



WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LTD CYMDEITHAS SAETHU TARGEDAU CLAI CYMRU CYF

WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 24th June 2020
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

PRESENT

<i>President:</i>		<i>ABT:</i>	
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Robert Harrison</i>	<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Dai Ricketts</i>
<i>Stats Officer:</i>		<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Will Palmer</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Nicola Walker</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	<i>Georgina Roberts</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Jackie Spencer</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>Membership Secretary:</i>	<i>Allan Jones</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	<i>Alf Weston</i>
<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Janine White</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	
<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Richard Hughes</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	<i>Lloyd Morris</i>
<i>ABT:</i>		<i>National Skeet:</i>	

1. Chairman's address & welcome

- The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and to GH for arranging the hosting of the meeting again.

2. Apologies for absence

- Emyr Davies, Jonathan Davies, Gareth Wrentmore, John Hewlett & Gavin Harvey

3. Declarations of conflict of interest

The Chairman asked for any conflict of interest to be declared & reminded everyone that should any arise at a later point in the meeting they were to be declared.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2020

- Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed as a true record.
Proposed by AJW / Seconded by JW / Vote - All in favour
NW advised she is in the process of liaising with Clive Bowen about relocating the Board Minutes to the "Documents" section of the website.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

- **3933** - NW confirmed the congratulatory letter and pin badge have been sent to Gary Davies (Sporting) for his perfect score achievement. RJH suggested if we do not receive a photograph as requested in the letter, NW should contact him to see if he would be willing to provide one for the website.
NW to action.
- **3935** - NW advised RH has spoken to Jonathan Williams at Mid Wales S.C. to ask what his plans are with regards to holding shoots for the rest of the year. Due to the lockdown situation, work on the new caravan park has begun earlier than planned and many of the DTL layouts have already been removed. A number of the sporting traps have also been sold so Jonathan didn't

feel they were in a position to safely hold any shoots. WP advised he has spoken to Arthur Williams who was hoping to still hold the DTL Welsh Open. Therefore, as it currently stands, they haven't yet turned down the hosting of the event and discussions are still ongoing. With regards to the Castellani vest stock, RJH suggested NW should contact Clive Bowen to see just how much stock they have at the shop and whether or not it can be collected sooner rather than later.

NW to action.

- **3944** - AJ advised the ground membership fees for 2020 from Fauxdegla S.G. should be received tomorrow. NW advised Lea Farm S.G. will not be operating going forward, so will not require ground membership. LM asked AJ if he has received a cheque for membership from Laugharne Gun Club. AJ advised he hasn't received anything from the club this year. LM to look into this. It was noted that going forward, the new membership software will hopefully have some functionality which will help chase grounds for their fees and make things more efficient.
- **3962** - As GH wasn't present, it was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting. AJW advised he would be willing to help host some future meetings if GH is unable to organise the purchase of a hosting licence for the WCTSA. RJH asked NW to follow this up with GH.

NW to action.

- **Email from Member WW2797** - RJH confirmed membership has been re-issued and he has spoken to the ICTSC Chairman to advise him of our decision. RJH also advised he has strongly suggested the ICTSC put a process in place so this kind of situation does not happen again.

6. Correspondence

- a. Email from Dave Jones WW2245 re: 2020 membership, levies & county finals
- b. Email from David Watkins WW2189 re: 2020 membership & levy reimbursement

After discussion, it was again agreed the WCTSA policy is not to refund, defer or extend any membership fees or levies due to the COVID-19 situation. The Association still has outgoing costs for 2020 which include the insurance policy and affiliation fees to ICTSC, ICTSF & BICTSF. It was also noted both the CPSA & SCTA are adopting the same policy. With shooting now beginning to recommence, it was felt the majority of members would soon be putting their membership to use, if they aren't already. In order to prevent further correspondence being received asking the same questions, it was agreed a statement should be issued to advise all members of the decision and also include some explanation behind the decision. Individual letters should also be issued in response to the 2 emails received from the above members.

