



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

## WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 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>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>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>ABT:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	<i>Sarah Nichols-Weaver</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>			

#### 1. Apologies for absence

- Elis Jones & Rhys Humphrey.

#### 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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

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

- **16iv** - As RHu was not present, RJH advised he will contact him for an update.  
**RJH to action.**
- **5055** - RJH confirmed the uniform rules have been updated & a revised version was circulated prior to the meeting for review. RJH proposed they be adopted, which was seconded by DJ with all in favour.
- **5056** - Done. EJ is currently reviewing the contents of the contracts to ensure they are fit for our purpose.  
**EJ to action.**
- **5058** - RJH noted the lack of applications received prior to the AGM and only SW was elected as the new OTR Rep. Currently, there are no ABT Reps and this needs to be addressed. RJH asked ZP to advertise the roles with the added caveat that if no reps come forward, there will be no ABT selection events in 2025. We also need to advertise the Treasurer's role to see if there is any interest. ZP suggested advertising the role with a link to the full job description, which can be downloaded to the website.  
**ZP to action.**

- **5059** - Done. Need to chase up the return of the Sports Personality trophies for presentation.
- **5060** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **5061** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **5062** - On agenda for further discussion.
- **8iii & iv** - Done.
- **AOB** - ZP advised she has reviewed the membership benefits which were outlined on the leaflet produced back in 2019, and feels these are now out of date or not applicable. RJH suggested they need to be updated before we do any membership promotion.

## 5. Correspondence

- None.

## 6. Business matters

- **5063 - Financial review** - To aid the following discussions, income & expenditure reports were circulated prior to the meeting along with some financial forecasting & budgeting documents:-
  - Review 2024 income & expenditure** - RJH thanked NW for producing the income & expenditure figures based on income from levies vs expenditure of team fees per discipline. He felt it made for interesting reading and suggested the figures be made public so members can see exactly where the money goes. All agreed this was a good idea, so NW will send it to ZP for publication. It was noted the only discipline to make a profit was Sporting. NW advised the FITASC figure did not include the permit fees, as these are currently in the process of being refunded. Shooters have been asked to submit their claims by the 30<sup>th</sup> November. Although it was noted, some shooters have agreed to waive their refunds. RJH felt the permit fees shouldn't be included as these are unavoidable costs incurred by every team when travelling to Ireland. It was noted the DTL team costs are high primarily due to the team size. RJH again highlighted the need for the ICTSC to review all team sizes and will push for this at the next Council meeting. Associations are struggling to field full teams in some disciplines, which means entries at Home Internationals are less and grounds will not want to host these events if the profit margin isn't worth it. SW noted the Crynant ABT entry numbers were low due to the entry fees being high but, on review, these were deemed to be fairly comparable to others.  
**NW & ZP to action.**
  - Team funding for competitions other than Home Internationals** - RJH raised the question about funding of the DTL British Open team and whether this is still financially viable. Funding this event is more than 60% of the total DTL deficit. WP explained the history behind funding this event is due to the fact there is a team element in the B/O, which is combined with the team scores from the HCIT for awards over the 2 days. RJH questioned why this is the only B/O with a team element and attached to the HCIT. There is no parity with any other B/O and, with entries mainly reserved for team members, there is only a limited number of spaces for anyone else. This brings into question how this can be called a British "Open". WP proposed the funding remain, but this was not seconded. Based on the figures, RLA proposed the funding be withdrawn, which was seconded by SW. NW proposed paying 50% of the entry fees as a compromise, with a view to potentially withdrawing all the funding in 2026 if finances dictate. This was seconded by AJW who felt withdrawing all funding may end up costing us members. Both proposals were put to the vote and, with 5 votes each, the casting vote fell to the Chairman who voted for 50% funding. Funding for the DTL European

Team and the Sporting World Teams was also discussed. It was agreed the team entry fees continue to be paid as previously, but not the individual entry fees.

