



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

WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 11th January 2023
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

PRESENT

<i>President:</i>		<i>FITASC:</i>	<i>Stuart Hart</i>
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Robert Harrison</i>	<i>FITASC</i>	<i>Catherine Hart</i>
<i>Stats Officer:</i>	<i>Rebecca Adlam</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Nicola Walker</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	
<i>Treasurer:</i>		<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	<i>Alf Weston</i>
<i>Membership Secretary:</i>	<i>Allan Jones</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	<i>Dave Jones</i>
<i>Website Manager</i>		<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	<i>Mike Bennett</i>
<i>ABT:</i>		<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Joshua Keeble</i>
<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Will Palmer</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Elis Jones</i>		

1. Chairman's address & welcome

- The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2023.

2. Apologies for absence

- Clive Bowen, Gareth Irving, Emyr Davies, Pete Roberts, Rob Trow, Brian Davies & Jackie Spencer.

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 23rd November 2022

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **6b.** - [INFORMATION REDACTED]
- **4060** - Done.
- **4071** - Ongoing. AJW to raise at WTSF meeting this coming Monday.
AJW to action.
- **4072** - Done.
- **5a.** - RJH advised he is still waiting for a response from the CPSA about the NSK referees course but will chase them again.
RJH to action.
- **4074** - NW advised PR has confirmed the ABT will be 6 selection shoots with 3 scores to count. JK advised Sporting will be 7 selection shoots with 4 to count and SH confirmed the FITASC will be best 3 scores from 5 selection shoots.

- **4076** - Done.
- **4078** - Done.

6. Correspondence

- **Email from Debbie Davies (WW2612) re: independent referees at NSK qualifiers** - RJH commented he has had numerous calls previously from shooters who have raised this issue, but nothing ever sent to the Board in writing for discussion until now. In the absence of both NSK Reps, NW advised she had contacted them both for their views which were read out. RT indicated he was aware of an issue at the selection event at Crynant S.G. but the matter was resolved on the day. After discussion by those present, the question still remained if entry fees are similar to other disciplines where referees are provided, why are they not provided? It was also noted that having qualified referees may not necessarily fix some of the issues raised in the email, majority of which should be taken to the jury on the day in the first instance and then brought to the attention of the Board if not resolved. Those present felt it would be inappropriate to make any decision or ruling without the Reps present, so the matter was to be carried over to the next meeting. RJH asked NW to reply to Debbie Davies to advise accordingly.

NW to action.

- **Email from Cardiff University Clay Pigeon Shooting Club re: sponsorship** - NW advised Felix Hughes who sent the email is a member of the WCTSA, but very few of the CUCPSC are. SH advised he has previously been involved with the university shooting scene and Hart Events run a Christmas competition for the university teams but commented it is more of a social activity to majority of the students as opposed to them being in it for the actual sport. It was noted we are financially unable to support our own junior members, so a monetary sponsorship is not an option. It was however suggested we could include a university competition element to some of our already existing events, such as the County finals or team selection events. It was also suggested to re-introduce the 'Have a go' days and invite them to attend. RJH posed the question, will this generate anymore members for us? Majority felt it probably would not but RJH suggested replying to the email to see if the club would like to meet to discuss some of the options further.

NW to action.

- **Email from Phil Mills re: grants for Iwan Mills for DTL World Championship, South Africa** - RJH advised Phil Mills has identified some grants he feels Iwan would be eligible for to help support him financially with his trip to South Africa in March for the DTL World Championship. The applications however, have to come from the governing body i.e. the WCTSA. RJH advised he is unfamiliar with the grants in question but is happy to look into them and start the ball rolling with the Board's permission. He also asked AJW to make some enquiries with the WTSF as to what support may be available through them or SportWales.

RJH & AJW to action.

- **Email from Ian McFarlene re: replacement Welsh team memorabilia** - NW advised he is currently residing in Australia & lost most of his possessions in a recent bush fire, which included his Welsh team clothing & other memorabilia. AJW advised he shot Olympic Skeet in the early 2000's and he may be able to help source some copies of team photographs. RJH suggested NW forward the email to AJW so he may contact him for further information and make enquiries about sending him some replacement items.

AJW to action.

