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

## WCTSA BOARD of MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Date: Monday 30th March 2026
Venue: Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm

**PRESENT**

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| ***President:*** | ***Vacant*** | **FITASC:** | ~~Stuart Hart~~ |
| ***Chairman:*** | ***Vacant*** | **FITASC:** | ***Vacant*** |
| **Secretary & Stats Officer:** | Laura Lewis | **National Skeet:** | ~~Rob Trow~~ |
| **Treasurer:** | Paul Powels | **National Skeet:** | Paul Pratt |
| **Membership Secretary:** | Allan Jones | **Olympic Skeet:** | Alf Weston |
| **Social Media Secretary:** | ~~Zea Purnell~~ | **Olympic Skeet:** | Dave Jones |
| **ABT:** | Kevin Tweedy | **Olympic Trap:** | ***Vacant*** |
| **ABT:** | ~~Owen Hart~~ | **Olympic Trap:** | George Seabourne |
| **DTL:** | Will Palmer | **Sporting:** | Mark Wintle |
| **DTL:** | ~~Elis Jones~~ | **Sporting:** | Bleddyn Lewis |

Vice -Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Zea Purnell, Owen Hart, Rob Trow

2. **Declarations of conflict of interest**
   The Vice 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 17th February 2026**
   Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed as a true record.
   Proposed by PPo / Seconded by DJ / Vote - All in favour

4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
   **5093** – AW to contact.
   **AW to action.**
   **5097 –** P.Po has contacted 5 different insurance companies (My guns insurance, Markel insurance, Marsh, Insure for Sport and Jenson.)for quotes as our current policy with MARSH comes to an end 31st March. Only 2 replied with quotes – Markel and a renewal price with our current insurers Marsh. Both quotes are much the same. P.Po recommends we stick with our current insurers – they confirm we can upgrade the number of members covered at any time. Marsh also covers rough

shooting which Markel didn't in their quote, and this is important to for our members.
Proposed by PPo / Seconded by WP

**5098** – Following a board discussion (30/03/26), it was voted that a letter is sent to N. Harris explaining that he would not be eligible for Welsh team selection in 2026 until the additional banquet ticket has been paid for.
P.Po emailed LL to confirm the ticket had been paid for on 31/03/26 therefor a letter was not sent.

**5096** – Contract has been sent. AW & LL to share duties across the event. AW to attend the European championships on the Wednesday and Thursday. AW sends thanks DJ for offering to attend and help. LL to attend the Home International and British Open on the Friday and Saturday with BL also there to help. AW noted we would be very grateful if anyone else is available to help.

**5100** – Done

**5094** – BL has arranged with Dovey Valley to host the Sporting County Final on August 30th. At present we currently have 4 counties with coordinators. Hopefully a few more can be encouraged as this will be a closed event only for those that have qualified. Levy's to stand at £2.50 per shooter (£1.50 for juniors) with no levy's at the final event. Anyone can shoot the qualifiers but sooters must be WCTSA members to shoot the final.

5. **Correspondence**
**5 OSK shooters –** thanking the WTSF for being invited to participate in the pathway training sessions.

**Shellie Jones** – Would like some advice following having been granted a shot gun licence on the condition that her gun is not stored at home. SJ is currently storing her gun at a shop but must pay every time she takes it out to use. Following a board discussion, LL to reply explaining it's beyond our remit to give formal advice however we are aware of similar situations where friend holds the gun on their licence.

6. **Business matters**
**5101 –** AW would like to extend his thanks to MW and LL for attending the interviews for the Social Media and Marketing post on 26 March 2026. 2 candidates were interviewed and a unanimous decision was made to welcome Katie Cowell on board.
**AW proposes to make all honorarium roles the same payment. Seconded by PPr.**

**5102 –** There have been issues in recent years where it has been a struggle to source a team manager. The requirements are they must be a WCTSA member and ideally not a team member but knows the rules and formalities of a Home International well. AW asked reps to speak to the shooters to see if there is a volunteer to be the team manager. Names would need to be proposed and seconded with the hope of being ratified at the next meeting. LL noted the role often isn't filled until team selection has been made as often shooters are willing to do the role should they not make the team. Following a board discussion, it was decided to appoint team managers before team announcements where possible.

