



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

## WCTSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Venue: Mid Wales Shooting Centre, Trefeglwys @ 2:00pm

### PRESENT

<i>President:</i>		<i>ABT:</i>	
<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Robert Harrison</i>	<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Dai Ricketts</i>
<i>Stats Officer:</i>	<i>Gavin Harvey</i>	<i>DTL:</i>	<i>Will Palmer</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Valmai Matulla</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Jackie Spencer</i>	<i>Olympic Trap:</i>	
<i>Membership Secretary:</i>	<i>Allan Jones</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	<i>Alf Weston</i>
<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Richard Hughes</i>	<i>Olympic Skeet:</i>	<i>Gareth Wrentmore</i>
<i>Sporting:</i>	<i>Janine White</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	<i>Lloyd Morris</i>
<i>ABT:</i>	<i>John Hewlett</i>	<i>National Skeet:</i>	
<i>WCTSA Members:</i>	<i>12 (Names noted on attendance register)</i>		

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 2019 WCTSA annual general meeting and advised he will be conducting the meeting as Arthur Williams, WCTSA President, is unable to attend.

#### 1. Absent friends

- The Chairman asked those in attendance to be upstanding for a minutes silence in remembrance of absent friends.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

- Arthur Williams, Emyr Davies, Jonathan Davis, Georgina Roberts, Gareth Irving, Del Davies, George Seabourne, Katie Cowell & Gwyn Jenkins.

#### 3. President's address & welcome

- The Chairman thanked everyone for coming, especially to those who have travelled quite a distance to be present at the meeting.

#### 4. Minutes of the last annual general meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018

- Minutes of the last annual general meeting were read & signed as a true record.  
Proposed by Daff Davies / Seconded by Angie Oliver / Vote - All in favour

#### 5. Chairman's report – See appendix

- The Chairman gave a report of some of the highlights and developments made over the last year. He also thanked the Association for the privilege of being the Chairman for the last 12 months and thanked Daff Davies for his long service to the Association as both a discipline representative and then as Chairman.

#### 6. Treasurer's report – See appendix

- The Treasurer's report was read and the accounts presented for adoption as a true record for the year 2018/2019.

Proposed by Alf Weston / Seconded by Gareth Wrentmore / Vote - All in favour

## **7. Adoption of the WCTSA articles**

- The Chairman advised the Association articles have been reviewed and amended so they are more up to date and in line with other Association's such as the CPSA & WTSF. Having circulated them for approval he asked for any comments from the floor. Angie Oliver asked the question as to why the proxy voting forms are not available electronically. The Chairman advised it will be looked into going forward but suspects the cost of having the necessary software may be quite costly. Nicola Walker commented this was still a good move forward by the Association as this hasn't previously been an option.

Proposed by Nicola Walker / Seconded by Lloyd Morris / Vote - All in favour

## **8. Election of Officers**

- With the introduction of a Vice Chairman role in the newly adopted articles, the Chairman confirmed this role will be filled by someone who is already part of the Board. The Chairman also advised the future appointments of both discipline representatives and directors will be done on a rolling rota basis. Every 2 years for discipline reps and every 3 years for directors but those standing down will be eligible for re-election if they wish.

## **9. Election of Discipline Representatives**

- ABT: John Hewlett & Emyr Davies
- DTL: Dai Ricketts & Will Palmer
- National Skeet: Lloyd Morris & Gareth Irving
- Olympic Skeet: Gareth Wrentmore & Alf Weston
- Olympic Trap: Jonathan Davis & Georgina Roberts
- Sporting / FITASC: Richard Hughes & Janine White

The Chairman noted it was pleasing to see more female representation on the Board and both have already made great contributions to the development of the Association.

Re-election en bloc was proposed by Daff Davies / Seconded by Angie Oliver / Vote - All in favour

## **10. To appoint Clive Sawyer & Associates as auditors**

- The Treasurer advised Clive Sawyer & Associates have been the Association accountants for a number of years now and they are very helpful & supportive, so would be happy to continue working with them.

Proposed by John Hewlett / Seconded by Dai Ricketts / Vote - All in favour

## **11. Written matters received**

- None

## **12. Sports Personalities of the Year Awards**

- Following such a successful year across all disciplines, the Chairman advised the awarding of both awards had been a tough decision but, after lengthy discussion, it was agreed this year's Sports Personality of the Year is Lucy Pitt (Sporting/FITASC). A special mention also went to Dorian Evans (Sporting/FITASC) and Colin Lewis (DTL) as they too have both had successful year's and were very much in the running for the award.
- With the introduction of the Junior Sports Personality of the Year category last year, the Chairman advised the second recipient of the award is Kirsten Vogel (Olympic Skeet). Congratulations also went to Annalise Evans (Sporting/FITASC) on her extremely successful

year which meant she too was a strong contender for the award.

