



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

WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Thursday 19th December 2024
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

PRESENT

<i>President:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>FITASC:</i>	
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Robert Harrison</i>	<i>FITASC</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Stats Officer:</i>	<i>Rebecca Adlam</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	<i>Rob Trow</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>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>Vacant</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	
<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Will Palmer</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>DTL:</i>			

1. Apologies for absence

- Stuart Hart, Daniel Rees, Alf Weston, Elis Jones & Sarah Nichols-Weaver.

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 26th November 2024

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **16iv** - RHu advised he has started to review old content / pages on the website. From November 2018 to December 2019 there are possibly 51 pages which can be removed. He suggested someone review these to check they are definitely no longer required before he deletes them. NW advised she will review them if RHu sends her a list.
RHu & NW to action.
- **5056** - Currently with EJ for review.
EJ to action.
- **5058** - NW advised there were no applications received for the ABT rep vacancies, despite her contacting some individuals she thought might consider the role. RHu suggested NW contact George Seaborne to see if he may be interested. RJH suggested re-advertising the vacancies again in the hope someone comes forward in the new year. The Treasurer vacancy will also be advertised in the new year, when hopefully someone might be looking for a new challenge. RJH will forward the updated job description to ZP.
RJH & ZP to action.

- **5059** - RJH advised he now has the Sports Personality of the Year award and is in the process of getting it engraved ready to be presented to the new recipient. NW advised she contacted Jacob O'Loughlin regarding the return of the Junior Sports Personality trophy back in October but didn't get a response for quite a while. Jacob is currently away in University so NW advised she will contact his father about the trophy. RHu suggested it be sent to him. He can arrange for it to be engraved & then pass it onto this year's winner.
NW & RHu to action.
- **5063** - RJH advised the levies document is now ready for ZP to put out a post with a link to the document on the website as agreed at the last meeting. He suggested this be done in the new year.
ZP to action.
- **5064** - Ongoing - NW advised she thought it better to send the letter in the new year rather than just before Christmas.
NW to action.
- **5066** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **14** - RJH has contacted Miles Machin, ICTSF Secretary, who advised further information on the ICTSF Sporting World Championships should be released in the next week or so.

5. Correspondence

- None.

6. Business matters

- **5067 - No. of selection events per discipline & scores to count for 2025** - Discipline Representatives were asked to confirm the number of selections and scores to count for 2025:-
 - **ABT** – (TBC)
 - **DTL** – 7 or 8 selection shoots with 4 scores to count (TBC)
 - **NSK** – 8 selection shoots with 4 scores to count
 - **OSK** – 7 selection shoots with 4 scores to count
 - **OTR** – 6 selection shoots with 3 scores to count
 - **Sporting** – (TBC)
 - **FITASC** – (TBC)
- **5068 - Allocation of 2025 selection shoots** - RJH noted an application received from a new ground, which is just outside Wales, and asked if there are any objections to using the venue for Sporting events. All were in favour of events being awarded to the ground. RJH also noted his disappointment there are no applications to host the All Round Welsh Open/County Final. The last 2 events have been held at Fauxdegla S.G. and neither have been well attended. The ground has also not run the event in accordance with the rules. Skeet targets have been black and the Sporting element replaced with a Sportrap layout. This may have contributed to the poor attendance. It was suggested to ask Crynant S.G. if they would be interested in hosting the event. PP advised Crynant hadn't applied as they thought they didn't have sufficient layouts in place to manage the day, but if entry numbers aren't great, then maybe it is possible. PP will speak to Chris Hughes @ Crynant to see if he is interested. RT advised he will follow up the email to Gloucester C.S.C. to see if they are interested in hosting any events before starting to arranging any NSK dates. RLA suggested it might be worth trying to attach the Sportrap Welsh Open to the Sporting Welsh Open if the chosen venue can accommodate both events. This would probably attract more entries and therefore generate more revenue. NW advised she will suggest this to DR. RJH asked Reps to proceed with arranging their shoot dates for all events, including County

finals, and to send them to NW for ratification. They will be publicised on the website & social media as soon as they are finalised.

All Reps & NW to action.

- **5069 - MQS's for 2025** - DJ advised OSK wish to change the MQS for all categories to 60, but with the caveat that shooters must achieve this MQS at ALL 4 of their qualifying scores. This should encourage shooters to attend more events than just the bare minimum needed to qualify. After some discussion, it was agreed the NSK MSQ's will remain the same. RHu advised the OTR will probably remain the same as well but he wished to discuss this with SW first. WP advised it may be necessary to change the DTL MQS's, but this will depend on where the shoots are held. RJH advised ABT, Sporting & FITASC will have to be discussed at the next meeting when the Reps are present.
- **5070 - Clothing review (VX3)** - A link to a clothing company called VX3 was circulated prior to the meeting and everyone agreed the items look good quality with a great range of clothing to choose from. DJ advised this is the company used by the Ynys Mon Island Games Association. The clothing is really good quality at affordable prices and they give 5% commission on all sales. It was suggested to have a supporters webshop as well as an "official" International webshop to generate an extra income stream. DJ advised he will make contact with the company to see if we can start the ball rolling.

DJ to action.

- **5065 - OTR HCIT 2025** - NW advised she has contacted the Burton Hotel, Kington & the function room is available for 16th August. She is just waiting for a response regarding meal costs etc.
- **5066 - ESP HCIT 2025** - RJH advised there is hopefully another tender coming for the event but this has been delayed due to the ground in question recently changing ownership. He proposed the decision be postponed until the new year, but to give the ground a deadline of early January as a decision must be made so official invitations can be sent out to the other nations.

