



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

WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 28th September 2022
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

PRESENT

<i>President:</i>		<i>DTL:</i>	
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Robert Harrison</i>	<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Elis Jones</i>
<i>Stats Officer:</i>	<i>Rebecca Adlam</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Nicola Walker</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Jackie Spencer</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	<i>Alf Weston</i>
<i>Membership Secretary:</i>	<i>Allan Jones</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	
<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Richard Hughes</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	
<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Janine White</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	<i>Rob Trow</i>
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Website Manager:</i>	<i>Clive Bowen</i>
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>John Hewlett</i>		

1. Chairman's address & welcome

- The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

- Rob Ace, Will Palmer & Mike Bennett.

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 15th August 2022

- Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed as a true record.
Proposed by AJW / Seconded by CB / Vote - All in favour

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **8.** - JS advised she will draft a declaration document for the Office Holders' to sign.
JS to action.
- **6b.** - [INFORMATION REDACTED]
- **4059** - RJH confirmed there is no ICTSC ruling which prevents shooters from adding sponsors to team clothing. The only rule in place stipulates no sponsors allowed on team shooting vests.
- **15.** - RJH advised he has received written confirmation of the costings for CPSA courses to be run in Wales but noted one slight stumbling block is they stipulate all attendees must be CPSA members. Members are unlikely to want to pay to join both Associations. NW suggested maybe the Association could look to cover the cost of the instructor's accommodation & travel which should then make it more affordable for members. RJH advised he will go back to the CPSA to see if we can negotiate the terms slightly, especially regarding the required CPSA membership stipulation.

RJH to action.

- **6a.** - RJH confirmed he has replied to Mike Wixey but is unsure if MB has spoken to Mike Amodeo yet.
- **6b.** - NW advised she has responded to the email from Stephen Hughes and proposed holding an event early next year, which he has acknowledged. The new Sporting Reps are to follow this up in the new year. AJW also confirmed the OSK event against the Army is scheduled for the 30th October at SW2000.
- **4058** - With ED not present in the meeting, RJH suggested this be followed up at the next meeting.
- **4060** - RJH advised he will send an email to enquire whether there will be an ICTSF meeting at the DTL World Championship in South Africa and, if so, will the expenses for attending still be available.

RJH to action.

- **4061** - CB advised he hasn't yet updated the website, but he will do so this week.
- **4062** - NW advised the resetting of classifications for the member concerned has been done.
- **4065** - NW confirmed the AGM notice has been publicised and a draft agenda and proxy forms added to the website. CB also advised Trefegwlys Memorial Hall has been booked for the 15th October.

6. Correspondence

- **Email from Mike Bennett (OT Rep.) re: OT County Final** - As MB was unable to attend, he sent an email advising the Board the OT County Final due to be held last Sunday was postponed. He advised this was because they want to encourage shooters from other disciplines to come & try having a go at an Olympic discipline and felt it needed more publicity beforehand. He also asked if the Board will be supplying any medals or trophies for the event. RJH noted there was no notification to the Board advising the event had been postponed, which really should have been publicised on the website & social media so all members were aware the event wasn't taking place. He also confirmed the Board's position on acquiring medals had not changed and this is on hold until other funding sources can be found for them.

RJH will advise MB.

7. Business matters

- **4065 - AGM** - The following items were discussed:-
 - i. Resolutions** - None received.
 - ii. Discipline Representatives nominations** - NW advised the only nomination received by the deadline was for OSK – Dave Jones (WW2245). As a result of this nomination being received, NW advised GW has opted to step down from the role with effect from the AGM. Given the need for more nominations for other disciplines, RJH proposed the Board should accept late applications for consideration and encouraged everyone to canvass the membership over the coming weeks.
 - iii. Sports Personality of the Year Awards** - The following nominations were put forward:-
 - ❖ **Senior category**
 - Ben Llewelin (Olympic Skeet)
 - Mick Harding (Sporting & FITASC)
 - Josh Keeble (Sporting & FITASC)

❖ **Junior category**

Jacob O'Loughlin (Sporting & FITASC)

Iwan Mills (DTL)

The Board then voted on the nominations and the results were noted. NW to contact the relevant winners to ask if they can attend the AGM to receive their awards.

NW to action.

- iv. **Arthur & Rita Williams Outstanding Contribution Award** - The following nominations were made:-

Richard Hughes (Sporting & FITASC)

Gareth Wrentmore (Olympic Skeet)

The Board then voted on the nominations and the result was noted. NW to contact the winner to ask if they can attend the AGM to receive their award. CB to ask Arthur & Rita Williams if they can attend to present the award.

NW & CB to action.

- v. **Proxy votes** - RJH reminded everyone to obtain proxy votes from those unable to attend so we ensure a quorum is represented at the AGM. He also asked CB to repost the AGM notice on social media to remind the members of the date.

RJH also reminded all reps to submit their end of the year summary reports for inclusion in the Chairmans's report.