A special thanks was also noted to Rob & Sharon Harrison for the donation of a trophy for the Junior Sports Personality of the Year category.

### **13. Date of next annual general meeting**

- Provisionally to be 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020

With no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.05pm and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed:- 

R. J. Harrison  
WCTSA Chairman

Date:- 17/10/2020

# APENDICES TO THE MINUTES

## 5. Chairman's report

### 1. Thank you

- a. To all fellow directors
  - i. All the Elected Representatives from disciplines.
  - ii. Please remember all the above are giving up their time for free.
  - iii. Remember no permanent office base as for example CPSA.
- b. General Secretary and Membership Secretary.
- c. Thanks to all grounds who held a county or Welsh Team qualifier.
- d. Thanks to all county coordinators and call for more for those counties with vacancies
- e. Thanks to Mid Wales for hosting this year AGM.
- f. No Home Internationals in Wales this year.
- g. National Skeet Home International next year to be held at Fauxdegla.

### 2. Thanks

- a. To all Welsh shooters, for being members of WCTSA
- b. For all those shooters taking part in qualifiers county and country
- c. Congratulations to all those shooters who represented Wales in 2019.
- d. Congratulations to all those Welsh shooters who qualified to shoot for GB in 2019.

### 3. This year's main aims

- a. Website – Massive thanks to Gavin Harvey for all his tireless efforts setting this up and also to Clive Bowen for adding all the information since the website went live, all unpaid.
- b. Rewriting of the WCTSA articles.
- c. Social media and Facebook, trying to ensure that all information and events get posted as soon and as fully as possible. Many thanks to those members maintaining and managing this aspect of the association.
- d. We are still not getting a great deal of website input from members.
- e. Carrying out a review of Welsh Team trophies for Home Internationals.

### 4. Currently and going forward

- a. Setting KPI's for board and responses to members letters and queries
- b. Look at trophies for intercounty and to try and arrange donations within counties to fill any gaps.
- c. A database for trophies awarded at County and International events so generous donations from member do not go missing as once we have all trophy gaps filled don't want to get into a position again where so many are missing. By signing members agree to get the trophy engraved and returned prior to next year's event with a leaflet given out to that effect.
- d. Rewrite of the associations rule book to be carried out early 2020, and this to be a much more 'live' document it reflects items passed at the board which alter or introduce new rules.
- e. Personal aim to get about and meet more members at the discipline that I haven't been able to attend yet this year due outstanding commitment.
- f. Review of awarding Welsh County Qualifiers
- g. New membership Flyers, Banners for ground and Ground rebates.
- h. Young shots subcommittee looking to promote shotgun shooting for not only young shots but anyone wishing to try our sport.

- i. Fundraising review subcommittee, as ever always looking for novel ideas to increase association income.
- j. Anyone wishing to join the last two please contact me.

## **5. Comments from the disciplines**

Asked for brief paragraph or two from each discipline and received the following:-

### **a. Olympic Skeet**

- i. OSK is enjoying a remarkable year with a great spirit within the team. Ben Llewelin and Elena Allen have continued their International duties representing GB around the world and Kirsten Vogel has joined the GB group representing the Junior Ladies. We had 6 new caps in this year's Home International and one of them, Georgina Shephard along with Kirstin Vogel won the Ladies Runner up trophy in Dungannon, Northern Ireland. Also, in the Home International, Tony Cox won the Welsh High Gun with the "Dragon Trophy" and Runner Up was this year's Captain, Wyndham Howells winning the "Cross Engineering Trophy" all supported by the safe hands of Team Manager Simon Vogel. After three qualifying shoots, the "British Shooting Grand Final" saw Ben Llewelin win the Men's Silver medal and Junior Ladies Bronze was won by Kirstin Vogel.

### **b. National Skeet**

- i. Rob Trow and Rob Ace for stepping in as team manager and doing a brilliant job.