7. Business matters

- **4080 - MQS's for 2023** - RJH asked if any reps would like to make any amendments to the

MQS's for the 2023 selection process. AJW & DJ advised they would like to increase the OSK MQS to 64 for all categories. WP & EJ asked the DTL MQS for both the Ladies & Juniors categories be lower to 265. All other Discipline Reps confirmed they are happy with the current scores. RLA raised the question should we have %'s instead of fixed scores? This would be a fairer system, especially if shoots are hard making fixed scores difficult to attain. All agreed this is worth investigating further and it was suggested to canvass shooters for their views. RLA suggested using a platform like Survey Monkey may be a good way to gauge opinions on this topic and possibly others. RLA offered to investigate the requirements for using Survey Monkey. RJH proposed the MQS's remain as a fixed score for 2023 as selection shoots start in March but consider a change to %'s for 2024. All were in favour.

RLA to action.

- **4081 - Juries at all WCTSA events** - RJH reminded all Reps to please ensure a jury is in place at every WCTSA event and the names are displayed at the ground on the day. Any issues should be taken to the jury in the first instance in the hope they can be resolved on the day. If not, the Reps need to bring it to the Board's attention.
- **4082 - Process for checking team eligibility criteria** - AJ advised he has had quite a few membership applications recently from individuals whose addresses are in England and not necessarily just over the border. These individuals have also indicated they are eligible for team selection. This prompted the question should we have a process for checking they meet the criteria and, if so, how? Given the complexity of the eligibility criteria it was agreed this would be very difficult to police and we will have to take it on trust the applicant is providing truthful information. RJH advised AJ to continue raising any questionable applications he may receive with the Board for approval before issuing the membership.
- **4083 - Wales vs Army Sporting event** - JK advised he has followed up on the emails received from both Stephen Hughes & Gary Young about arranging an event but hasn't received a response yet. He will report back in due course. MB advised the OTR shooters would like to organise a similar event as well.

JK to action.

- **4084 - Team expenses for Sporting World Championship** - JK asked if the funding for the Sporting World Championship team could be moved over from the ICTSF World event to the CPSA / NSCA World event instead. At present, there is no sign of an ICTSF event being held as no Country has offered to host it but also the CPSA / NSCA World is a far bigger and better event with a team from the USA attending. RJH noted the only concern is the CPSA / NSCA event is an annual World Championship which alternates between England & USA. Funding a team annually may not be financially viable. JK proposed as the event is in England this year both the team & individual entry fees be paid by the Association and funding in future years be discussed as and when circumstances dictate. SH seconded the proposal with all in favour.
- **4085 - Membership categories with CPSA** - AJ advised he has seen notification on the CPSA website that the membership categories are changing to include the Super-Veteran category. This raised the question, should he be issuing membership cards stating Super-Veteran to those who this applies to. RJH confirmed the notification was actually advising the Super-Veteran category is to be included at all CPSA major events, which has been an omission until now. This however does not change the categories for normal registered events, so membership cards should continue to be issued in the usual way.
- **4086 - Membership software update** - RJH advised he has submitted a 12-page document to Mike Wixey at the WTSF outlining our requirements and needs for a new membership database. The WTSF have arranged another demonstration of the Sport80 software on the 19th January and invited all the other Associations to attend also, which will hopefully move things

- forward. NW & AJW advised they will be attending the demo with RJH.
- **4087 - Report from County shooting meeting** - RJH reported the turn out was again very disappointing with only 1 attendee who wasn't a Board member. NW advised 3 others had requested the meeting information but did not attend on the night. RJH advised that after discussion it was decided to operate a hybrid selection process for 2023. Counties with Co-ordinators can hold qualifiers as previously but those Counties without can also just enter a team for the final without qualifiers. Given the lack of Counties able to enter a full team of 8 seniors at the DTL County final, WP & EJ suggested reducing the team size to 5. JK advised this would probably work better for the Sporting final too. RJH advised he will check with the NSK & ABT Reps to see if they wish to do the same. MB advised the OTR final will be run as just an individual event this year with the view to possibly including a team element in 2024. RJH advised he will redraft the rules and circulate them for approval before making an announcement on the procedure for this year. He will also ask CB to readvertise for Co-ordinators in due course to see if we can get some more volunteers.
RJH to action.
 - **4088 - Presence @ Bowen Challenge (12th March)** - NW advised CB has asked if the WCTSA would like to run the pool shoot at the event again this year. RJH commented it was a great PR opportunity and he would be able to assist on the day. JK & EJ both agreed to help also. NW to advise & liaise with CB.
NW to action.
 - **4089 - Old WCTSA laptop** - NW advised she would like to have the old laptop back to see if any information can be gleaned off it, especially copies of policies. This is still in Gavin Harvey's possession but needs to be returned, especially as it may contain GDPR related data. SH advised he is in contact with Gavin occasionally and will ask him for it.
SH to action.
 - **4079 - OSK HCIT** - NW advised she has been liaising with AJW about arrangements and the information required to send out the official invite. AJW is in the process of contacting Mike Amodeo @ SW2000 to confirm the entry fee and other requirements and is currently making enquiries with hotels regarding the banquet.
AJW to action.
 - **3999 - I.T. sub-committee update** - NW reminded the new Reps to set up their Discipline Rep email accounts and to advise CB when they have so he can update the website contact page accordingly and remove their personal email addresses.
SH, CH, JK & PR to action.
 - **4020 - PR & Marketing update** - Nothing to report.

