



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

## WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

### PRESENT

President:	Vacant	FITASC:	
Chairman:	Robert Harrison	FITASC:	Vacant
Stats Officer:	Rebecca Adlam	National Skeet:	Rob Trow
Secretary:	Nicola Walker	National Skeet:	Paul Pratt
Treasurer:	Vacant	Olympic Skeet:	Alf Weston
Membership Secretary:	Allan Jones	Olympic Skeet:	Dave Jones
Social Media Secretary:	Zea Purnell	Olympic Trap:	
ABT:	Richard Hillier	Olympic Trap:	
ABT:	Sarah Nichols-Weaver	Sporting:	
DTL:	Will Palmer	Sporting:	Daniel Rees
DTL:			

The Chairman began by welcoming new NSK Rep Paul Pratt to his first Board of Management meeting.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

- Elis Jones, Stuart Hart, Rhys Humphreys & Joshua Keeble.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

#### 4. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **5032** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **5035** - NW advised Mike Bennett has confirmed he will continue in the role of OTR Team Manager. RJH to chase SH about the FITASC Team Manager.  
**RJH to action.**
- **16c** - Meredydd Owens (WW662) has contacted NW to advise he believes the inception date of the Association was 1928. This is based on the fact the Association commissioned the production of some commemorative plates in 2000 which stated 1928. WP advised there are also some very old trophies still in circulation with the same date on them, which seems to corroborate this.
- **5038** - Done.
- **5039** - NW has contacted Andy Norris @ Viking Arms who advised the Castellani vests will only be approximately £4 more than last year. She has also contacted Brentwood Embroidery Ltd who produced the last order of team ties & cravats back in 2019. They have quoted £1,256.40

for 100 ties & 10 cravats with delivery. All agreed these are essential, so NW can go ahead and place the orders. NW also advised she contacted Motifwear UK, the company who supplied the last lot of pennants, but hasn't yet received a reply. She will chase them again this week and if still no response, will start to look elsewhere.

**NW to action.**

- **5040** - NW highlighted this is not currently being done. RJH urged Reps to please send the information to NW to aid with the issuing of levy invoices. The CPSA website may not show all entries for various reasons, so it is important to get accurate figures to collect all the levies due.
- **5041** - NW advised she has received confirmation from Chris Hughes @ Crynant S.G. that he has booked and paid for someone to attend the CPSA Safety Officer's course on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- **5030** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **7i** - Ongoing. RJH to follow up.
- **7ii** - NW advised the alternative insurance quote of £7,435.60 she obtained from MarshSport was accepted following approval from the Board. This resulted in a saving of nearly £4,000 on the quoted renewal premium from Romero. RJH thanked NW for all her hard work in sourcing the alternative quote.
- **8i** - Done.
- **9ii** - NW advised she has emailed Ben Llewellyn (WW2226) about his Life Membership and a possible refund but is awaiting his response.

**NW to action.**

- **13i** - Done.

## 5. Correspondence

- None.

## 6. Business matters

- **5042 - Medals for Welsh Opens** - RJH advised he will circulate a proposed list of required medals & once confirmed will proceed to place an order based on the sample medals shown at a previous meeting. DR advised Cefn Tilla Clays no longer wish to hold the Compak Sporting Welsh Open. As Cefn Tilla Clays was the only ground to apply to host the event, RJH proposed it be left out for 2024 and to try to introduce it again in 2025. This was seconded by DR with all in favour.

**RJH to action.**

- **5043 - All Round Welsh Open / County Final date** - RJH advised he is currently struggling to find an available date in October and Fauxdegla's diary is already quite full. NW suggested trying either the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in September as there will be no HCIT's due to the FITASC being moved to early October. RJH advised he will find out if Fauxdegla can do either of these dates.