7. Treasurer's report

- RJH presented the profit & loss report produced by ABC Ltd & advised some money has been moved across from the Reward account to the Community account to keep it afloat until the membership renewal subscriptions come in over the next few weeks.
- NW advised the last of the HCIT invoices has now been paid so nothing remains outstanding.
- RJH & NW are meeting with the accountant the first week of January to review the cost centre codes.

8. Social Media & Marketing report

- ZP advised she has done the post about the membership fee increase for 2025 & will do a reminder at the end of the month.
- Team photos have been uploaded onto the website but we need some of the ABT & NSK teams. ZP asked Reps to forward anything they may have.
- A 2024 highlight reel was posted a few days ago and ZP advised this was very popular with 2.8K views on Instagram alone. Unfortunately, it had also generated some unnecessary negative comments by some individuals, but a separate post to address this has been done. RJH advised he was very disappointed to see such comments on something which was intended to be a positive. He thanked ZP for her excellent work in putting the reel together which was appreciated by the majority.
- NW suggested some publicity needs to be done about the benefit of joining the Association to represent Wales. She noted that a couple of new lady members had advised they were

unaware of the WCTSA membership and the opportunity to compete for Wales until someone mentioned it in passing. They have been CPSA members for a number of years but have now joined.

- NW advised a number of trophies have gone missing over recent years and suggested maybe a 'trophy amnesty' would bring them to light.

9. Membership update

- AJ advised the membership total is currently at 534 which by category is as follows:-
Colts - 8 / Lady Colts - 2 / Juniors - 19 / Lady Juniors - 5 / Ladies - 24 / Veterans - 136 /
Lady Veterans - 5 / Super Veterans - 142 / Lady Super Veterans - 6 / Seniors – 187
- RJH advised there is usually a sudden drop in numbers in December due to the large number of renewals. Hopefully, this will increase in the new year.

10. Executive decisions

- None.

11. WTFSF report

- Last meeting was held on the 2nd December. NW reported on behalf of AJW that a discussion was had regarding the pending HSE proposal to Government on the possible restricted use of lead ammunition. There was also a discussion on the Government's proposal to increase the licence fee to anywhere between £200 - £400.
- NW advised the next meeting will be the AGM on the 27th January and the WCTSA Nominated Board member will be up for election. AJW has offered to continue in the role if no-one else is willing. RHu advised he may know of someone who might be interested in taking on the role & will report back if they are. RJH noted the representative needs to be a current Board member, but this could be addressed if the individual is interested. If not, NW will put AJW's name forward for re-election.

RHu & NW to action.

12. BICTSF report

- RJH advised the last meeting was held on 10th December where the accounts were reviewed. It was also noted the FITASC sub-committee have decided not to pay any individual entry fees for the European & World Championships, only the team fees. Any funding raised from the team selection events will be spent on a memento / keepsake for each team member.
- The next meeting is scheduled for the 11th February with the AGM to be held on the 18th March.

13. ICTSC report

- Last meeting was held on the 10th December & RJH advised he strongly suggested the Council conduct a review of all team sizes in 2025. Entry numbers in recent years should be collated & reviewed with a view to introducing any changes in 2026.
 - Clare Alger confirmed the SOP's for each discipline have been updated and uploaded to the ICTSC dropbox. RJH will forward copies to all Reps for their information.
- RJH to action.**
- RJH also asked if all Associations will be sending an OTR team to the International in 2025 as we do not wish to organise the event for just 3 competing Countries. All nations agreed they would be sending a team.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for the 11th February.

14. ICTSF report

- Nothing to report.

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

- Olympic Skeet MQS for all categories to be changed to 60. Shooters must attain this MQS at all 4 of their qualifying shoots.

16. Any other business

- RJH advised after seeing some negative comments on social media about the awarding of the Sports Personality of the Year, he contacted Marc Potts to clarify the situation with the voting procedure. From this conversation, Marc suggested opening the voting to the members. RJH felt this was a good suggestion but it needed investigating to see if it could be facilitated so that only members vote and its conducted fairly, such as one vote each.
- Following some correspondence with a member, a suggestion was made about awarding certificates at County Finals. This would be an alternative to medals and badges for members to keep. RJH proposed this be added to the next agenda for further discussion.
- RJH reminded the Board he will be unavailable to attend the OTR HCIT as he will be away so the Board will need to appoint another representative to oversee the event.
- NW reminded Reps any selection dates must be announced by us in the first instance and to remind grounds not to publish anything until they have been formally released by us.


17. Date & venue of next meeting

- 28th January 2025 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm.

With no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending & for all their hard work in 2024. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year and declared the meeting closed at 9:24pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:-



R.J. Harrison
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 15/01/2025

APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Accounts Overview - 17th December 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
27/08/2024	£11,653.36	27/08/2024	£81.74	27/08/2024	£22,000.00	27/08/2024	£51,395.46
24/09/2024	£13,906.55	24/09/2024	£82.05	24/09/2024	£22,168.18	24/09/2024	£51,395.46
25/11/2024	£1,341.15	25/11/2024	£82.05	25/11/2024	£22,168.18	25/11/2024	£52,256.21
17/12/2024	£4,002.74	17/12/2024	£82.05	17/12/2024	£20,000.00	17/12/2024	£52,569.13
WCTSA Current Balance Total			£76,653.92				