8. Treasurer's Report - See Appendix

- In JS's absence, RJH ran through the account balances and major movements since the last meeting.
- RJH asked NW to ask JS to provide a debtors list for discussion at the next meeting.
- NW advised JS has suggested payment for team clothing needs to be taken upfront before items are sent out. This will save a lot of time & inconvenience having to chase members who haven't paid. All agreed this was a sensible suggestion & NW advised she will liaise with JS regarding the logistics of checking payment is received.
- NW also advised JS has highlighted section 21.1 of the Articles which states "value of the cheque exceeds £1000 in which case two signatures are required". At present, this isn't being adhered to so should it be amended. RJH suggested perhaps this should be adhered to as the

purpose off it is to protect the Treasurer. Where possible, sizeable transactions should be made via BACS.

9. Executive Decisions

- None.

10. WTFSF report

- Nothing to report - AJW advised the next meeting is this coming Monday (16th).

11. BICTSF report

- RJH advised the last meeting was held on the 13th December and discussions were again had regarding the finances which are dwindling year on year. This resulted in the introduction of a BICTSF membership fee of £10 for 2023. Not all disciplines were in favour of this, but the motion was passed. Membership can be purchased via the new website (www.bictsf.org) and all shooters will need to join if they intend to shoot any of the BICTSF events.

12. ICTSC report

- RJH reported the last meeting was held on the 6th December & the committee ran through the accounts.
- The Association membership fee was discussed and will be increased from £700 to £1000 for 2023.
- The residency rule has been reduced to 1 year.
- A new rule has been documented regarding the viewing of targets at HCIT's. This can only be done by Team Managers & Captains or nominated substitutes if necessary.

13. ICTSF report

- RJH advised the agenda for the committee meeting being held at the DTL World Championship is due to be sent out shortly & EJ has confirmed he will attend to represent the Association.

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

- None.

15. Any other business

- RLA suggested the WCTSA Facebook page should be re-titled as 'Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association' to make it easier for people to find when searching.
- SH advised Hart Events has been informed by the CPSA they will no longer accept scores for registered shoots via an Excel spreadsheet. All scores must be uploaded using the new Shoot scoring software. As Hart Events is not a ground member of the CPSA they do not have access to the system, so asked if the Association will register the scores instead as part of their membership to the WCTSA. RJH advised the Association was given the Shoot system last year to register scores from WCTSA sanctioned events for grounds that did not have access to either Shoot or Shoot08. The Association has no obligation to register scores for any other shoots. He suggested Hart Events may need to look at becoming a CPSA member to obtain access to the Shoot programme. As an already established ground, it may not be necessary for a full inspection to be carried out, but RJH offered to make enquiries & keep SH informed.
- AJ advised the current membership stands at 662.
- RJH requested approval to have the Association's logo put onto a sports jacket which he can wear at events so members know who he is. All agreed this was acceptable.

16. Date & venue of next meetings

- 15th February 2023 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:22pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

R. J. Harrison
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 15/02/2023

APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

8. Treasurer's Report

WCTSA Ltd as of 11th January 2023

Bank Accounts:-

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>As at 10/01/2023</u>	<u>As at 23/11/2022</u>
❖ Current Account	30924024	21,040	13,596
❖ Base Rate Reward	53163849	18,165	18,162
❖ Saver	33558894	80	80
❖ Paypal	N/A	65	83
❖ Close Brothers Savings		63,537	62,937
Total		£102,887	£94,858

Major movements since last meeting (PAID)

	£
❖ Wages – Secretary & Treasurer (2 months)	2,346
❖ PAYE & Pension (2 months)	686
❖ Officer payment – A. Jones	325
❖ Officer payment – R. Adlam	413
❖ Officer payment – C. Bowen	625
❖ FITASC HCIT Entries – Dovey alley S.G.	3,570
❖ Gloversure	36
❖ Postage	5

Major movements since last meeting (RECEIVED)

	£
❖ Memberships	6,915
❖ Paypal Transfers	2,350
❖ Clothing	563
❖ Crynant S.G. levies	268
❖ Dovey Valley S.G. levies	944
❖ DTL Euro entries x 6 (UCPSA)	720
❖ Basil George	100