



WAFTA OGM Minutes 21st June 2022

Present: J Johnson (Chair) Tondu. R. Beaugie (Secretary) Castleton. D. Hicks (Treasurer) Tondu. G. Robinson, Quarry. P. Isaacs, Castleton. Simon Evans, Oaktree. John Lewis, Chris Land, Nelson. H. Lloyd, G. James, B/Gwent. M. Boucher, Observer

1. **Apologies for absence.** Mark Bassett

2. **Minutes of last meeting & Matters arising**

Oaktree asked if the rolling 14 for grading was on the website; John confirmed it was B/Gwent queried the start time for series shoots as the minutes showed a 10.00 start, but we have had 09.00 and 09.30 starts. It was agreed that the start times should be 10.00 with shotgun start. No other matters arising, the minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed Nelson, seconded B/Gwent and passed by all.

3. **Officers Reports.**

Secretary: Little to report other than pleased that B/Gwent are showing initiative by trialling the capture of lead which will probably be a requirement if clubs want to continue using lead pellets

Chair: Wafta started the season very well with Nelson hosting the BFTA championships and Inter regionals. WAFTA did well to win the Inters, this being the 3rd time in 6 years. B/Gwent hosted the Welsh Open and GP 4, which has received much praise from the competitors that took part.

Treasurer: As new treasurer, Dai thanked Gwynne for his service. With the new account now up and running, the funds have been transferred from the old account and that account has now been closed. The current state of the accounts is healthy and Dai itemised the income and expenditure to date. Club Reps are able to give details to their members on request.

John pointed out that there are some outstanding debts, with NSRA not yet invoicing for the training course from September. There is also an invoice for team kit for the World Championships to pay. WAFTA is still in the position where no shoot fees or badge payments will be taken for the rest of the Summer series.

Competition Secretary:

Firstly what a start to 2022 WAFTA has had, Some achievements already, I was lucky enough to win the BFTA champs at Nelson and to top it off WAFTA won the inter regionals for the third time.. always nice to win on home soil.. Jack Harris won the NEFTA classic with some superb shooting, Numo won the welsh open by 3 shots on an incredible course at Blaenau gwent and then recently came fifth in the English open after leading on day one. Superb shooting..

We took the first round of the WAFTA/SWEFTA challenge at Tondu quite convincingly 264 v 247... So for one of the small regions in the bfta it is fair to say we are definitely putting the results in and so may it continue..

A quick update for the team for this years world champs in Italy..

I am working with Graham Jopson to sort the team clothing and have sorted a design for logos and how the team will look. Just pushing on now to get the kit done and at mine.

This year's grand slam I think went well but we had stumbling blocks at the start with the organising of it but it was the first time trying this format so a learning curve that we know we can improve on for next year if the competition goes ahead.

Let's keep 2022 going as successful as it's already been and WAFTA will continue to grow..

Mark Bassett

4. **HSE Lead ammunition proposal; how this could affect WAFTA if it becomes law.**

Nelson felt that with little information to actually consider, there was little we could discuss other than to speculate on what changes might be brought in. It was hoped that organisations such as BASC, NSRA and BFTA would be seeking legal advice and putting in proper representation on our behalf. John J said that he felt the proposal documents was missing Airgun specific data as there is little evidence of the amount of lead used or collected by outdoor air gunners, but most of the data appears to be based on indoor shooters. A further discussion took place including the accuracy of non-lead ammunition and types of ranges that might be allowed before moving on with no decisions made at this point.

5. **BFTA OGM. Review Agenda items**

It was noted that there was very little on the BFTA agenda and John questioned the need to attend the meeting. John said that he is settling into his role of grading officer and the new way of distributing BFTA cards and the online payment system is working well. Tondu have bid to host the Welsh open in 2023. Oaktree asked that we bid for a double header with the 2nd shoot hosted by them. It was agreed that WAFTA would ask for this at the BFTA meeting.

A question from Oaktree concerning cost of Euro's being hosted at Wold farm and why it's not going back to Weston Park.

A proposal concerning Trophies is on the agenda, but the meeting felt it needed more clarity as the proposal doesn't make sense.

BFTA are looking for a new Secretary as the current one Dave Robinson is standing down.

6. **Grand Slam. Review new format**

It was largely felt that the new format worked well and is worth continuing. An issue with Open and Piston class having only 20 shots before knock out was resolved satisfactorily.

7. **Winter series – agree dates**

The following dates were agreed:

9 th Oct 2022	Quarry
23 rd Oct 2022	Blaenau Gwent
06 Nov 2022	Nelson
20 th Nov 2022	Castleton
11 th Dec 2022	Tondu
08 th Jan 2023	Oaktree
22 nd Jan 2023	Lampeter
12 th Feb 2023	Nelson Grand Slam

In addition to the above agreed dates, Oaktree will be holding there "Oaktree 60" on Dec 31st 2022

We will contact SWEFTA and agree dates for the SWEFTA/WAFTA Challenge 2023, possibly as an additional shoot.

9. **AOB:** Simon Evans reported that unfortunately, the new Lampeter ground will not be ready for use until early next year and this summer series shoot will therefore be held at Oaktree.

Castleton asked where and how payment should be made for BFTA cards and also asked for details of the new bank account. The request for cards is to John J and payment should be made to WAFTA via Dai Hicks. The Bank account details will be sent to the club reps by email.

B/Gwent asked about the possibility of obtaining a grant to purchase a disabled access toilet as they have a number of disabled shooters using the club facilities. Castleton said that they also have disabled shooters at their club and so they would also be interested.

10. **Date of next Meeting (OGM)** 8th November 2022

Meeting closed at 20.25