- **4066 - Levies from WCTSA events** - It was noted the recent DTL Welsh Open did not generate any levies as it was a separate event to the selection events. RJH questioned this as it is still a WCTSA sanctioned event. With no clear rule stipulating this, RJH proposed this needs to be amended in the rule book going forward. All WCTSA sanctioned events should have a levy applied, this includes all team selection events, County Finals, Welsh Opens & Grand Prix's. RH seconded this with all in favour.
- **4067 - Membership number updates** - RJH advised he'd like to have regular updates at each Board meeting of the current membership numbers, along with a breakdown of how many new members have joined and members not renewed. AJ advised the current membership is 665 and he will bring this information to each meeting.

AJ to action.

- **4068 - Target setting & winning shoots (Sporting / FITASC)** - RJH explained there has been a couple of occasions this year whereby the ground owner has won their own team selection event. Both he & the Sporting/FITASC Reps have been approached by various members questioning whether this is acceptable and fair. He clarified that in neither situation had the ground owner taken any prize money, but it had implications on team points and placings. After a lengthy discussion on what should be the right course of action, it was agreed to speak to shooters to gauge their feeling on the matter before making any formal decision. RH also noted the practicing of targets before a selection event is becoming a bigger issue as more and more individuals are doing it. Going forward, he felt this will eventually result in a potential issue or even a complaint.

RH & JW to action.

- **4029 - FITASC HCIT 2022** - NW advised the event ran very well and everything went according to plan. The visiting nations all thoroughly enjoyed the event and went home happy with many commenting it was one of the best FITASC HCIT's they have ever been to. RJH also commented he felt it was a great success and noted his thanks to NW, RH & JW for their hard work in the run up to the event and to Katie Cowell & ED for attending to take photographs of the day. RH thanked CB & RJH for their help in securing several event sponsors.

- **3999 - I.T. sub-committee update** - Nothing to report.
- **4020 - PR & Marketing update** - RJH noted the sponsorship for the FITASC HCIT was excellent and a big help in reducing some of the usual costs. Moving forward, the aim is to work on acquiring sponsorship packages for the Association and creating more links with shooting businesses.

8. Treasurer's Report - See Appendix

- JS ran through a breakdown of the 2022 Home International costs but advised she is still waiting for some invoices to be received for the FITASC.
- JS presented the draft accounts for approval at the AGM.
- JS asked if the Castellani shooting vest invoice has been received. NW advised nothing has been received so far. RJH suggested that the importer was possibly holding off on sending it following the difficulties we experienced in obtaining the order.
- Following some issues this year with team expenses cheques, RJH suggested all future expenses be paid by bank transfer instead of cheques. This will prevent the problem of cheques going missing and the Association being charged for the issuing of each cheque. This then led on to a discussion about whether expenses should be withdrawn. RH suggested all new caps should get their team clothing free of charge instead. Many felt this would be viewed negatively by the membership, but RJH suggested maybe all new cap juniors should receive their first team shooting vest.

9. Executive Decisions

- None.

10. WTSF report

- Nothing to report. The next meeting has been rescheduled for the 3rd October.

11. BICTSF report

- RJH advised there are still no accounts for the committee to view and this still appears to be somewhat disorganised. Further discussion was had about amalgamating all the funds into one pot, but no progress has been made. The next meeting is scheduled for 12th October.

12. ICTSC report

- RJH advised the last meeting was held on Monday (26th) and a discussion was had regarding the continued inclusion of the JCTSA on the hosting rota. It was noted the recent Sporting Home International was somewhat disorganised and many of the visiting Team Managers had to step in to assist in the running of both the shoot and the banquet. Next year they have already advised the Skeet International will be fibre wad only and a 4th Skeet range will be installed at Lecq C.T.C. so the event can be held at just one ground.
- A proposal was received from the SCTA to reduce the number of residency years for eligibility from 2 years to 1 year. The Board agreed this seems reasonable, but NW also pointed out this is a rule which is very difficult to police and enforce.
- HCIT date changes for 2023 were noted as follows:-
 - ❖ DTL HCIT will be one week later than usual due to a lack of banquet hotel availability.
 - ❖ NSK HCIT will be moved to the first weekend in September in a bid to reduce the cost of accommodation and travel.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6th December.

13. ICTSF report

- No meeting has been held but the Federation are canvassing for hosts for the 2025 Sporting World Championships.

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

- Levies are due on all WCTSA sanctioned events – team selection events, County Finals, Welsh Opens & Grand Prix's.

15. Any other business

- JW noted that as she will be stepping down at the AGM, a new Safeguarding Officer will need to be appointed. RJH advised this should be added to the next agenda for discussion.
- JW also raised the question about whether the referees at the Home International should be invited to the banquet.
- JW advised she is unable to attend the County All-Round Final @ SW2000. She will be in Scotland, as will RH. RJH advised he will be attending both the DTL & All-Round finals to see what attendance is like and try to get some feedback on the County competitions. RJH also noted numbers are unfortunately still dwindling and shooters are getting despondent. RH commented, although 80 shooters attended the Sporting County final in April, the host ground have advised they made a loss on the event so wouldn't be keen to host it again. If this continues, then grounds won't want to host them as they need to be financially viable. RJH advised another 'Future of County shooting' meeting will be held November where all these points can be discussed further.

16. Date & venue of next meeting

- 15th October 2022 – Trefeglwys Memorial Hall or Video / Telephone Conference @ 11:00am

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:28pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:-



R. J. Harrison
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 15/10/2022

