

# WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held at Mid Wales Shooting Centre  
on the 17th October 2015 at 2.30pm.

## **Absent Friends.**

The President, Mr. 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.**

Tim Howells, Mark Davies, Nigel Hawyres, Natalie Davies, Henry Bales, Janine White, George Seaborne, Will Palmer and Gareth Lloyd.

## **Presidents Address & Welcome.**

The President, welcomed everybody attending the AGM to Mid Wales Shooting Centre and noted that the attendance for the AGM was again not very well attended and he felt therefore that there could not be many issues to deal with.

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

The meeting was then asked if the minutes of the previous AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were an accurate copy and should be signed. This was proposed by John H Thomas and seconded by Graham Evans, 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, there were none.

## **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman, Mr. Daff Davies 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. A proposal had been made to hold the AGM independently of a shooting ground, another location had been sourced but due to the number of members no location was large enough to accommodate everyone if all members were to attend. 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.

The Chairman extended his congratulations to all of the Welsh shooters who had represented Wales at the Home Internationals during 2015 including:-

Down the Line- Llyr James won Junior High Gun of Match

Olympic Skeet- Alf Weston won Super Veteran High Gun of Match

Olympic Trap- Scot Morgan won Wales High Gun

National Skeet- Welsh Juniors were overall Junior Team Winners

English Sporting- Andrew White Senior High Gun and Janine White won Ladies High Gun

Automatic Ball Trap – Geoff Seaborne won Super Veteran Runner up High Gun

FITASC- Wales Junior and Veteran Team were Runners up

He also congratulated Elena Allen and Sarah Wixey for qualifying for the British Shotgun World Cup Team.

Two Welsh shooters were congratulated on their long service to the Wales Team Gareth Wrentmore and Del Davies who had both shot at International level for 35 years.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Board for their hard work, and especially to Mark Davies and Graham Evans who had resigned during the year. He also thanked Ann Snelgrove for her work up to her retirement in April and welcomed Valmai Matulla as the new General Secretary and wished her well in her new position, the Chairman also thanked Jackie Spencer for her hard

work as Treasurer who has the enviable task of trying to make more money for the Association. The Chairman also thanked Brian Davies, Statistics Officer, for all of his work throughout the year also Arthur Williams as President. 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 the support that he had received over the years as his position was being contended.

### **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<sup>st</sup> March 2015, which were put on the website some time ago

Firstly, I would like to thank the Welsh Clay Target Shooting Federation for their grant of £2000 this year. Which, although was £500 less than last year, is very important to the Association and the development of the sport. Even with this grant, however the accounts show a loss of £3,835 which is an improvement on last year.

Last year's loss was higher due to the expenses paid out for the World DTL Championships, held in New Zealand and the World Sporting Championships, held in Canada, totaling £9,190 of which £3,866 was reimbursed by the ICTSF. Giving us a net expenses of £5,324.

There is still a debtor of £2,147 from ICTSF for the World DTL delegate expenses held in New Zealand in March 2014, which I believe is to be paid shortly.

Despite not paying this level of expenses to International teams travelling to different continents in this financial year, the Accounts are still in a loss situation.

Wales did not hold any of the home internationals in the year to March 2015, so there was no income generated from this part of the Associations activity.

Interest earned from the saving accounts has amounted to £1,273 in the year, of which £1169 was earned by the Secure Trust Account.

The remainder of the income has been generated by levies, membership fees and clothing.

The expenses this year are similar to last, with the exception of the computer and internet expenses, being £550 higher. This year the website has been reconfigured and the Association has now made it possible to pay via Paypal, hence the expenses incurred here.

Despite Paypal incurring, charges which are shown in the financial charges item in the accounts, members seem to be using the facility to pay for the memberships rather than sending cheques.

After a few initial setting up glitches, the system seems to be working well and is proving a popular method of payment now.

The Insurance brokers for this financial year were Endsleigh and the Insurers Hiscox. Thankfully, we have not had any cause to make any claims this year. The renewal date is February and competitive quotes are searched for prior to this date each year.

Subscriptions are to the ICTSC, the ICTSF and the ICO for data protection.

The Association will again be paying for legal advice to update the articles in the 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.

The members were asked if anyone had any idea of how to bring more money into the Association to pass their proposals to the Board.

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

### **Home Inter County and Membership Report 2015**

The provisional number of shooters at County Finals for 2015 is 421 if all the competitors who have qualified for the ABT at South Wales 2000 attend. This is an increase on 2014 of 29, the numbers should have been higher but moving the A/R lost Gwent in particular a number of shooters for that

day.

Sporting remains the most popular of the disciplines with 115 this year compared to 110 last year, DTL was the next best supported discipline with 98 competing this year an increase of 14 from 2014. Skeet was the only discipline to have fewer competitors this year 81 compared to 98 in 2014. Although the date change for the A/R depleted some Counties there was an increase of 8 from 2014 with 73 this year. ABT is the least supported discipline with only 4 out of 8 counties fielding teams with a provisional 54 qualifiers for this year compared to 45 last year.