### **c. Olympic Trap**

- i. I'd like to say how proud I am of the Welsh team this year for such success at the Home International.
  - Ladies team - Gold
  - Junior's team - Gold
  - Veteran's team - Silver
  - Super Veteran's team - Silver
  - Senior team - Bronze
  - New Cap - Silver
  - Ladies, Junior, Vets, Super Vets team - Silver
  - Ladies Overall - Gold

I'd like to have a special mention for the juniors, Owain Humphreys and Rhys Tucker for working so hard for that trophy! I'd also like to mention Mike Wixey who shot a 117 in absolutely torrential conditions at the British Shooting Grand Final.

### **d. ABT**

- i. Most of the ABT shooters dedicated to the discipline, we have team members who shoot both ABT, and OT, and other disciplines, Some will always ask why they don't have the same expensive as the other teams, this is because they have to take time off from work, and have families to look after, and cannot afford it. They do most of the qualifier, and are away on weekends, and it's time away from their families, costs are the main reasons we lose shooter, and five days away costs a lot. The most dedicated shooters will always do as many qualifiers as possible and travel to the Internationals, others will drop out because of the expense.

### **e. English Sporting**

i. Sporting Qualifiers: Welsh Open Sporting Championship/Perazzi Championship: Below are the results for Welsh member high guns from the Welsh Open, which was also the Perazzi Sporting Championship. The shoot drew in over 400 competitors over 3 days:

- Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Huw Stephens
- Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Gary Davies
- Super Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Mick Harding
- Junior Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Annalise Evans
- Lady Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Lucy Pitt

It is worth noting that Lucy Pitt was also Lady High Gun overall at the event.

A welcome addition to this year's shooting was the inclusion of a Welsh Open Sportrap event, which ran alongside the Welsh Open Sporting Championship and drew 150 entries.

ii. ICTSF World Sporting Championships, Ireland: Special mention should go to the following individuals from the Welsh team for their individual achievements at the event:

Dorian Evans- won the Prelim event and qualified for the semi-final shoot off in the Sporting World Championships.

Andrew White- qualified for the final shoot-off and finished 4th overall in the world. Andrew was also awarded the Tony King memorial trophy for having the highest Welsh Team score at the World Championships.

Annalise Evans - Lady-Junior World Champion

Ian Palmer - Super Veteran World Champion

Annalise Evans' and Ian Palmer's outstanding efforts resulted in two individual World Champions within the Welsh team which was an amazing achievement against some of the world's most capable competitors. Every member of Team Wales also came away with a medal at the World Sporting Championship 2019- a fantastic accomplishment. The Welsh Super Veteran World Team pulled out all the stops and took team gold.

- Welsh Senior World Team: Bronze
- Welsh Junior World Team: Bronze
- Welsh Ladies World Team: Silver
- Welsh Veterans World Team: Bronze
- Welsh Super Vet' World Team: Gold

This accumulation of medals also meant that the Team Manager, Nicola Walker, came away with a Bronze Open Team Manager medal. This was a phenomenal result and all team members, and the Team Manager should be extremely proud of themselves in their endeavours.

iii. Sporting Home International, Northern Ireland:

Special mention must go to Dorian Evans who put in a phenomenal score of 96/100 to become the Sporting Home International Overall High Gun. This is a fantastic achievement, and Dorian should be proud to have beaten many world-class competitors at the event.

Another notable Welsh achievement from the competition goes to the Welsh Ladies Team: Lucy Pitt, Janine White and Rebecca Adlam, who finished a close second to England's ladies, with only 3 clays between them. Welsh Captain, Josh Keeble also put in a strong performance to earn himself Runner-up Captain High Gun.

- Welsh Overall High Gun: Dorian Evans
- Welsh Senior High Gun: Dorian Evans

- Welsh Senior Runner-up: Richard Hughes
- Welsh Junior High Gun: Jacob O'Loughlin
- Welsh Lady High Gun: Janine White
- Welsh Veteran High Gun: Jerry Preece
- Welsh Super Vet' High Gun: Martin Pitt

