



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

WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 15th January 2025
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>
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<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>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Kevin Tweedy</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	<i>Sarah Nichols-Weaver</i>
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>Owen Hart</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>		

The Chairman welcomed both KT & OH as the new ABT Discipline Reps to their first Board meeting and thanked them for taking on the roles to ensure ABT shooters have representation.

1. Apologies for absence

- Zea Purnell & 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 19th December 2024

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

- **16iv** - NW advised she hasn't yet received the list from RHu to review.
RHu & NW to action.
- **5056** - EJ advised he is currently in the process of reviewing the contracts.
EJ to action.
- **5058** - Done.
- **5059** - Done.
- **5063** - Done.
- **5064** - Done.
- **5067** - KT & OH advised they intend to run the same selection procedure as last year - 6 selection shoots with 3 scores to count. DR advised he is hoping for 7 selection shoots with 4 scores to count and the first 3 events will count towards team selection for both the World Sporting Championships. SH advised he is looking into the possibility of a new venue and will

- confirm the selection process in due course.
- **5068** - Reps advised they have started to organise dates & venues for the team selection events but have delayed the release of them until after the conclusion of this meeting.
 - **5069** - Reps confirmed the MQS's for ABT, Sporting & FITASC will remain the same for 2025.
 - **5070** - DJ advised he has been in contact with VX3 and they will be sending more information on their products for discussion in due course.
 - **11** - Done. NW advised she will attend the AGM with AJW.

5. Correspondence

- A letter from NW was circulated prior to the meeting advising the Board of her intention to resign as General Secretary. She advised she will work a notice period up to the 31st March, which will hopefully give ample time to seek a replacement. RJH thanked NW for her monumental efforts over the years and said he completely understood the reasons behind the decision, which were outlined in the letter. RJH suggested the vacancy be advertised as soon as possible and it may be prudent to advertise the role outside of the shooting world. NW was asked to compile a suitable job description which covers just the secretarial duties, and not all the treasurer and web manager tasks NW was also undertaking. EJ volunteered to assist with the recruitment / interview process.

NW to action.

6. Business matters

- **5071 - Statement from the Chairman** - RJH informed the Board of his intention to step down as Chairman of the Association. He advised it was a great honour to take on the role in 2018 and he has thoroughly enjoyed his time, but feels it is time to step aside. Unfortunately, the role has changed over time and is now more of a CEO role rather than a chairman, which is taking up a lot more time. Members seem to expect more and appreciate less, and this has made it difficult to want to continue in the role. The recent situation has certainly not helped. He concluded by saying he has only ever wanted the best for the Association, but this doesn't appear to be good enough now, so it is time to hand over the reins. He reminded the Board his successor must be elected from within the Board and encouraged expressions of interest to be sent to NW. He also advised he will issue a formal statement in due course to the members.

RJH to action.

- **5072 - Certificates & medals for 2025** - RJH advised he is willing to re-order the medals again this year if everyone is happy. All were in favour. At the last meeting, a suggestion of awarding certificates at the County finals was raised and all agreed this is a good idea. NW suggested this should be put on hold for now until a new Secretary is in post.

RJH to action.

- **5073 - Shotgun licence renewal issues** - DR advised he has been contacted by a member who is having issues obtaining his licence renewal due to a Police caution for an incident many years ago. He has already held a licence for 20+ years, but the licensing officer is now refusing to issue renewal. He has already taken legal advice and wants to know if the Association can do anything to support his case. RJH advised we can write a letter of support but we can only state the facts known to us such as how long he has been a member, how many times he has represented Wales etc. We cannot write a character reference and we are not in a position to overrule the Police decision. NW asked DR to obtain some more information from the member so she can compile a suitable letter. RJH also asked DR to advise the member to consider joining BASC as they have a designated department which can help with these sorts of issues.

DR & NW to action.

- **5074 - Late application to host WCTSA events in 2025** - DR advised he has been contacted by a

ground owner in England who is interested in hosting WCTSA events. He asked if the Board is happy for him to continue to liaise with the owner about potentially holding an event. Concern was raised by SH that we are using too many grounds in England, especially when we have grounds in Wales. RJH noted the number of grounds willing and able to host events has already significantly decreased this year, especially for some disciplines. Running certain disciplines is quite costly & grounds don't want the work, so using established grounds in England who host regular events throughout the year may be the only option going forward. KT advised it may be necessary to consider using Garlands S.G. for ABT selections in the future as they only currently have Crynant S.G. willing to hold events. RJH took a vote to DR's proposal which resulted with 11 votes in favour & 1 against.