As a point of interest regarding membership for 2015 where annual new membership was usually in single figures, since the introduction of Paypal in February of this year, as a method of renewing membership or becoming members of the WCTSA. The Association since February has had 59 new members which includes 14 Juniors and 2 Colts.

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

A proposals was received by William Andrews for the position of Chairman, the members voted and it was declared that Daff Davies be reinstated to the position of Chairman the other positions were unopposed and all had accepted to stand again, this was passed on bloc. All in favour.

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

2 Discipline Representatives position had become available due to resignations, in Olympic Skeet and National Skeet.

Alf Weston, H Lyn Davies and Gareth Wrentmore were proposed for the Olympic Skeet positions.

Lloyd Morris, Angie Oliver and Del Davies were proposed for the National Skeet positions.

The members voted and it was declared that Alf Weston and Gareth Wrentmore as Olympic Skeet Representatives and Lloyd Morris and Del Davies declared as National Skeet Representatives. The other Disciplines were to remain as before and 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 David Ricketts, all in favour.

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

This was proposed by John Henry Thomas, seconded by Allan Jones, all agreed.

#### **Written Matters Received.**

##### **Received and introduced by Graham Griffiths**

The WCTSA should be very proud of the achievements of our two juniors in this years events at Bishop's Mountain. Llyr James won the Home International Junior individual title after a fantastic 25/75 in the shoot off in less than ideal conditions, and Elis Jones took second place in the British Open the following day.

However on the broader front things are not as healthy. All the other 4 international teams included full teams of junior shooters, while Wales could only muster 2. The falling numbers of junior shooters in Wales, boys and girls, continues to reduce and it is essential that we move to try to address this important shortcoming in the very near future.

While in Bishop's Mountain, for the DTL International, I spoke to the junior team coach of Ireland, who outlined their very strong recruitment and development programme. I also spoke to Ian Coley who outlined the extensive provision in England, including a strong schools programme (well over 400 schools, private and state, compete in the annual schools championships in England). Both mentioned the need to advertise Clay Shooting as an Olympic sport. Ian mentioned possible funding that could be available from Sport UK to help recruit and coach new shooters.

To take advantage of any funding from outside we must show that we are attempting to fund some

initiatives ourselves. I would like to propose the following as separate proposals at the next AGM. If the first proposal is rejected then the other would automatically fall and not require a vote. We must aim to enter full junior teams in all the disciplines. This will not be deliverable immediately and I believe we should aim to achieve this in as many disciplines as possible by 2018.

### **Proposal 1**

**That all participants, both from Wales and other nations, pay a £1 levy at all registered shoots in all disciplines at shoots throughout Wales. This would be held in a separate account and be used to fund advertising of the sport in schools and colleges throughout Wales as well as help pay the costs of introductory clay days with coaching for new Welsh qualified potential shooters who are under 21 and still in full time education or training.**

### **Proposal 2 (if proposal 1 be approved)**

**That a new post be created on the WCTSA committee with responsibility for the development and management of junior clay shooting for all disciplines across Wales.**

The President thanked Graham for his proposal- all in favour

Received by William Andrews

I would like to propose that all matters that require a vote to be carried out at the AGM are available to all members by being able to send in a proxy vote.

The President responded by explaining that the proxy vote would incur a cost, and that no one would turn up to an AGM, William Andrews further proposed that the Proxy Vote forms be available to download from the website. It was brought to a vote and strongly carried to remain as it is present.

### **Correspondence for Discussion**

#### **Received from John Davies**

1. The WCTSA at present have in place self refereeing for ESK competitions. I would like to propose that this is no longer the case and propose that any ground putting a 100 Registered ESK Competition should supply independent referees (either qualified or competent in ESK rules)

2. At present shooters have to travel to the ground to enter the draw by 10am. We propose this is no longer the case and shooters should have the opportunity to book on squad AM or PM, which would be far more convenient for the shooters, which in turn may encourage more shooters to enter, thus strengthening skeet as a discipline.

The above was put to the members for discussion and following a vote it was decided to leave as it is at present. All in favour

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

The President made the members present aware that the award of Sports Personality of the Year 2015 on behalf of the WCTSA be awarded to Janine White who could not be present at the AGM due to other commitments In 2015 Janine won the Ladies category in the following competitions

- Sporting Classic held at Windrush in June
- Sporting World Cup held in Italy in August
- Sporting Home International in Jersey
- FITASC Home International in Ireland

### **Adoption of New Articles**

Apart from 2 amendments the article was found to be correct and proposed by Graham Evans and seconded by Roger Harrendence all in favour.

**Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was stated as 15/10/2016, to be confirmed.

As there was nothing else forthcoming this AGM was closed at 3.40pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

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

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

**Dated;** .....