**RJH to action.**

- **5044 - Publishing of team points** - RJH advised both NW & RLA are receiving numerous emails from members querying why the team points haven't yet been published or updated. NW advised some of the emails are received within a matter of a day of a selection shoot being held. RLA explained points are only released once all scores have been checked and verified. Quite often there are queries which need to be resolved by the host ground, such as incorrect scores or even missing scores. All of which take time. Members renewing their membership late also causes issues which is an ongoing problem due to the fact we have a rolling membership. RJH asked Reps to please try to manage members expectations when it comes to the team points. Members need to be reminded we do not have any full-time staff to deal with

matters instantly and points are released as soon as feasibly possible. RJH also suggested implementing a new rule which stipulates membership renewals must be received at least 2 weeks prior to any selection events otherwise scores may not be counted. This will allow time for them to be processed both by us & the CPSA and hopefully reduce a number of the issues. AJ seconded the proposal as sometimes the delay can be at the CPSA end if their Membership Officer happens to be off work or tied up with CPSA events. All were in favour of the proposal and ZP to make the necessary social media posts to advise members.

**ZP to action.**

- **5045 - ABT entry fees @ Crynant S.G.** - Concern was initially raised with regards to the potential entry fees due to be charged at WCTSA selection events, but following some discussion this has been resolved, so no further action required.
- **5046 - Levies for combined events** - WP raised concern the combining of events by some grounds so non-WCTSA members do not have to pay a levy has been noticed by other grounds and could cause issues going forward. They are duly charging all entrants a levy regardless of which Association they are a member of. WP's main concern is this may result in grounds not wanting to host selection events in the future. RJH noted WCTSA members are always charged levy when entering shoots in England, so this needs to be the same in Wales. It was suggested the combining of events should not be permitted and this needs to be made very clear at the application for shoots stage next year. This was proposed by RJH, seconded by SW with all in favour.
- **5037 - Membership sub-committee update** - No further meeting has been held since the last Board meeting, but work is currently ongoing with regards to the spreadsheet design / layout.
- **5030 - ABT HCIT & British Open 2024** - NW advised she is in the process of contacting potential photographers for the event. RJH urged Reps to seek some sponsors to help with costs. This could be for programme printing or the British Open medals. If nothing is forthcoming, then there will be no gift bags for all shooters. SW advised she has spoken to Clive Bowen to see if he can make some enquiries with any of his former contacts about potential sponsorship. RJH advised he will proceed with the ordering of the British Open medals for both categories & classes as these are a must and will provide some costings at the next meeting.

**NW, RJH & Reps to action.**

- **5031 - NSK HCIT 2024** - With regards to sponsors, PP advised he will ask his employer if they would be interested and ZP will speak to Ivan Reid @ Teague about possibly supplying something for the Team Captains at both HCIT's.

**Reps & ZP to action.**

## **7. Treasurer's report**

- RJH ran through the account balances and noted the total currently stands at £78,907.67.
- NW was again congratulated on her excellent work in sourcing the alternative insurance quote with a new Broker. RJH asked it to be noted that the policy still excludes cover for USA & Canada which appears to be standard with most insurers. Anyone travelling to compete in either country will need to obtain their own insurance cover.
- RJH advised he has had 3 further meetings with ABC Ltd & our designated bookkeeper is Hannah. They are still working on getting things straightened out in terms of the accounts for the year end & with regards to employee wages / pension etc. Going forward we will have more informative reports for discussion.

## **8. Social Media & Marketing report**

- ZP advised the 'Meet the Reps / Board' series of posts have been well received & asked if those

who haven't yet done one could do so, so she can continue the series. She also thanked everyone for their sharing, tagging and content received so far. Engagement is increasing.

