



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

## WCTSA COUNTY CO-ORDINATORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

**Present :-** Rob Harrison (Chairman), Allan Jones (National Co-ordinator), Nicola Walker (Secretary), Lloyd Morris (Dyfed), Luke Llewellyn (Dyfed), Elis Jones (Clwyd), Angie Oliver (Gwent), Gwyn Richards (Gwynedd), Alan Parkin (Gwent), Dave Jones (Anglesey), Dai Ricketts (Powys), Trevor Morgan (Powys), Chris Hughes (West Glamorgan) & Tegwyn Rees (Dyfed)

### 1. Chairman's address & welcome

- The Chairman welcomed those present to the 2020 County Co-ordinators meeting and thanked everyone for joining by Zoom, which has now become the norm for WCTSA meetings since March. With a record number in attendance, it was noted this may be the way forward for future meetings as it certainly saves individuals travelling and a week night meeting may suit better than a weekend. The County competitions are just as important as the International selection events. They are vital for introducing grass roots shooters to the competition side of shooting, in the hope, they continue on to compete at an International level.

### 2. Apologies for absence

- Jerry Preece (Gwent)

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

- Minutes of the last County Co-ordinators meeting were read & signed as a true record.  
Proposed by Dave Jones / Seconded by Alan Parkin / Vote - All in favour

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

- **5b** – It was noted the ABT final due to be held recently had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, but arrangements to hold it early in 2021 are being made. It was agreed that, due to restrictions and the inability to hold ABT qualifiers, the final would be open to everyone and entries just taken on the day. Hopefully, this may encourage others to try the discipline and generate a better attendance.
- **5c** – It was noted, due to the popularity of the All Round competition, that more qualifier dates may be required. Chris Hughes asked which grounds can actually hold all 4 disciplines. The Chairman advised the ground membership forms have been revamped so grounds can indicate what disciplines they have available. County Co-ordinators can then ask for a list of what facilities grounds have in their County or neighbouring Counties from the National Co-ordinator.

### 5. Correspondence

- None received.

### 6. Review of County Rule Book

- The Chairman asked if there are any County rules which need reviewing but nothing was raised.

## **7. Eligibility for County Badges**

- The question was asked whether or not guest shooters from other Counties are eligible for a badge from the County they are temporarily representing. It was agreed shooters only have one nominated County, which they should shoot for in the first instance. They are however, eligible to shoot for other Counties if they are unable to do so for their regular County, but this does not make them eligible for a County badge. They are for new caps only. Nicola Walker raised a concern about the standard of the current County badges. She felt the quality is poor as they are more like embroidered patches when compared to the previous badges which were wired. Allan Jones advised the supplier was changed a couple of years ago and they used to cost £10 but now cost £6. The Chairman advised he would look into this and take it to the Board of Management for discussion.

## **8. County disciplines & co-ordinators availability**

- The Chairman advised there are currently quite a few County Co-ordinator vacancies in various disciplines and, despite a recent advert calling for new Co-ordinators, no responses were received. He asked if anyone has any ideas of how to encourage more members to take on the roles. With no suggestions forthcoming in the meeting, the Chairman asked if anyone has an idea at a later date to forward them via email.

## **9. Advertisement of fixtures**

- At present the latest COVID-19 Government lockdown restrictions are in force and there is no clear indication as to when they may be lifted. This makes it difficult to plan the 2021 County finals, but it was agreed to move them to later in the year when hopefully restrictions are much less. The Chairman proposed they be moved to late August / September provided they do not clash with any Internationals. This should then allow ample time for Counties to hold suitable qualifiers. It was agreed this was the best option as it will allow members to return to shooting when they feel safe to do so and the vaccination roll out should be well under way by April. Nicola Walker also suggested Counties which struggle to hold certain qualifiers could use the first 50 targets from one or more of the International qualifiers if need be. It was also agreed all County fixtures, for both qualifiers and the finals, need to be well advertised and as soon as possible on the website and social media. This will then allow members the opportunity to attend other County qualifiers should they be unable to attend their designated County ones. Members can also attend alternative County qualifiers should their own County not have a particular discipline. The Chairman asked Allan Jones to circulate the relevant email addresses so Co-ordinators can forward their qualifier dates as soon as possible for publication.

## **10. Date & venue of 2021 meeting**

- Provisionally to be held in November 2021 with the actual date & venue to be arranged nearer the time.

## **11. Any other business**

- Dave Jones asked what is the rule regarding Co-ordinators putting shooters in from other Counties over home County shooters. The Chairman advised there is no specific rule which applies to this scenario but home shooters should be given preference over other County shooters, unless that particular County is not fielding a team. The final decision on team selection rests with the Co-ordinator.

- Luke Llewellyn suggested the number of Internationals per team should be reviewed. Angie Oliver felt the numbers should be reduced or, a handicap system be introduced for International shooters to give the grass roots shooters more of an opportunity. The Chairman advised this will need to be added to the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.
- With the loss of Mid Wales Shooting Centre and a lack of facilities for some disciplines in certain Counties, it was proposed to run the 2021 County finals as best we can and to review the situation for 2022, once circumstances surrounding COVID-19 become clearer. Venues for the 2021 finals will remain the same for the disciplines not held this year. The Discipline Reps will be consulted for recommendations for those that were held.

At this point the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their efforts with the small amount of County shooting we have been able to hold this year. He also urged Co-ordinators to raise any issues they may have as and when they arise, so they can be noted for future discussion.

With no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

R. J. Harrison  
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 20/11/2021