



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

## WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 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>Secretary:</i>	<i>Nicola Walker</i>	<i>National Skeet:</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>Vacant</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Daniel Rees</i>
<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Will Palmer</i>	<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Elis Jones</i>		

### 1. Apologies for absence

- Paul Pratt & Rob Trow.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **16iv** - RHu advised he looked at the website and noticed a lot of old documents, news items & photos in the archive section, back to November 2018. This could be tidied up by either saving them elsewhere or deleting if no longer required. RJH advised Groversure may be charging us for storage space, so it was agreed to keep the reports & team related items but delete old news items & posts about event dates. RLA suggested conducting a review of all items and to share the workload between everyone. RHu advised he can create a list of the archived items which could be shared out and he will start deleting any irrelevant posts.

**RHu to action.**

- **5055** - Some uniform issues at the ABT HCIT were noted, as some shooters were wearing polo-shirts / tops which are not official WCTSA clothing and blue jeans. RJH advised the wearing of black trousers / shorts is currently a request and not a rule, so it was agreed this should be added as a rule which can then be enforced. RJH will update the rules accordingly for review at the next meeting.

**RJH to action.**

- **5056** - NW advised some levies remain outstanding. RJH suggested a further email be sent to chase those concerned advising them payment is required within 5 days if they wish to be considered for events in 2025. RJH suggested the introduction of contracts be considered so we can issue sanctions to those who do not pay within the specified timeframe. Grounds should not be withholding payments until the end of the year. NW advised the funds need to come in soon after the events as there is a lot of expenditure over the summer months with the International teams. Majority of grounds pay promptly but unfortunately this is not the case with all. RJH will make enquiries with the CPSA regarding the type of contracts they issue to grounds.  
**RJH to action.**
- **16i** - Done.
- **16ii** - DR reported he has had no joy finding an alternative date & venue for the Super Sporting Welsh Open as it is getting quite late in the season. RJH proposed the event remain cancelled for 2024, but with the view to possibly holding it early next year instead.

## 5. Correspondence

- None.

## 6. Business matters

- **5058 - Board resignations / vacancies** - RJH advised both RHi & SW resigned as ABT reps after the HCIT, although SW has expressed an interest in standing as OTR rep instead. RJH asked ZP to advertise all current vacancies with a closing date for applications of the 4<sup>th</sup> October.  
**ZP to action.**
- **5059 - AGM** - NW confirmed the AGM notification has gone out via the website and social media channels. The following items were then discussed:-
  - Discipline Representative / Director re-elections** - NW advised those due for re-election at the AGM are:-
    - ❖ Will Palmer - DTL
    - ❖ Rob Trow - National Skeet
    - ❖ Dave Jones - Olympic Skeet
    - ❖ Rob Harrison - Director
 All other vacancies will be advertised prior to the AGM.
  - Resolutions** - None received.
  - Amendment to the Articles** - None received.
  - Sports Personality of the Year Awards** - The following nominations were put forward:-
    - ❖ **Senior category**
      - Mark Potts (Olympic Trap)
      - Phillip Morgan (DTL)
      - Mick Harding (Sporting & FITASC)
    - ❖ **Junior category**
      - Robert Lewis (Olympic Trap)
 RJH asked Discipline Reps to forward any additional nominations to NW over the next couple of weeks. Voting will be conducted via email just prior to the AGM where the winners will be announced.  
**Reps & NW to action.**
  - Arthur & Rita Williams Outstanding Contribution Award** - The following nominations were made:-

Allan Jones (Membership Secretary)

Will Palmer (DTL)

Rebecca Adlam (Statistics Officer)

Mick Harding (Sporting & FITASC)

- vi. **Proxy votes** - RJH reminded everyone to obtain some proxy votes, so we ensure a quorum is represented at the AGM. The form is available on the website.
- **5060 - Ground membership fees for 2025** - As fees were increased this year, RHu proposed they remain the same for 2025, which was seconded by AJW. All were in favour. RJH noted these fees need to be added to the rule book, with the stipulation these must be paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> January of each year.  
**RJH to action.**
  - **5061 - Membership subscriptions for 2025** - RHu proposed the membership subscriptions remain the same for 2025, which was seconded by WP. NW asked should a small increase be considered given that all our costs, including the insurance, will undoubtedly go up next year. DR suggested increasing the shoot levies instead, but it was felt grounds will just pass this additional cost onto the shooter and potentially cost them more than a slight membership increase would. After some discussion, all were in favour of keeping the membership fees the same.
  - **5037 - Membership sub-committee update** - Nothing to report.
  - **5030 - ABT HCIT & British Open 2024** - RJH reported both events went well, despite the dense fog first thing on the morning of the British Open. Some shooters opted not to shoot and demanded a refund of their entry fee, but RJH advised Fauxdegla S.G. not to issue any until he had spoken to the ICTSC, as he felt they shouldn't be refunded. The competition went ahead without issue once the fog had cleared, and the winner shot an outstanding 100 ex 100. Unfortunately, there was also a lot of unexpected last minute work done behind the scenes on the day of the British Open by RJH & NW to ensure things went smoothly. There was some confusion as to how the final results were decided and prize money is sorted. None of which is documented anywhere, so we had to just do the best we could with guidance from some experienced ABT shooters. RJH also advised there was an issue with regards to the prize money for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, as the host ground had not allowed for this. To spare the embarrassment of not giving any, RJH agree the Association would cover this, which was £80 in total. This would be taken out of the £10 levy due from each entry, but there should still be a small profit made from the event.
  - **5031 - NSK HCIT 2024** - NW advised the invoices from both hosts (Fauxdegla S.G. and the Crowne Plaza) have been paid and all team entries have been received, except for Northern Ireland who have been chased.
  - **5062 - OTR & ESP HCIT's** - RJH confirmed Wales will host both the OTR & ESP HCIT's in 2025. Tender letter will be sent out to grounds to establish who is interested in hosting the events. NW asked which grounds she should approach. RHu advised both Griffin Lloyd S.G. & Fauxdegla S.G. should be asked about the OTR HCIT and RJH suggested all grounds with facilities able to host the ESP HCIT should be contacted. NW to send out the tender letters next week with a closing date for responses of the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**NW to action.**