## 9. Membership update

- AJ advised renewals are slow coming in at present & the membership total has now dropped below 600. We are currently at 587 which by category is as follows:- Colts - 24 / Lady Colts - 3 / Juniors - 21 / Lady Juniors - 3 / Ladies - 28 / Veterans - 136 / Lady Veterans - 3 / Super Veterans - 166 / Lady Super Veterans - 7 / Seniors - 196
- **Ground Membership** - AJ advised there are still some ongoing ground membership issues. NW advised Cefn Tilla Clays still hasn't paid their membership fee or returned membership paperwork despite numerous emails to chase. DR advised he has contacted Rob Evans also and confirmed the fee was paid at 5pm today, but the paperwork remains outstanding. DR advised he will chase this. AJ also advised he is still waiting for evidence of Public Liability insurance from Tregaron C.T.C. & Strata Florida. They were both hoping to use the BASC insurance cover, but this is not suitable for a selection shoot as it does not cover PL. All shooters would need to be employees on the day to be covered by the Employers Liability. DR advised Tregaron C.T.C. are aware of the issue & he will follow this up. RJH advised this needs to be resolved by Sunday as the event is less than 2 weeks away. RJH also noted some of the other Associations offer insurance cover as part of the ground membership fee and suggested maybe this is something to look at in the future to help the smaller grounds.

**DR to action.**

## 10. Executive decisions

- Acceptance of the alternative insurance quote was approved and the policy accepted.

## 11. WTSF report

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## 12. BICTSF report

- Last meeting was the AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and the end of year accounts showed a small profit.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## 13. ICTSC report

- Following the recent announcement by the CPSA regarding the banning of semi-automatic guns in trap disciplines, an emergency meeting was held yesterday to discuss the matter further. The announcement has caused uproar with members and, on reflection, the CPSA admit this may have been a mistake, especially as the decision affects a lot of disabled shooters. After some discussion, the CPSA advised they are still reviewing the situation but will consider retracting the decision for banning them in DTL & ABT. A final decision will be made & announced in the next 2 weeks. A question was raised as to whether we should follow the ISSF rules when it comes to the use of semi-auto's in OSK & OTR or make an exception for our HCIT's. It was agreed to follow ISSF rules to prevent any confusion.
- All Associations agree the ruling regarding guns being unloaded between pegs in all disciplines should remain.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## 14. ICTSF report

- Nothing to report.

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

- Membership must be received at least 2 weeks prior to any WCTSA team selection events or scores may not be counted.

## 16. Any other business

- RHi asked if we will be able to offer members a discount on tickets for the Game Fair this year. NW advised she too was contacted by a member to ask the same question and explained Clive Bowen arranged to have a discount code 2 years ago. NW will make some enquiries.  
**NW to action.**
- DJ asked if all the County Final dates & venues have now been finalised. He advised Tim Garner (WW1032) has been asking as he is unaware of when the Sporting final is. NW advised Mr Garner is already aware of the date & venue as he emailed to ask over a month ago. All fixtures are already on the website & have been for a while. DR also advised he is trying to restart some Sporting qualifiers for Dyfed, but it is proving difficult.
- RJH noted the FITASC HCIT team photographs still haven't been received from last year. He will follow this up with SH.

**RJH to action.**

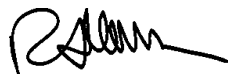
## 17. Date & venue of next meeting

- 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:17pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:-



R.J. Harrison  
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 05/06/2024

## APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

### 7. Treasurer's Report

#### Bank Accounts Overview – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

WCTSA Community Acc no 309240243		WCTSA Saver Acc no 33558894		WCTSA Reward Acc no 53163849		Close Brothers 90 Day Access	
Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
07/03/2024	£8,631.71	07/03/2024	£81.44	07/03/2024	£24,777.54	07/03/2024	£50,000.00
15/04/2024	£6,826.23	15/04/2024	£81.44	15/04/2024	£22,000.00	15/04/2024	£50,000.00
<b>WCTSA Current Balance Total</b>			<b>£78,907.67</b>				

#### Major movements since last meeting (PAID)

Expenditure	Amount
Insurance policy 2024/2025	£7,435.60
Social Media & Marketing Secretary – Quarterly payment	£626.00
Stats Officer – Quarterly payment	£412.50
Membership Secretary – Quarterly payment	£325.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,799.10</b>