



WAFTA AGM 2022 Minutes

Venue: Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club, NP11 5BE

Date: 11th January 2022 **Time:** 19.15 **Meeting called by:** John Johnston

Present: John Johnston – Tondu. Richard Beaugie – Castleton. Gwynne Robinson – Quarry. Mark Bassett, Chris Land— Nelson. Howard Lloyd, Gareth James, Martin Boucher – Blaenau Gwent. Simon Poulter – Oaktree.

1. **Apologies** – John Lewis – Nelson. Pat Isaacs – Castleton. Simon Evans—Lampeter
2. **Minutes of OGM held on the 1st September 2020 and matters arising.** The date of the GP to be hosted by Blaenau Gwent had been minuted as 10th July. The date has changed and is now to be held on 12th June. There were two items to be discussed from the OGM and they would be dealt with under items 10 and 13. It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Proposed Nelson, Seconded B/Gwent.

3. Officers Reports.

The Chairman read out his report of 2021 and a copy is appended below

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The Treasurer gave his report and a copy of the accounts was handed to each club rep for distribution. Gwynne explained that despite the payment of £140 to each club and the purchase of 600 badges, the closing balance is still very healthy because of the grants received from WTSF. There is one debt outstanding that appears to be due to a cheque being banked after being rejected by the bank, this is being addressed.

John told the meeting that a debit of £500 was pending for the training course held in September as NSRA had not yet billed WAFTA. Martin said that the NSRA were currently struggling with staff and so could be the reason for the delay.

Gwynne announced that he is standing down after 31 years as WAFTA Treasurer. The meeting gave there thanks for Gwynne's outstanding service to the Association and he will be sorely missed.

4. Election of officers

Current Officers are:

1. Chairman – John Johnston – Re-elected
2. Vice Chairman – Vacant – Mark Bassett elected
3. Secretary – Richard Beaugie– Re-elected
4. Treasurer – Gwynne Robinson– Stood down – Dave Hicks Elected
5. Competitions Secretary – Jack Harris– Stood down –Mark Bassett elected
6. Web Manager – Richard Beaugie Joint with John Johnston– Re-appointed
7. Grading Officer – John Johnston– Re-elected
8. Safeguarding Officer – Brian Langford– Re-appointed

- 5. Review the suspension of C class.** This was debated with some passionate arguments being put forward for the reinstatement of the grade. It was proposed by B/Gwent that C grade be reinstated without further delay. It was agreed that this would be reviewed again after a year when we would look at attendances. Seconded by Nelson and passed unanimously.
- 6. Rolling 14.** It was proposed that scores older than 2 years old be deleted from the grading sheet as they are not a true reflection on the competitors' current form. Agreed by all.
- 7. Review of the current suspension of WAFTA shoot fees and badge costs for clubs.** The meeting was informed that WAFTA finances were in a healthy state and could stand another year without taking shoot fees. Nelson proposed that the payment from clubs for badges could be reintroduced. B/Gwent seconded this proposal and was agreed by all, with a further review next year. It was also agreed that shoot fees would remain at £10 for Seniors and £2.50 for Juniors.
- 8. BFTA Grading & Membership / numbers update.** John informed the meeting that he had been elected as BFTA Grading Officer and he has instigated a number of changes. He requires lists of members full names by the middle of February from each club. Payment for the cards must be made to the WAFTA treasurer as the payment to BFTA will come from WAFTA, not the clubs as previously done. Blank cards will then be sent to the clubs for them to complete and hand to the members that require them. B/Gwent asked if there was going to be a second year where the cost of the cards was rolled over due to lack of BFTA shoots. It was pointed out that there had been a number of shoots organised for 2021 and payment would be required for 2022. Castleton asked if WAFTA could produce their own card to show that club members were affiliated to an association and it was suggested that the club could produce its own card and add the WAFTA logo to it.
- 9. WAFTA Bank Account. Should this now be online.** The thoughts behind this proposal are that bank transfers are becoming the norm and cheques are being used less and less. Also, there have been suggestions that a pre-payment system could be set up for WAFTA shoots. It was asked if the bank account that was set up for the 2017 Worlds could be used for WAFTA transactions. John said that it was impractical to use an account that would only be used once a year and had been closed. After further discussions it was agreed by all that the Bank Account should be set up as an online account and the new treasurer should set this up.

10. WTSF Membership / Payment Database update. John began by explaining why the current WAFTA Website could not be used to take payments for shoots or any other pre-payment requirements due to the extra cost of increasing security. A question was asked as to whether the BFTA Website could offer this facility to its member regions. A discussion concerning pre-payment for shoots took place with no definite conclusion and it was felt that more information of options available would be needed before any decisions could be made. There was no further information on the WTSF system, but John said he was hoping for an update at the next WTSF meeting in two weeks' time.