NW to action.

With the next announcement from the Welsh Government on COVID-19 guidelines due on the 6th July, the Board felt if restrictions are lifted further, it may be possible to hold the Welsh Open events later in the year and possibly reschedule the County Finals. It was noted that due to the new social distancing guidelines, the logistics of running the Welsh Opens will be more straight forward than the County Finals, due to the team element of the event. RJH proposed we reassess the situation after the next Welsh Government announcement. However, in the meantime, discipline reps could contact the relevant grounds to see if they are still willing to hold the Welsh Open events, which will more than likely have to be arranged on a pre-book basis. Once these events have been rescheduled, the Board could re-visit the matter of rearranging the County Finals at the next Board meeting. This proposal was seconded by WP with all in favour.

Discipline reps to action.

7. Business matters

- a. **3963 - Clubs / grounds contact details** - RJH asked AJ if his list of addresses and contacts for all clubs and grounds is up to date. RJH advised he is currently using a contact list NW created to email any news and information updates to those that are current ground members. AJ advised he would double check his list.

AJ to action.

- b. **3959 - Skeet HCIT 2021 update** - JS advised the Lion Quays Hotel & Spa is not available for the banquet in 2021, as it is fully booked for weddings. They are also unable to refund the £500 deposit but will happily transfer it to another booking. JS confirmed the hotel is within their right to hold the deposit and suggested maybe it could be used towards some vouchers which could be raffled. RJH asked JS to check if this would be acceptable with the hotel. JS also advised the hotel needs written confirmation from Wales & Jersey to cancel the 2020 bookings. JS agreed to email them to cancel our booking & NW will email the Jersey Association to ask them to cancel theirs. All the other nations have already cancelled. It was also noted many of the hotels nearby are also fully booked for weddings. It may therefore prove quite difficult to find an alternative venue, especially as the event is being held over the August bank holiday weekend. RJH suggested we may need to look nearer to Chester for a venue, especially as we will require a venue with a minimum capacity of 200. If necessary, nations may have to be given limited numbers. LM advised he has suggested using a marquee at the shooting ground but Mike Faux wasn't keen on this idea. NW advised the hire of a marquee would cost the Association £1000's and wouldn't make the event financially viable. It was noted the DTL International have had a marquee in the past, but WP advised the cost had been covered by Mid Wales S.C. not the WCTSA. LM mentioned he has previously contacted Wrexham F.C. but they wanted £67 per head for the meal and Chester Racecourse wanted £80 per head. RJH asked NW to make some enquiries to see what venues are available so further discussion can be had on the matter at the next meeting.

JS & NW to action.

- c. **3960 - I.T. sub-committee update** - RJH advised he has sent an email to the I.T. sub-committee suggesting the first step should be to do a brain storming session about what we want the software to do, before we approach any companies. He advised he will report back on the progress and email the committee's proposal to the Board for approval.

RJH to action.

- d. **3961 - COVID-19 update** - Following the latest Welsh Government announcement last weekend, RJH advised his phone and email had gone crazy with various ground owners calling to ask if they can open. It was noted the latest guidelines are very ambiguous and creating a lot of confusion. Mike Amodeo at SW2000 had advised RJH he has been given the go ahead to re-open by Steve Rowlands, Gwent Police Licencing Officer. In light of this information, RJH advised he contacted John Dallimore of the WTSF to see if this was the case. John confirmed he had spoken with Steve, who advised his view is that it is ok for people to travel around 10-15 miles to go to their nearest shooting ground but, should still not be travelling long distances to go shooting as the guidance still stipulates 'stay local'. He also advised this was only the Gwent position on the situation and isn't necessarily the same for other Police Forces in Wales. RJH advised he has tried to contact Licencing Officers from other Forces but hasn't been able to get an answer from anyone. Ultimately, it is up to individuals to make their own decision about whether or not they take the risk of going further than the stipulated 5 miles. It is also up to

