

WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held at Mid Wales Shooting Centre
on the 18th October 2014 at 2.30pm.

Absent Friends.

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

Apologies for Absence.

Rob Harrison, Jonathan Davies, Fred Edwards, C. Bowen, Mark Evans, Tim Howells, Ellis Jones, George Seaborne and Charlie Snelgrove.

Presidents Address & Welcome.

The President, Arthur Williams, welcomed everybody attending the AGM to Mid Wales Shooting Centre and noted that the attendance was not 'thick in the ground', he felt therefore that there could not be any contentious issues to deal with.

Minutes of the previous AGM.

The meeting was then asked if the minutes of the previous AGM held on 19th October 2013 were an accurate copy and should be signed. This was proposed by Angie Oliver and seconded by Will Palmer, with all in favour. The minutes were duly signed by the President, Arthur Williams. The meeting was then asked if they had any matters arising from these minutes, none was forthcoming.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman started his report by thanking Arthur, Rita, family and staff at Mid Wales Shooting Centre for allowing the WCTSA to hold their AGM at their premises. He also thanked all of the shooting grounds who had held Welsh selection shoots and County shoots during the year plus all of the Administrators involved in these shoots.

He extended his congratulations to all of the Welsh shooters who had been selected for the Commonwealth Games 2014, namely; Elena Allen ISU Skeet & on her silver medal, Malcolm Allen ISU Skeet, Mike Wixey OT, Jonathan Davis OT, Sara Wixey Ladies OT and Katie Cowell Ladies OT.

Further Welsh successes this year were Elena Allen who medalled (twice) at World Championships. Silver team and bronze individual) World Cup finalist 2013. Accepted back into British Shooting World class system.2014. Selected for G2014. Ranked no 1 GBR W skeet shooters in World ranking. Silver medal at G2014. Ben Llewelin a member of GBAP, selected for ECH and WCH 5th at WC, Currently on GBAP. Team bronze medal at WCH. Sarah Wixey silver at Tucson WC gold at Cheddite international GP, represented Wales at G2014. Mike Wixey Gold at Cheddite International GP, represented Wales at G2014. Malcolm Allen ranked in top 5 in GB, made M skeet final G2014. Jonathan Davis who represented GBR at two world cups and G2014. Rhys Price ranked no 5 GB. Selected for first World Cup 2013 current GB record holder Bronze medal position at Home International. Katie Cowell who represented GBR in European Championships and World Championships 2013, Represented Wales at Glasgow 2014 and Scott Morgan who represented GB at World Cup 2014

World All Round Championships August 2014 - Silver medals for class wins won by Richard Hughes and Josh Keeble with Graham Evans being World All Round Veteran Champion.

World Sport trap Championships saw Graham Evans win the World Championship Disabled Standing in April this year.

Elis Jones won a Bronze medal for class at the World DTL Championships held in New Zealand at the beginning of this year.

World English Sporting 2014 - Welsh Ladies Team bronze, Welsh Veteran Team bronze, Nigel Hart bronze in class, Janine Preece bronze in Ladies, and Super Veterans silver Mike Harding.

All the above are at World Championships, there has also been success in the British & GBR events too and of course those shooting the ISSF disciplines. So not only has there been success on the Home Nations stage in various shotgun disciplines this year, but also on the World, British, GBR and ISSF stage too.

British successes this year;

British Open Champion Automatic Ball Trap was Martin Heywood with Graham Evans Veteran runner up overall.

British Open Single Barrel Championship, Julie Allan was runner up in the Ladies overall category.

Home Countries International Tournaments by shooting discipline;

Overall High Gun of Match in FITASC was Andrew White

Overall Ladies High Gun of Match in FITASC was Janine Preece

At the above competition Wales won runner up Senior Team, runner up Ladies Team and runner up Junior Team overall.

Sporting International Match saw Wales with runner up Senior Team and Welsh Ladies Team won overall after a shoot off with the England Ladies Team.

At the Automatic Ball Trap Home Countries International Martin Heywood was Overall High Gun of Match and the Veteran Team were runners up.

At the National Skeet HCIT Mark Davies was High Gun with a straight 150/150, a new record I believe, over the two days with Wales being runner up Senior Team, the Welsh Ladies Team were runners up and the Junior Team being 3rd.

The Olympic Trap HCIT saw the Ladies/Junior/Veteran Team as runners up and the Welsh Veterans as runners up.

At the Down The Line HCIT the Ladies Team were runners up, as were the Junior Team and a Welsh Junior won Junior High Gun of Match. The Welsh Ladies Team also achieved runners up at the European DTL Championships held after the HCIT as did the Veteran Team.

As you will see there have been some very good success stories in the various shotgun disciplines this year at Home International level for Welsh shooters, as well as a British Open Champion, which has been posted to the WCTSA website as the results come in.