DR to action.

- **5075 - Selling of membership numbers** - DR advised he has been approached by some members who are interested in obtaining / purchasing specific membership numbers. He advised he is aware of the current pricing structure for buying numbers but suggested holding online auctions for members to bid for some of the more sort after numbers. This could potentially generate some extra income. All agreed this is a good idea, but RJH suggested we need to complete the membership database cleanse first. He asked AJ to produce a list of some of the more appealing numbers which are currently available.

AJ to action.

- **5065 - OTR HCIT 2025** - Following the awarding of the event to Griffin Lloyd S.G., RJH explained there has been quite a lot of backlash from various parties for not awarding it to Fauxdegla S.G. After a very heated telephone conversation with Mike Faux, where the rationale behind the decision making process was fully explained, several emails were then received from shooters which were very negative and critical of the tender process. It was, however, quite clear none of them were aware of the full process and had been mis-led on what actually transpired. These emails were circulated prior to the meeting for discussion. AJW asked if any new pertinent information had been received which would give cause for the original decision to be reviewed. RJH explained there was not as both grounds had received the same tender letter, which is purposely nondescript so it is open for grounds to tender their best offer or offers. AJW commented there is therefore no cause to change the original decision, which was a unanimous decision at the time. This was seconded by DR with all in favour. RJH will advise Mike Faux of the outcome.

RJH to action.

- **5066 - ESP HCIT 2025** - A second tender was received & circulated prior to the meeting for information. The tender is from Strata Florida who are proposing to use Dovey Valley S.G. as the venue. It was noted both SH & DR have conflicts of interest on this matter, but before they left the meeting, they were asked to outline the details of their respective tender to aid the decision making processes. After some discussion a vote was taken and it was agreed to award the event to Strata Florida. NW advised she will liaise with DR about booking the banquet hotel.

NW & DR to action.

7. Treasurer's report

- RJH advised due to the meeting being held earlier than originally planned, there was no profit & loss report for review but there has been no significant expenditure since the last meeting. The Close Brothers account has however recently received £1,192.53 in interest.
- It was noted Basil George has made a £200 donation to the Association. NW suggested a thank you letter be sent to him & proposed the donation be used towards the purchase of the Welsh

Open / Grand Prix medals for 2025. All were in favour of this.

NW to action.

8. Social Media & Marketing report

- As ZP was unable to attend, she forwarded a report on the actions taken since the last meeting.
 - Members gallery on the website has been updated
 - Membership price increase reminders have been posted
 - Treasurer vacancy has been advertised
 - Team income vs expenditure document has been posted and generate quite a response
 - OSK selection dates have been published
- Still to do is a post about the benefits of joining, such as representing Wales, to try to encourage some new members.

9. Membership update

- AJ advised the membership total is currently at 544 which by category is as follows:-
Colts - 9 / Lady Colts - 2 / Juniors - 19 / Lady Juniors - 5 / Ladies - 24 / Veterans - 131 /
Lady Veterans - 6 / Super Veterans - 156 / Lady Super Veterans - 5 / Seniors - 187

10. Executive decisions

- None.

11. WTSF report

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is the AGM on the 27th January.

12. BICTSF report

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for the 11th February, which RJH will attend to inform them of his intended resignation as Chairman.

13. ICTSC report

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for the 25th February, which RJH will also attend to inform them of his resignation.

14. ICTSF report

- RJH advised the English Sporting World Championship website has gone live today.
- NW advised an email was received regarding the 2026 DTL World Championship which will be held in New Zealand. They are looking for indicative numbers from nations to get an idea on attendance. EJ advised some interest has been noted by members, which may result in a senior team (one squad) attending. NW will reply accordingly.

NW to action.

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

- RJH advised he will circulate an updated version of the rules for approval once all selection events are confirmed.

16. Any other business

- KT advised some of the ABT shooters have not received their team photographs, which were sent to the previous Reps. NW suggested asking SW to investigate this.
- OH asked if the Board would consider allowing ABT shooters to count scores from non WCTSA events towards team selection. It was explained this is not permitted unless members are unable to attend the required number of selection events due to Team GB commitments.

- AJ asked thanks to be noted to RJH & NW for all their help and hard work over the years. AJW reiterated thanks to both as the Association has changed for better. This was echoed by all Board members present.

17. Date & venue of next meeting

- 27th February 2025 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm.

With no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:34pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

R.J. Harrison
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 27/02/2025