



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

WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 5th June 2024
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

PRESENT

<i>President:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>FITASC:</i>	<i>Stuart Hart</i>
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Robert Harrison</i>	<i>FITASC</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Stats Officer:</i>		<i>National Skeet:</i>	
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Nicola Walker</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	<i>Paul Pratt</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Vacant</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>Social Media Secretary:</i>	<i>Zea Purnell</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	<i>Rhys Humphrey</i>
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Richard Hillier</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Sarah Nichols-Weaver</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	
<i>DTL:</i>		<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Daniel Rees</i>
<i>DTL:</i>			

1. Apologies for absence

- Rebecca Adlam, Will Palmer, Rob Trow & Elis Jones.

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 17th April 2024

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **5035** - SH advised he still hasn't found anyone to take on the FITASC Team Manager role. If necessary, he will fulfil the role.
- **5039** - NW confirmed the Castellani vests, ties/cravats and pennants have all been ordered and will hopefully arrive in the next few weeks.
- **9ii** - NW confirmed Ben Llewelin has now received a full refund for all his membership fees since his Life Membership award in 2018.
- **5042** - RJH confirmed all the Welsh Open medals have now been received and the ABT medals sent to SW as he is unable to attend the event. All other reps to send a postal address to RJH of where they would like their medals sent, to ensure they are available for the events. NW asked all Reps to please ensure photos are taken of the winners, so the events receive good coverage on social media, and we should publicise that we have introduced the awarding of medals this year. It is important to try to build the prestige of winning the Welsh Opens to encourage more entries.

Reps to action.

- **5043** - RJH advised the All Round Welsh Open / County Final has been confirmed as the 13th October @ Fauxdegla S.G.
- **5044** - ZP confirmed a post regarding the publishing of team points has been done. RJH encouraged Reps to spread the word to members to try to manage expectations. RLA will update all the team points next week when she is back from her honeymoon.
- **5030 / 5031** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **9ii** - RJH confirmed both insurance issues were resolved before the events took place but we need to tighten up on the receiving of all documentation & fees from host grounds for 2025, so we do not have these sorts of issues going forward.
- **16i** - NW confirmed she has obtained a discount code for Game Fair tickets.
- **16iii** - SH advised he is still having issues obtaining the 2023 FITASC HCIT team photos despite numerous emails to the photographer. RJH to contact the UCPSA.

RJH to action.

5. Correspondence

- None.

6. Business matters

- **5047 - Board vacancies** - RJH advised Emyr Davies has now declined to take on the position of OTR Discipline Representative due to increased work commitments and JK has stepped down as Sporting Rep due to family commitments. All vacancies will be advertised in due course.
- **5048 - Rule book update** - An updated version of the WCTSA rule book was circulated prior to the meeting for review. Following discussion, some additional amendments were noted and, given that the Board may amend or add new rules at any time, it was agreed to add a caveat which states “rules maybe subject to change as & when the Board of Management deems fit”. After the noted amendments have been made, RJH proposed the rules be adopted, which was seconded by RHu with all in favour.
- **5049 - Clarification of team selection procedure (no. of targets shot)** - At a recent OSK selection shoot, a question was raised as to whether a score will count towards team selection if an individual does not complete the full competition i.e. 100 targets. AJW explained 2 members only completed 2 rounds of 25 before withdrawing from the event but were of the opinion the scores should still count. One had to withdraw due to ill health on the day but the other just opted not to complete the competition, which also disrupted the other shooters in the squad. For most disciplines this wouldn't be an issue as there is healthy competition for team places, but in this scenario the individual concerned is the only member competing in that category and is therefore guaranteed a team place. The question is should members be able to gain a team place without completing the full selection criteria. RJH noted there isn't currently a specific rule which clarifies this, but felt it is somewhat of a given that shooters are expected to complete a full competition, unless there are extenuating circumstances, in which case special dispensation may be granted. It was agreed this is not the attitude the Association wants to promote when it comes to earning a place to represent your Country. The selection criteria for OSK only requires members to complete 300 targets, which is not unreasonable. AJW proposed a rule be added which stipulates scores to count for team selection purposes must be from a completed competition. This was seconded by SH with all in favour.
- **5050 - Team announcement process & handing out of ties / badges** - With so many new Reps on the Board at present, NW reminded everyone that team announcements will not be done on the day of the last selection shoot. This can be done once all points have been checked & verified by RLA to prevent any errors. Reps also need check the relevant MQS has been

attained. When a team has been finalised, the list should be sent to NW who will then put it on the standardised template & send it to ZP for publication on social media & the website. Ties/cravats & blazer badges will be sent out to new caps along with their shooting vests, and the date badges & pennants sent to Team Managers just before the HCIT for distribution at the event. Team Managers will also need to advise NW which team members require extra banquet tickets, prior to the team entry being submitted to the host association.

- **5037 - Membership sub-committee update** - Nothing to report at present. NW suggested the next meeting should include a review of the membership process to see if it can be made better and suggested a flow chart of the process be produced for the website. Members can then see the full process which will hopefully help them to understand why it is important to renew before their expiry date is reached.
- **5030 - ABT HCIT & British Open 2024** - RJH advised the British Open medals are in the process of being made for all categories and classes. They will be approx. £5 each. NW confirmed Dafydd Bastable has been booked as the photographer for both events. With no sign of any potential sponsors forthcoming, it was agreed there will be no gift bags for all shooters, just for the Captains.
- **5031 - NSK HCIT 2024** - Nothing to report.