11. Worlds 2022 update. WAFTA has been allocated 7 places in the first round. John has a list of people who qualified through the summer 2021 series, but not yet formally asked if they intend to go. Nelson queried the allocation number, as the teams consist of 6 PCP and 4 Piston, yet only 7 places have been offered. John explained that this was the initial allocation and as countries take less places or decline their invitation, more would be allocated to us. The organisers have also confirmed that in the event of cancellation, monies would be returned after a deduction for expenses. It was strongly advised that travel insurance be taken out at the time of booking.

12. WAFTA Summer Series dates

24th April – Quarry. (WAFTA/SWEFTA Challenge 1st leg)
8th May – Tondur
22nd May – Nelson
5th June – Castleton
17th July – Blaenau Gwent
31st July – Oaktree
21st August – Lampeter

In Addition to the Summer series. The following dates were agreed:

1st May- Not the NEFTA – B/ Gwent
19th June – John Lashbrook charity shoot – B/Gwent
14th August – SWEFTA / WAFTA Challenge 2nd leg – East Devon
11th September- Welsh Masters – B/Gwent

13. Review shotgun start and pre-booking/pre-payment suggestion from Nov. OGM.

A few of the Winter league shoots were run with start lanes being allocated from Stats and the feeling was that this worked well. It was proposed that this would continue with all clubs allocating lanes, but competitors were free to select their own partner. The start time for shoots would be set

at 10.00, although the club would retain the right to start earlier on special occasions ie. Father's day or Mothering Sunday. Wherever possible, consideration should be given to persons with disabilities when allocating lanes. An additional sheet will be sent to clubs with lane allocations and will require the names to be added by Stats. The proposals were agreed by all.

- 14. A.O.B.** With Gwynne stepping down from his role of Treasurer after 31 years B/Gwent asked if his contribution to WAFTA could be recognised. A vote of thanks was given to Gwynne by the committee and it was proposed that a new role of Honorary President be added to the committee and that Gwynne be elected to lifetime Hon. President in recognition of his service to WAFTA. Proposed by Castleton and Seconded by Tondu. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was closed at 20.55. Date of next OGM **31st May 2022**

Chair and Secretary Reports are attached below Please see your Club Rep to view the Treasurers Report



WAFTA Chairman's Report 2021

Despite the ongoing Covid crisis we managed to complete both the WAFTA Summer and Winter series of shoots, many thanks to all our Clubs for hosting these events. However, shoot attendances have not been as high as pre Covid, lets hope that the 'Covid Effect' diminishes for this year and attendance returns to previous levels.

The BFTA program of shoots was severely affected with no GP's being held this year, lets hope that we can look forward to a full program of BFTA shoots this year. Nelson will be hosting the BFTA Championships and Inter-regionals in April and Blaenau Gwent a GP in June, so WAFTA, despite our small size, continues to support the BFTA shoot program.

We have 4 shooters attending the European FT competition in Belgium, and hopefully a full PCP team attending the Worlds in Italy. I wish everyone success at these events and let's hope that they return with some silver ware!

We held a NSRA FT training course at the excellent facilities provided at no cost by the WTSF. The course was well attended with 12 members qualifying as FT trainers, this means that every WAFTA Club now has a qualified trainer. This should be very beneficial to the future of our sport.

The WTSF has continued to support WAFTA, donating £1000 to assist us with Covid, and £2000 for the development of our sport. I believe that we will receive another £2000 grant this year. It has been beneficial being a member of this organisation, lets hope that their generous support continues. In return we should support their 'First shoot to Top shot' project this year, which aims to encourage young people to take up shooting. Something that should benefit us, as we badly need younger people in our sport.

Gwynne Robinson has decided that after 31 years as Treasurer of WAFTA that it is now time to stand down. Gwynne has diligently managed the WAFTA finances over the years and his contribution is greatly appreciated I am sure that everyone will join me in thanking him for his efforts.

It is becoming apparent that the WAFTA committee needs some younger people to assist with managing our affairs, and I would encourage and support anybody who wishes to contribute, as the current committee is not getting any younger!

Let's look forward to a successful 2022.



Secretaries Report

It was good to get back out in 2021 doing what we all enjoy after a miserable 2020 where Covid restrictions stopped virtually all of our competitions. 2021 although starting off slow with small attendance at some of the shoots, is getting back to pre Covid levels and also we are seeing a lot of new faces at the shoots, which is good news.

I would like to thank John for all his hard work promoting and representing WAFTA within the Welsh Target Shooting Federation and the World Field Target Federation. I cannot think of anyone who could do it better.

Thanks to monies received from the WTSE, we were able to organise the training session at Sophia gardens where 12 WAFTA members took part in the FT Instructors course, which I think was well run and gave all attendees some great tools to help teach and encourage new shooters.

We were able to take part in the WAFTA / SWEFTA challenge again after missing a year and what a fantastic response we had from both regions! I think it was 23 SWEFTA competitors that came to the first leg at Oaktree and went home 25 points down. A similar number from WAFTA went to the Mendip ground and increased our lead to 32. Well done to all who took part. This year, SWEFTA have asked that their leg be held at East Devon during the SWEFTA Open Championship which will be held on August 14th.

Here's to a Safe and Successful 2022

Richard Beaugie

WAFTA Sec.

10 Jan 2022