ground owners to decide whether or not they open. If they do, they must ensure they are suitably equipped to implement the social distancing rules. AJW also advised there has been some confusion created around the guidance issued for elite athletes. He confirmed this is aimed at Commonwealth & Olympic athletes so isn't applicable to our members in general. With all this in mind, and considering the grey areas surrounding the recent guidelines, it was agreed the WCTSA stance should remain as per the statement issued on the 19th June. RJH confirmed this is also the view of the WTSF. It may be necessary to issue a further statement depending on the announcement due on the 6th July.

RJH to action.

8. Treasurer's Report – See Appendix 1

- JS confirmed the money due from the ICTSF for attendance at the committee meeting held in Australia in 2018 has now been received.
- JS requested confirmation to go ahead and pay the WCTSA 2020 contributions to both the ICTSC & ICSTF. RJH confirmed both invoices could be paid.

9. Executive Decisions

- None

10. WTSF report

- AJW reported the last meeting was held on the 8th June and that Paul Donovan has resigned from his role as Finance Director of the WTSF. There is also a vacancy for a part time book keeper available. He also advised the Board that GR has volunteered to represent the WCTSA on the "Future of Welsh Shooting" steering group which is being led by Allan Green, the Development Manager. The next meeting is due to be held on the 3rd August.

11. BICTSF report

- RH reported there hasn't been a meeting held since early March but a number of emails have been flying about regarding appointments and resignations on the committee. RH advised Nicola Heron has been re-appointed onto the committee as the new representative for the CPSA and both Marcus Iddon & Michelle Rowe, the BICTSF Secretary, have resigned from their posts. There have also been emails doing the rounds about whether or not the BICTSF will send any GB teams to the European & World FITASC events. After a vote, it was agreed there wouldn't be any official teams sent but RH advised he felt this decision may be overturned in time by some of the more vocal members of the committee. To date, there hasn't been any indication of when the next meeting will be held or what is happening with any of the remaining BICTSF shoots this year.

12. ICTSC report

- WP confirmed the DTL World Championship dates have been set as 10th to 12th June 2021. It was noted, a number of nations have questioned the choice of dates as this falls right in the middle of school exams which may affect the number of junior entries. The CPSA have however confirmed these dates will not be changed. No date currently set for the next meeting.

13. ICTSF report

- RJH reported there haven't been any further meetings since the one held in April but he has been advised that John Martin from the CPSA has recently been elected as Vice President of the committee. He also advised there haven't yet been any applications from nations to host the 6th World English Sporting Championship, which is likely to be postponed to 2022, but this

hasn't been confirmed yet. No date currently set for the next meeting.

14. Rules update needed as a result of items passed at this meeting

- None

15. Any other business

- None

16. Date & venue of next meetings

- 5th August 2020 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

Date:- 05/08/2020

R. J. Harrison
WCTSA Chairman

APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

8. Treasurer's Report

WCTSA Ltd as of 24th June 2020

Bank Accounts:-

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	As at 18/06/2020	As at 05/05/2020
❖ Current Account	30924024	24,831	23,537
❖ Base Rate Reward	53163849	18,149	18,144
❖ Saver	33558894	80	80
❖ Paypal	N/A	191	74
❖ Secure Trust	47643	61,730	61,730
Total		£104,981	£103,565

Net Difference

£1,416

Major movements since last meeting (PAID)

	£
❖ Wages/PAYE 1 month	708

Due to pay:-

❖ ICTSC Membership 2020	700
❖ ICTSF Membership 2020	100

Major movements since last meeting (RECEIVED)

	£
❖ Allan's bankings re: members	270
❖ Paypal Transfers	250
❖ Standing Orders	320
❖ J McCormack via Paypal (28/5/20)	60
❖ ICTSF – DTL Australia 2018	1263