7. Treasurer's report

- RJH ran through the account balances and noted the total currently stands at £80,928.28. There are some invoices to be paid this next month such as the BICTSF affiliation fee, and the officer honorariums are due for the last quarter.
- RJH advised we need a Treasurer going forward to undertake the daily financial transactions and has therefore updated the job description to reflect this. It was agreed the role will no longer be an employed position and will have an honorarium. After discussion, it was agreed to be the same as the Statistics Officer's honorarium. RHu suggested advertising the role on LinkedIn to try to generate some interest in the position outside of the shooting world.

8. Social Media & Marketing report

- ZP reported the engagement on social media is still increasing and she would still like to do some more 'Meet the Reps / Board' posts. She has also made contact with the WTSS Social Media Officer to see if there is any collaborative work that can be done. RJH congratulated ZP on her excellent work in reposting adverts & event news from shooting grounds which is ultimately giving them increased exposure.

9. Membership update

- AJ advised the membership total is currently at 588 which by category is as follows:-
Colts - 25 / Lady Colts - 3 / Juniors - 21 / Lady Juniors - 4 / Ladies - 26 / Veterans - 139 / Lady Veterans - 5 / Super Veterans - 166 / Lady Super Veterans - 4 / Seniors - 195
- **Membership refund request - Jason Griffiths (WW2119)** - AJ explained Mr Griffiths did not pay the full £65 membership fee despite being sent correspondence to advise he had underpaid by £5. Mr Griffiths subsequently found out he was not a current member when he tried to enter a shoot. Despite AJ explaining the situation to him, he has subsequently requested a refund of the £60. All were in favour of giving Mr Griffiths a refund and AJ will contact him for his bank details. RJH asked AJ if there are any other members in a similar situation and, if so, to produce a list of them so they can be reviewed and addressed if necessary. RJH proposed a review of all the membership documentation also be carried out by the Membership sub-committee to see if it is still fit for purpose.

AJ to action.

10. Executive decisions

- None.

11. WTSF report

- AJW advised the last meeting was held on the 22nd April where it was reported the WTSF are currently working hard on their Safeguarding criteria in order to attain the Level 2 accreditation.
- The ISSF are currently waiting for their Coaching courses to be accredited.
- A consultation is currently ongoing about removing moderators from firearms licences.
- Next meeting is 17th June.

12. BICTSF report

- Last meeting was yesterday, 4th June, and a discussion on the membership fee for 2025 took place. A proposal to increase the fee to £20 was submitted and, despite RJH voting against this, the motion was passed.
- It was confirmed all team entries for 2025 will be paid, but still no individual expenses.
- The CPSA will be appointing another voting representative onto the Board as they currently only have 1 since CEO Iain Parker stepped aside.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the 10th September.

13. ICTSC report

- No meeting has been held since the 16th April, but the UCPSA have asked if the use of semi-auto's could be permitted for the 2024 HCIT's. Their team selection procedure was completed before the ISSF ruling was introduced, and this now excludes some members. They propose the ISSF rules be introduced in 2025. A decision on this request is still pending.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the 5th July.

14. ICTSF report

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for the 10th July.

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

- Scores to count for team selection purposes must be from a completed competition.

16. Any other business

- SH asked congratulations be noted to Owen Jones (Men), Robert Evans (Men) & Nigel Hart (Senior) who will all be representing Team GB at the FITASC World Championship in the USA next month.
- NW noted the Tony King Memorial trophy this year will be awarded at the Sporting Welsh Open and asked DR & ZP to liaise to promote this.
DR & ZP to action.
- RHu to rearrange the date of the OTR County Final rather than incorporating it in with the 5th team selection shoot.
RHu to action.
- NW commented some old WCTSA website pages are still appearing in Google searches despite them being disabled. A member recently searched for the Senior Citizen membership rate and the old disabled page came up in the results. The only way to prevent this is to completely delete the page. NW advised her knowledge of website design & WordPress is very basic and there are a lot of plug-ins & updates required, which is beyond her skillset. RHu advised he has

some experience in this area & offered to help review the website and tidy up its design content. RJH advised he will contact Gloversure to obtain a WordPress log-in for RHu.

RJH to action.

- DR asked if there is any news on the 2025 ICTSC World Sporting Championship in Canada. He commented there is a lot of interest from members. RJH advised nothing official has been received but will chase the ICTSF at the meeting in July as time is getting short to sort out a suitable selection process.

RJH to action.

17. Date & venue of next meeting

- 17th July 2024 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:06pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

Date:- 17/07/2024

R.J. Harrison
WCTSA Chairman

APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Accounts Overview – 5th June 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
05/06/2024	£7,451.08	05/06/2024	£81.74	05/06/2024	£22,000.00	05/06/2024	£51,395.46
WCTSA Current Balance Total			£80,928.28				

Major movements since last meeting (PAID)

Expenditure	Amount
Pennants	£2,400.00
TOTAL	£2,400.00