



WAFTA AGM 2020 Minutes

Venue: Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club, NP11 5BE

Date: 18th December 2020 **Time:** 19.15 **Meeting called by:** John Johnston

Present: John Johnston – Tondu. Richard Beaugie – Castleton. Gwynne Robinson – Quarry. Howard Lloyd, Gareth James, Jack Harris – Blaenau Gwent. Simon Evans, Simon Poulter – Oaktree.

1. Apologies – Steve Chubb, Dorian Falconer – Nelson. Pat Isaacs – Castleton. Jason Davies – Lampeter.
2. Minutes of OGM held on the 1st September 2020 It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Proposed B/Gwent, Seconded Quarry.
3. Matters arising from OGM

Constitution & Byelaws- These had been agreed at the OGM, but needed to be Ratified at the AGM.

The Safeguarding policy was accepted for inclusion into the Constitution Proposed by B/Gwent, Seconded Quarry. The Secretary will add the policy to the Constitution and date the Ratification of the Constitution and Byelaws as 18th December 2020

4. Officers Reports.

The Chairman read out his report of 2020 and a copy is attached. Included was some information about the recent BFTA meeting.

John also reported that a grant of £2000 had been received from WTFSF

The Secretary had no report prepared, but mentioned the booking systems that were tried over the winter series. The Facebook booking didn't really work, but by the final round, it looks like we have a workable system in place that can be used for future competitions where we still have to control numbers entering, but some firm rules will need to be put in place to stop the last minute cancellations from preventing others from entering.

The Treasurer gave his report and a copy of the accounts is attached. Gwynne explained that the closing balance looks very healthy only because of the grant from WTFSF. There were some debits, especially for the purchase of trophies that have not been balanced up with income from the shoots. Also there are 3 of the winter series shoots whose monies didn't reach Gwynne in time to be included in this year's accounts and they will be carried forward to next year. A question was asked about how the grant can be used and John explained it was to improve training and improve certain aspects of WAFTA. It can also be used to support up and coming shooters. Some of it can also be used for team clothing.

A question was asked about the trophies purchased and whether there were trophies for the current winter series or for the Summer series that didn't take place. Gwynne answered that he thought three lots of trophies were purchased by Steve Chubb, but will ask for confirmation.

5. Election of officers

Current Officers are:

1. Chairman – John Johnston – Re-elected
2. Vice Chairman – Steve Chubb– Re-elected
3. Secretary – Richard Beaugie– Re-elected
4. Treasurer – Gwynne Robinson– Re-elected
5. Competitions Secretary – Jack Harris– Re-elected
6. Web Manager – Richard Beaugie Joint with John Johnston– Re-elected
7. Grading Officer – John Johnston– Re-elected

6. A New Member request from Lampeter Air Rifle Club was received. Unfortunately Jason Davies was unable to attend, but Simon was able to answer all questions raised. They have grounds ideally suited to FT and despite not having a covered range or shelter yet are still getting a good number of members and visitors to their ground including younger shooters, which is very encouraging. The club has met all the criteria needed for acceptance by WAFTA. Proposed by Castleton, Seconded Oaktree and all in favour.

7. Training for Coaching, Marshalling etc. We are receiving grants to help us achieve any training requirements for coaches and marshals, but each club and WAFTA should also have a Safeguarding Officer to satisfy NSRA insurance and if there is anyone who would be prepared to carry out this role for WAFTA, please get in touch.

John has offered to speak to WTSF regarding coaching training. Any funding requests for training should be put to John. A question was asked if WAFTA shoot marshals had to have a marshalling qualification. There is no requirement for this.

8. 2500 Junior WTSF project. John spoke about the ongoing project which is designed to encourage young people into the sport. Some of the initiatives include setting up laser target ranges at schools, scouts and guides groups as well as "have a go" days at clubs and game & country fairs. John asked if there were any clubs interested in helping with this?

9. Summer series dates

16th May - Quarry.