**5103 –** LL made the board aware that the price of skeet vests have gone up this year. The board discussed previously supplying juniors with their first Welsh vest for free and the financial impact of this on the association. A unanimous decision was made to now supply juniors having their first cap a skeet vest at a reduced price of 50%. WP spoke to a Scottish shooter a few years ago regarding their team vests. The skeet vest maker was interested in giving the WCTSA a price for making and supplying vests for the Welsh team. WP to contact to see if they are still interested.
**WP & LL to action**

**5104 –** AW & LL attended a meeting with the WTSF discussing pathways for 2026. MEJ required a proposal of what support we would like as an association. We discussed the 7 disciplines and an approximate number of shooters supporting each one. MEJ noted that ESP and DTL have the greater number of shooters and that a future pathway may be more beneficial if it was aimed at those disciplines. LL & MEJ also put together another model where each Welsh team would have 2 x 100 bird shoots to get together as a team prior to the Home International. AW reminded the board that Mike Evans Jones is the performance manager at Welsh shooting however there is also Angela Wiles who is the development manager. AW spoke to Angela and is hoping to hold a 'have a go day' and invite juniors to sessions similar to the ones BASC are holding. AW asked all board members to send any ideas they have to AW and/or LL to forward to the federation.

7. **Treasurer's report**

- All honorarium payments to come in line with each other
- Close Brothers account interest has dropped to 4.1% from 4.5%.
- Insurance bill to pay tomorrow and invoices have already been sent to the grounds for the qualifiers that have already been held.
- P.Po would like to have another board member to access Xero along side him. GS has kindly volunteered.

8. **Business Development**

- MW & PPo have met and MW has put together a skeleton poster to put out to grounds encouraging new members. This will be shared with the board for any final amendments before giving out to clubs and grounds.

- PPo suggested a referral fee to encourage others to sign up. It was discussed however this may be an issue regarding tracking.
- BL raised that only clubs who are affiliated with the WCTSA should have their information shared on our social media platforms.
- LL shared with the board the total cost of sending each discipline team to the Home International events in 2026. We may need to be mindful of this in the future when setting levies. Due to the varied cost of sending each discipline team, levies may need to vary between disciplines to help with these costs.
- As decided by a previous board, the WCTSA will no longer contribute to the cost of the DTL British Open. LL to email the DTL reps to share the information with the shooters.

**9. Social Media & Marketing report**

- Sporting and fitasc selection shoots re-advertised
- Rule book updated - put onto website documents page and brief post on Facebook to encourage members to read.
- Discount for Game Fair post
- Arthur and Rita Williams Outstanding Contribution Award report- Rob Harrison
- Universal Trench World Championships post- Emyr Davies, Katie Cowell, John Slatter and Jackie Lewis
- Crynant 100 NSK Registered Comp Report from Paul Pratt
- The Mike Amodeo Cup advertised and Report from Dave Jones
- Advert for role of Social Media and Marketing Secretary
- Happy St David's Day post
- Points uploaded to website for first DTL selection shoot.

**10. Membership update**

AJ advised the membership total is currently at 539 which by category is as follows:-

| | **Male** | **Female** |
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| **Colt** | 5 | 1 |
| **Junior** | 14 | 5 |
| **Senior** | 165 | 26 |
| **Veterans** | 132 | 8 |
| **Super Veterans** | 178 | 5 |

**11. Executive decisions**

- AW – all honorarium payments to be brought in line with each other.

**12. WTSF report**

- AW & PPo attended the AGM on the 18th March. AW stands as the WCTSA representative, however he has been on the board for 10 years and is happy to put anyone's name forward if they wish.

**13. BICTSF report**

- Nothing to report

**14. ICTSC report**

- Nothing to report

**15. ICTSF report**

- Nothing to report

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

- Additional banquet tickets for the Home International must be paid for in advance.

**17. Any other business**

- LL reminded reps to remind their shooters to check their membership is up to date. Some scores have not been published on the team points tables as membership has lapsed.
  -Do we need permission to take photos and share them on social media? This was discussed and it was decided to make a note at grounds and on social media stating that photographs may be taken and used to promote the sport. Shooters are to make themselves known if they do not want to be included.
- PPo – some grounds have not paid their registration fees. Barbury, Shooting Wales and Dovey Valley – **PPo to chase**. WP has offered to phone Shooting Wales and BL will contact Dovey Valley.
  -PPo asked about the replacement ground for Strata Florida – BL confirmed the ESP will be held at Crynant.
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**18. Date & venue of next meeting**

- Monday 11th May 2026 - Video / Telephone Conference @ 7:00pm.

With no further business the vice-chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:00pm.

Minutes agreed and signed by:-

Signed: ***A.J. Weston*** Date:- 11/05/2026
Alf Weston
WCTSA Vice Chairman