- iii. **Team expenses** - Given the end of year accounts presented at the AGM still showed a loss, RJH proposed not reinstating the team expenses for 2025. This was seconded by DR with all in favour. Hopefully, this might be something to consider for 2026.
  - iv. **Membership subscriptions** - Given the financial position, NW suggested it might be worth re-discussing whether the subscription rates should be increased. She noted the CPSA have an annual increase of £1 every year and maybe a similar approach should be considered. There will undoubtedly be an increase in the insurance premium and there has already been a discussion about increasing the FITASC HCIT entry fee by £7, so there is a need to increase our income somehow. It was agreed there should not be another increase for the Senior Citizens (65+), but an increase of £2 on the Senior membership was suggested. DR also suggested an increase of £1 be added to all the levies. After some discussion, DR proposed both the above suggestions, which was seconded by AJW, with all in favour. Both increases will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January onwards.
  - v. **Ground membership fees** - RLA suggested the same approach should be taken and a small annual increase would be better than sizeable increases every few years. She proposed an increase of £2, which was seconded by AJW. DR proposed the fees remain the same, which was seconded by SH. Both proposals were put to the vote and, with 5 votes to 2, it was passed to increase the fees by £2.
  - vi. **Any other financial matters** - NW suggested Reps review the number of selections shoots they hold as another way of generating extra funds towards the HCIT teams.
- **5064 - Late withdrawal from FSP HCIT Team** - It was brought to the Board's attention that unfortunately Rhys Powell (WW2868) withdrew from the Junior FITASC HCIT team at quite short notice. Whilst the usual process is to call upon a reserve, this was not possible due to the International being in Ireland and therefore not enough time to obtain the necessary permit from the Garda. This meant only one Junior went and therefore no Junior team. It was agreed this is unfortunate and may happen again when there is an International in Ireland, but the main concern in this particular case was that Mr Powell also pulled out of the same team for the same reason at short notice last year. Fortunately, the International was in Northern Ireland and a reserve was found in time. SH commented last year we resolved the situation and the team actually went on to win, but this year it was unfair on the one Junior who went as they were no longer part of a team and therefore unable to defend the title. It was also unfair on the shooter who should have had the chance to take the spot instead. All agreed a letter should be sent to advise Mr Powell of the Board's disappointment in his repeated late withdrawals, and any future behaviour of this nature may result in disciplinary action.  
**NW to action.**
  - **5065 - OTR HCIT 2025** - NW advised tenders were received from 2 grounds (Fauxdegla S.G. & Griffin Lloyd S.G.) and these were circulated prior to the meeting. Both tenders had merits, but it was noted one tender quoted entry fees at £25 more than the current rate set by the ICTSC. All agreed this was too much of an increase per shooter and would make the team entry fees significantly higher for the Associations. After voting, it was unanimously agreed to award the event to Griffin Lloyd S.G.
  - **5066 - ESP HCIT 2025** - At this point in the meeting, SH was asked to leave due to a conflict of interest. RJH advised only 1 tender has been received from Hart Events & this was circulated prior to the meeting for information. He advised he was of the impression there was going to be another tender, so wasn't sure why this had not been received. He suggested the decision

be deferred for now until we establish whether there is another interested party, and to also contact Hart Events for some additional information, such as banquet venue suggestions.

**RJH to action.**

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

- RJH presented the profit & loss report produced by ABC Ltd and noted there has been a lot of expenditure in recent months. Hopefully, there will be a chunk of income from membership renewals over the next couple of months.
- RJH & NW are to meet with the accountant soon to review & check our cost centre codes so the P&L report is more accurate.
- RJH proposed we close the Saver account as it is not generating any more interest than the Reward account. He also suggested asking ABC Ltd if there are any better accounts we can put our funds into.

**RJH to action.**

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

- ZP advised she has updated the website gallery with more recent photographs & she is looking at doing a highlight reel of some of the stories received throughout the year. She has also recently posted a reminiscence style story which was sent in by a relative of an ex-member. This was quite well received and suggested doing more if reps could encourage people to send in their stories.
- ZP advised she has also started sharing some other shooting related posts to see if that generates a little more traffic to the page.

## **9. Membership update**

- AJ advised the membership total is currently at 569 which by category is as follows:-  
Colts - 12 / Lady Colts - 3 / Juniors - 19 / Lady Juniors - 5 / Ladies - 27 / Veterans - 144 /  
Lady Veterans - 5 / Super Veterans - 163 / Lady Super Veterans - 6 / Seniors - 185

## **10. Executive decisions**

- None.

## **11. WTSF report**

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **12. BICTSF report**

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## **13. ICTSC report**

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## **14. ICTSF report**

- No further information has been received about the 2025 World Sporting Championship in Canada. RJH advised he will chase Miles Machin (ICTSF Secretary) to see if he knows when entries will be open and if there are any details about permits etc. DR advised there has been quite a bit of interest from Sporting shooters and noted it may be necessary to have some selection shoots earlier in the year to hold a suitable selection process. RJH suggested those interested in going should make themselves known during the selection process rather than having to ask everyone individually. It is likely there will only be a handful interested as it will be an expensive trip. The full selection process will be announced in the new year once all

shoot dates & venues have been finalised.

**RJH to action.**

- RJH to find out when the next meeting is scheduled for.

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

- None.

### 16. Any other business

- DJ asked if clothing could be added to the next agenda for discussion and the link to VX3 clothing shared for Board members to view.

### 17. Date & venue of next meeting

- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm.

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:55pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

Date:- 19/12/2024

R.J. Harrison  
WCTSA Chairman

## APPENDICES TO THE MINUTES

### 7. Treasurer's Report

#### Bank Accounts Overview - 26<sup>th</sup> November 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
<b>WCTSA Current Balance Total</b>			<b>£74,986.84</b>				