially for Elena on her bronze medal. The Chairman noted the success of Ben Llewellyn, Mike & Sarah Wixey, Katie Cowell, Tim Hawkins, Jess Moore and Andy Lloyd. Also the CSF Team, Jonathan Davies, Scott Morgan and Emyr Davies for Olympic Trap and for their awards achieved also.

International notables to mention were Henry Bales representing in the University Games in Russia, Rhys Price High Gun in OSK for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Natalie Davies in NSK, Ladies Team NSK, K. Powell Colts High Gun Browning, Nigel Hart High Gun FITASC, J. Preece High Gun Ladies, T. Jones High Gun DTL, Dai Ricketts Veteran & Welsh High Gun, Paul Owen ABT High Gun, Ladies High Gun Ann Butler, Maverick Sherman Junior High Gun and it was noted that these Juniors were very good to watch for the future. Also OT High Gun for Mike Wixey.

The Chairman then went on to thank Julie Allen for her period as General Secretary to the WCTSA & to welcome Ann Snelgrove back on board in the position & hoped that it would be a long stay. The Chairman extended thanks to Jackie Spencer, Treasurer, for doing such a good job with the accounts for the Association & for ensuring that they stayed at a good level.

Both the Chairman & President thanked Yvonne Rees who was retiring as Membership Secretary to return to college. They both extended good wishes for her future plans & thanked her for her hard work on behalf of the association. The meeting was advised that Allan Jones would be taking over the position & he had been known to many over the years not only for shooting but for his County

work. The Chairman extended special thanks to Brian Davies for his hard work over many years for the WCTSA and also to the Board members for their contributions. He then closed by thanking the meeting for allowing him to be Chairman, a post that he continued to enjoy very much.

### **Treasurers Report & Adoption of Accounts.**

Copies of the accounts had been made available & circulated to those attending and Jackie Spencer then made some points to the meeting on the accounts.

She hoped that the members looked at the accounts for the year ended 31/3/13, which were posted on the website, and had also been printed, a few copies were available in the room.

The accounts showed a profit of £7,144 before Corporation Tax of £596, after previous years losses have been taken into account.

The Association has received a grant from the WCTSF of £2,000 as last year, and interest earned from the savings accounts has amounted to £1,883.

The remainder of the income has been generated by levies, membership fees and the 3 Home internationals held in Wales this year.

Unfortunately, Wales has only one home international in the year to March 2014, and none in the year to March 2015. This will no doubt result in considerably lower figures for these two years.

Jackie then said that she would try to clarify how some of the expenses figures in the profit and loss account have been calculated.

The expenses being paid to the International team members has been £100 this year, however in the year to March 2014 the expenses have been zoned :

£75 for England and the south of Scotland

£90 for the north of Scotland and

£100 for Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The WCTSA also reimburse the permit fee required to shoot in Ireland to the team members.

World Sporting expenses were for 2 shooters to go to Italy.

The General Secretary payments are lower this year as the association had a period during the year when the position was vacant.

Trophies seemed high – but it includes 1000 enamel badges for £944

Committee expenses includes international meetings £597

Travel was mostly related to the collection of stock and the organising of hotel venues for the Home internationals.

Postage is high due to the bulk purchase of stamps in April 2012. This was before the price increase which saved the Association a total of £336.

Insurance is a little cheaper this year as we switched from Bluefin to Perkins Slade again. This will be reviewed when the insurance is due in February.

The Treasurer ended by hoping that these explanations had been clear, if not she was willing to answer any question. None were asked. The Chairman thanked Jackie Spencer & proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Angie Oliver, all in favour.

### **Election of Officers and Directors.**

As there was no other proposals received for these positions it was proposed by JH Thomas, seconded by Angie Oliver that the Elections be agreed en block, all in favour.

### **Election of Discipline Representatives.**

The Discipline Representatives were agreed en block as no other proposals received. All in favour.

### **To appoint Clive Sawyer & Associates as auditors.**

The meeting agreed that the appointed auditors should be accepted again, proposed by Ian Jones, seconded by Graham Evans, all in favour.

### **To appoint Harrison Solicitors of Welshpool as Honorary Legal Advisors.**

This was proposed by Will Palmer, seconded by JH Thomas, all agreed.

### **Written Matters Received.**

**A;** Julie Allen asked what percentage of the membership was on the internet & pointed out that 25% of the Board were not as she felt that the Association were breaking 14 (a) of the Articles with regard to AGM notification. The Chairman pointed out that we were going to update the Articles this coming year & Angie Oliver suggested that we put something on the membership forms regarding internet access or written to. Brian Davies said that this was possible but Julie pointed out that this could not be done until the Articles were changed, Angie pointed out that we could with an EGM.

**B;** Angie Oliver advised that the Colts category in membership was for Championship competitions, all in favour and approved by the meeting.

### **Award of Sports Personality of the Year.**

The President made the award of Sports Personality of the Year, on behalf of the WCTSA, to Elena Allen for her achievements. She is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the World which was great for Welsh shooting & he felt that she was very deserving & knew both her & Malcolm well as they came to Mid Wales on a regular basis. He also stated that behind every good man is a good woman & they worked well as a Team and their roles could easily be reversed. He then briefly read out Elena's many achievements to the meeting and congratulated her on her many successes.

### **The meeting was then closed at 3.05pm.**

### **Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was stated as 17/10/2014, to be confirmed.

Following the close of the meeting and at the Chairman's discretion, discussions then took place.

Jackie Spencer stated that a new insurance policy was due in February 2014 & that she would get full clarification as to what was covered with regard to those shooting abroad and the President stated that we would ensure that our shooting membership would be insured in every aspect possible.

Regarding the change to the selection procedure for the DTL Europeans The President stated that he felt that it was a valid point regarding HCIT qualifiers & European/World Championships but for 2014 they were running alongside. Will Palmer advised the meeting that the qualifiers for HCIT selection & Euro/World would be run together as published on the website & Ian Jones pointed out that it was difficult to arrange anything different due to the announcing of the dates & the timing.

The President felt that some people did not appear to want to go but Julie Allen felt that it was due to the selection procedure & Ian Jones pointed out that the late European date did not allow any time to arrange anything different. Brian Davies pointed out that it would be helpful if the shooters would commit at the beginning of the year but it was felt that this did not happen.

Ian Jones asked about the expenses of shooters who shoot at the Internationals then not join for a few years and only re join when they want to go again as they claim the same as members who join & contribute every year. Angie Oliver queried the regulation of this & pointed out that often the top shooters only shoot the required minimum number of selection shoots.

At this point the Chairman noted to the meeting that he had the ABT HCIT photographs for that year.

Emyr Davies asked if a minimum score should be introduced again but Julie Allen stated that in the case of Ladies Team it was not fair to those who did a qualifying score. Angie Oliver suggested looking at training days for those who might be lacking a little. Ian Jones then stated that in the eyes of other Nations it was best to send a Team than no Team at all. Julie Allen then advised the meeting that the trip to New Zealand was costing the shooters around £5000 each & that the expenses were tiny so if they are prepared to fund themselves then a Team should go. Angie Oliver noted that the International HCIT Teams were slightly different that the European/World Teams & a stepping stone to such. Emyr Davies queried if it was not better to send a good Lady shooter rather than a poor team.

Nicola Walker wanted it noted that this was small numbers of members & she felt that hard & fast rules could not be set as such and that the Board should make decisions on these issues as they arise.

The discussion process closed at 3.25pm.

**Minutes agreed and signed by; .....**

**Position on Board; .....**

**Dated; .....**

**Please note, AGM meeting date is 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**