#### **f. FITASC Sporting**

- i. FITASC Welsh Open: Below are the Welsh High Guns at the Welsh FITASC Open 2019, held at Cefn Tilla:
  - Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Andrew White
  - Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Nigel Hart
  - Super Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Mick Harding
  - Junior Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): James Morgan
  - Lady Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Janine White
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- ii. FITASC Home International, Aitkin, Grant & Lang, England: Welsh shooter, Janine White managed to hold off an England clean sweep in the categories by winning the overall Lady High Gun trophy. And the Welsh Ladies Team accomplished a silver medal, just behind England.
  - Welsh Overall High Gun: Andrew White
  - Welsh Senior High Gun: Andrew White
  - Welsh Junior High Gun: Annalise Evans
  - Welsh Lady High Gun: Janine White
  - Welsh Veteran High Gun: Phil Patch
  - Welsh Super Vet' High Gun: Mick Harding
- iii. Elsewhere... The introduction of a two-day Welsh Open this year dramatically boosted the number of entries and it is encouraging to see that many WCTSA member FITASC shooters are now attending international FITASC events and are achieving good results. The last couple of years have seen several Welsh shooters making the Great Britain FITASC Team, including Lucy Pitt, who again qualified for the Ladies GB Team this year. Lucy regained her English Open FITASC Lady High Gun title and also became Ladies High Gun at the 2019 UK FITASC Championships, to add yet another title her long list of achievements to date. As FITASC representatives, Richard Hughes and Janine White would like to get more shooters to try FITASC shooting as well as encourage more grounds to hold Welsh FITASC qualifiers in order to build our Welsh FITASC Team at an international level.
- iv. Special Mention: Both Welsh Sporting and FITASC teams are hugely indebted to Nicola Walker and Richard Hughes for their tireless efforts in managing teams and events throughout the year. Their support is invaluable, and they are a credit to the sport.

#### **g. DTL**

- i. Our DTL team attended the home international and European championships at Bywell in July. With some outstanding results achieved:-
  - European Veteran Champion - Colin Lewis

- Runner up Veteran - Bob Clarke
- Runner up Junior - Iwan Mills

ii. Home international

- Captains cup winner - Phil Morgan
- Super vet runner - Tim Howells
- Wales also won the Super Veteran team event - Dave Ricketts, John Slatter, Tim Howells, Tom Devaney & Graham Griffiths. Congratulations to all.

6. All members please feel free to contact me on any matters at the email address below.



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## 6. Treasurer's report

Good afternoon

I would like to present the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The printed accounts have been distributed around the room for your information.

During this financial year there have been changes to the directors and company secretary positions within the company.

The Company Secretary, Mr Brian Davies retired in July 2018 and the Chairman, Mr Daff Davies retired in November 2018. Both having given a great many years of dedicated service to the Association. They were also directors of the Association and their positions as directors are replaced by Mr D. Ricketts and Mr R. Harrison, who was also elected as Chairman.

It has been a good year for the Association having made a net profit of £20,821 for the year to March 2019, following the loss last year of £8,220. The difference being the number of Home Internationals held in Wales in the two periods. As you can see from the accounts this has resulted in an increase in the gross profit of £29,000.

In 2018 Wales hosted only one International, the Olympic Skeet but in 2019 there have been three. The DTL, Sporting, and ABT.

I am afraid the prospect of a profit for the next financial year is not good, as Wales is not hosting any Internationals.

The Welsh Clay Target Shooting Federation gave a grant of £2,000 again this year, for which the Association is very grateful.

Sponsorship was secured by Lloyd Morris for the National Skeet juniors from Castle Scaffolding (Wales) UK.

Basil George has also made a donation again this year.

The interest for this year is from the same deposit accounts, unfortunately the interest rate being reduced year on year.

The gross receipts into the PayPal account were £13,745, an increase of about £4,000 from last year with charges of £515 being taken out for the service. Transfers have been made into the bank current account from the PayPal account more regularly to keep the PayPal account at a modest balance throughout the year.

Administration expenses for the year have remained consistent with last year.

The exceptions being the reduction in committee expenses as the officers are now receiving 30p per mile instead of 45p per mile from Feb 2019 and some officers even waved their personal costs to attend meetings.

The WCTSA website has also been updated. Gavin Harvey gave his time to liaise with Gloversure Ltd to get the site running smoothly and improving the online payment protocol. This was at a cost of £2,867.

As mentioned previously two of the WCTSA longest serving officers having retired during this year. The board voted to show the Associations appreciation by buying retirement gifts for both Daff and Brian, these are also itemised in the accounts.

So, in conclusion.....

The Association has had a successful year because of the Internationals hosted. Costs have remained relatively consistent, even with the new website outlay.

However, this is not going to be repeated for next year. Not only are all the Home Internationals being hosted outside Wales, the associated expenses of all the Welsh teams travelling away is going to be costly.

Four out of the seven disciplines are going to Ireland or Northern Ireland these being the most expensive countries to travel to, with maximum expenses and the cost of permits being paid to the team members.

I hope these explanations have been clear, but if you have any queries, I will attempt to answer them.