13th June - Castleton

27th June - Tondu

11th July - Nelson

25th July - Lampeter

8th August - Blaenau Gwent

12th September - Oaktree

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

21st February- Winter Series Grand Slam. & Winter trophy presentation Nelson??

2nd May- Not the NEFTA
29th August- Oaktree 60
26th September- Welsh Masters

10. Winter Series 2021 proposed dates from Oaktree. Oct 10th /24th. Nov 7th/21st. Dec 5th /19th.
Jan 2nd 2021. These will be discussed further at the next meeting

11. Grades and Grading. John has been looking at the current grading percentages and how it was affecting the numbers in each grade. After a long discussion it was decided to:

Move AA grade to from >80% to >85%. A, 70-85% B <70% C<60% Proposed by Lampeter, Seconded by Oaktree and agreed by all.

A further discussion resulted in a vote to combine B and C grades for a trial period of one year The vote was 5 in favour and B/Gwent against. The motion was carried.

12. Any other business

- a. A queries were raised about when a competitors score could be withheld by Stats and also the issue of competitors who are taking too much time to complete a lane. For both queries, the answer was that we follow BFTA shoot rules which gives clear guidance on when a competitor can leave the shoot line and also the timing allowed for each lane. All competitors taking part in WAFTA competitions should be familiar with the current rules and agree to abide by them.
- b. When Tondu Target club left WAFTA, we changed the number of qualifying scores from any 5 from 7 to any 4 from 6. Now that we are back to 7 clubs, we will revert back to the previous best 5 from 7 for summer series shoots which are also used for team selection.

Meeting was closed at 21.00. No date has been set for the next OGM

Chair and Treasurer Reports are attached below



Chairman's Report 2020

With the current and ongoing Covid crisis, 2020 has been a difficult year for WAFTA and our members and is highly likely to continue to affect our sport well into 2021.

We did however manage to host 5 Winter series shoots (and hopefully a sixth on Sunday), but with restrictions in place limiting entry numbers to 30. I would like to thank Richard Beaugie for organising and managing the booking system for these shoots, and all our Clubs for hosting these .

With the cancellation of all BFTA and international competitions our shooters have had little opportunity to compete at a high level . Both the WFTC and the EFTC have been rescheduled to 2021 and hopefully our Teams will be able to take part.

The BFTA held their AGM *by email* which resulted in the following agreed outcomes:

1. A full shoot calendar for next year has been scheduled.
2. Simon Evans will be the Grading Officer
3. Clubs will be credited with the cost of 2020 BFTA cards
4. An additional nominated member from each region will be included in the BFTA committee email circulation.
5. The English FT association will no longer be a sub committee of the BFTA, but its own entity.

As Gwynne Robinson will confirm our finances are in an extremely healthy state, greatly assisted by the £2000 grant that we received from the Welsh Target Shooting Federation. I hope that we will be able to benefit from our membership of the WTSF in future with more funding.

Having represented WAFTA as a board member of the WTSF it has become apparent to me that we need to raise our standards in the areas of coaching, child protection and the marketing of WAFTA to increase our membership and to encourage young people to take part in our sport. We will discuss these areas later in the meeting.

Lets hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all and FT.

John Johnston 18.12.20

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DEC 2020

	£ — P	£ — P
JAN 2020 CHAMPAGNE FOR CLARECAIRNS	40 — 00	
FEB. TROPHIES FOR SUMMERSERIES (2019/2020), G/SLAM'20	600 — 00	
DEC. NSRA OFFICIALS INSURANCE	205 — 00	
TOTAL £	845 — 00	
OPENING BALANCE @ 1 ST JAN 2020		2295 — 91
GRAND SLAM SHOOT (1 @ TONDU)		36 — 00
WELSH TARGET ASS. GRANT		2000 — 00
SUMMER SERIES SHOOT (3)		200 — 00
G/SLAM + SUMMER SERIES BADGIES		124 — 00
TOTAL £		4655 — 91

CLOSING BALANCE @ 31ST DEC 2020 £ 3810 — 91