Also thanked were the members of the Board for their hard work and who had during the year had to discuss some topical subjects & issues during their meetings. He thanked A. Snelgrove for her work & stated that he was glad she was back & he wished he could give her a pay rise. Also thanked was Jackie Spencer for her hard work as Treasurer who has the enviable task of trying to make more money for the Association. This years' accounts had seen a loss of £7786 as there had not been any HCIT's hosted in Wales.

Due to the pressure on money it had been decided to raise the membership fees of Seniors, Ladies & Veterans by £5 per year, Juniors to stay the same.

The Chairman also thanked Brian Davies, Statistics Officer, for all of his work throughout the year plus Arthur Williams as President. There had been some mention in some letters that the President should not be on the Board or Executive but the Chairman felt that if we lost him the Board would miss his valuable contributions and input and would not like to see this happen. Also to be thanked was Alan Jones, Membership Secretary & National County Administrator for his great contribution throughout the year.

The Chairman ended by offering his thanks for being allowed to continue in his post following his election to Chairman of Carmarthen County Council, sadly he had not attended many shoots this year.

Treasurers Report & Adoption of Accounts.

Good afternoon

I hope that you have had a chance to look at the accounts for the year ended 31/3/14, which are in the room.

The accounts show a loss of £7,786 before the Corporation Tax of £596, which will be repaid from last years' accounts. This will reduce the loss to £7,190

The Association has received a grant from the WCTSF of £2,500. £500 more than the last 2 years, and interest earned from the savings accounts has amounted to £1,550 in the year.

The remainder of the income has been generated by levies, membership fees, clothing and Home Internationals however only one was held in Wales this year.

Unfortunately, Wales is not holding any of the Home Internationals in the year to March 2015, and this will be reflected in next years' figures.

The number of Home Internationals hosted by Wales in the financial year is the main reason why the profit varies so sharply each year as the other incomes remain relatively stable.

The Association would like to thank both Basil George, for £100 donated, and John Henry Thomas, who sponsored the team runners up badges for £50. This was during this financial year.

Thank you both.

The interest earned is mostly from the Secure Trust account, which had an initial deposit of £50,000 in April 2010.

There is a debtor of £2,147 from ICTSF for the World DTL delegate expenses held in New Zealand in March 2014.

The other debtors are for clothing which have subsequently been paid, except for £55.

The expenses being paid to the International team members have been zoned :

£75 for England and the south of Scotland

£90 for the north of Scotland and

£100 for Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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

The Gen secretary wages have been increased this year to £5000 pa from April 2013

Other admin costs have remained in line with last year except for the position of County co ordinator which has been taken over by the membership secretary.

Committee expenses includes international meetings £782

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

Subscriptions are to the BICTSF , ICTSC , ICTSF and data protection.

The Professional fees relate to the finalisation of legal expenses from the previous year.

The Association will again be paying for legal advice to update the articles in next year's accounts.

I hope these explanations have been clear, but if you have any more queries I will attempt to answer them. Thank you.

There were no questions from the meeting therefore the acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Daff Davies, seconded by Angie Oliver, with all in favour.

Election of Officers and Directors.

As there was no other proposals received for these positions, and all had accepted to stand again, this was passed on bloc. 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 Angie Oliver, seconded by Mark Davies, all in favour.

To appoint Harrison Solicitors of Welshpool as Honorary Legal Advisors.

This was proposed by Will Palmer, seconded by Graham Evans, all agreed.

Written Matters Received.

None had been received.

Award of Sports Personality of the Year.

The President made the award of Sports Personality of the Year, on behalf of the WCTSA, to Mark Davies. The President wished it noted that Mark had excelled himself in his shooting this year and was a valued and very hardworking Board member on behalf of Welsh shooting. He felt that Mark, along with his family and Angie Oliver, had worked very hard to increase the upturn in National Skeet shooting in Wales. The presentation was made and photographs taken for the WCTSA website.

The meeting was then closed at 2.55 pm.

Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was stated as 17/10/2015, to be confirmed.

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

Nicola Walker suggested for the AGM next year that perhaps the Discipline Representatives on the Board could put together a report and present to the meeting themselves on their particular discipline. Nicola also suggested that perhaps Allan Jones could do a report on County matters. This to be discussed by the Board.

Daff Davies pointed out that it was terrific to see Basil George at the meeting and both he and the President both stated that he had always been behind the Association and had been very helpful to both of them over many years especially since 1979 when Daff Davies started. Arthur Williams stated that he would always be grateful for Basils suggestion in 1991 concerning Mid Wales SC holding a HCIT which had seen the ground go forward from there. Basil George thanked them both for their kind comments.

Dell Davies said following on from Nicolas suggestion that if any Discipline Representative wished to comment on their discipline then perhaps they should say something now. Richard Hughes stated that they had seen some very good youngsters shooting well and that some where now Tokyo targets. Jack Beech had shot well in the Worlds, put Welsh shooting on the map and had missed winning the FITASC by only one clay. Richard was then thanked for his report.

As there was nothing else forthcoming this part of the meeting was closed at 3pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

Minutes agreed and signed by;

Position on Board;

Dated;