## 7. Treasurer's report

- RJH presented the profit & loss report produced by ABC Ltd and, although the main account currently looks healthy, he advised this is not a true representation of the current finances. NW

advised all the money currently in the account is spent as there are team entries to pay, and the invoice for the ABT HCIT to Fauxdegla S.G. is also due for payment. With one more HCIT to go, NW advised the outstanding levies owed from grounds for team selection events need to be paid.

- RJH also advised we still need to arrange to pay the overdue expenses to the 2023 DTL World Championship team who went to South Africa.
- The end of year accounts should be received by the end of the week ready for the AGM.
- NW advised she is still waiting for a Hubdoc login from ABC Ltd so she can upload invoices for the Accountant to see.

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

- ZP advised she has now set up an automated response on Messenger, so every message gets a standard reply advising someone will respond soon.
- There has been a lot of event coverage done over the last 6 weeks with some excellent HCIT reports. ZP advised she also created some reels which were very popular.
- RJH thanked ZP for the excellent promotion & advertising of the AGM. ZP will send out further reminders next week.

**ZP to action.**

- RHu asked ZP to promote the Angie Oliver Memorial Shoot which is taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> October @ Griffin Lloyd S.G. RHu to email ZP the details.

**RHu & ZP to action.**

## **9. Membership update**

- AJ advised the membership total is currently at 577 which by category is as follows:-  
Colts - 16 / Lady Colts - 2 / Juniors - 20 / Lady Juniors - 4 / Ladies - 26 / Veterans - 145 / Lady Veterans - 3 / Super Veterans - 166 / Lady Super Veterans - 7 / Seniors - 188

## **10. Executive decisions**

- Financing of the prize money for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the ABT British Open (as per item 5030).

## **11. WTFSF report**

- AJW advised the last meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September where it was clarified the anti-doping testing will not affect shooters below Olympic or Commonwealth level.
- It was also confirmed Glasgow have offered to take on the hosting of the 2026 Commonwealth Games, but some sports may not be included, and this may be the case with shooting.
- AJW confirmed he raised the concerns which were brought to the Board by Julian Owens about the possibility of Labour taxing shooters. As Labour have not yet made their intentions or plans regarding shooting known, it is difficult for the WTFSF to have a view on the matter at present. They will however keep a watch for any announcements.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December with the AGM to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## **12. BICTSF report**

- Last meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September where the main topic of discussion was the recent letter from FITASC. Their view is that the Super-Sporting discipline is very similar to the FITASC Sporting discipline. RJH advised this discipline has in fact been around for a long time, especially in the USA. It is also not possible to patent a sport, so threats of potentially banning people who shoot the discipline have been refuted. As there are no grounds for action, it has already been agreed bans issued by FITASC will not apply in the UK.

- Next meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### 13. ICTSC report

- Last meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. RJH advised he raised the question about why the ISSF rules were not followed for the OTR HCIT shoot-off. He was informed the format used was apparently agreed by all concerned before the shoot-off took place.
- Following several issues with late requests for banquet tickets at this year's HCITs, it has now been agreed the deadline for orders will be 1 week prior to the event.
- RJH informed the committee of the issues on the morning of the ABT British Open & that some shooters opted not to shoot and requested refunds. He asked should they be refunded as the event still took place and it was their own choice not to compete. All agreed there should be no refunds as this is standard policy at most major events.
- It was reported there were some refereeing issues at some HCIT's this year which was mainly due to grounds using referees with very little or no experience of refereeing that particular discipline. It was therefore agreed HCIT's must have at least one referee qualified in that discipline who will act as the head referee. All other referees must be competent.
- The long awaiting SOP's for the HCIT's will be updated with regards to the introduction of the above rules and published soon.
- The next announcement regarding the banning of lead shot is due to be made in October with the final constitution ratified in December before being passed for law.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### 14. ICTSF report

- RJH advised the 2025 Sporting World Championship in Canada has now been confirmed as taking place in Alberta from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July. Further information should be released soon.

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

- The wearing of black trousers / shorts as part of the shoot uniform is to be compulsory.
- Ground membership fees are to be stated in the appendices, with the payment deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January stipulated.

### 16. Any other business

- DR suggested we should publicise what we offer people if they become members. ZP advised she is happy to put something together if we can send her a list of the benefits. RLA suggested advertising the insurance cover benefits as we offer the same level of cover as BASC.

**ZP to action.**

### 17. Date & venue of next meeting

- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm. The agenda of the meeting will primarily be to conduct a review of the 2024 finances and plan the expenditure for 2025.

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:21pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

R.J. Harrison  
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 26/11/2024

## APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

### 7. Treasurer's Report

#### Bank Accounts Overview - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

<b>WCTSA Community</b> Acc no 309240243		<b>WCTSA Saver</b> Acc no 33558894		<b>WCTSA Reward</b> Acc no 53163849		<b>Close Brothers</b> 90 Day Access	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
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
<b>WCTSA Current Balance Total</b>			<b>£87,552.24</b>				