



## WAFTA OGM Minutes 08 November 2022

**Present:** J Johnson (Chair) Tondu. M Bassett (Competition Secretary) Nelson. G. Robinson (Hon. Vice President) Quarry. H. Lloyd, G. James, B/Gwent. M. Boucher, Observer

1. **Apologies for absence.** Richard Beaugie, Dai Hicks, Simon Evans, Pat Isaacs.

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

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting

3. **Officers Reports.**

**Secretary:** Richard sent in a report that was read by the Chair. The subject of the report was the lack of communication coming back from the club reps when sending out material or requesting information. A copy of the report is appended to the end of the minutes.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer Dai, sent in a report of the finances which are in a healthy state. There was an expenditure for end of season trophies, for some extra BFTA cards and he is waiting on an invoice from John for the purchase of waterproof score cards. There is still an outstanding payment owed to NSRA for the training course they provided, but they have still not invoiced us.

**Chair:** No Report.

**Competition Secretary:** Mark began by saying that WAFTA have had an outstanding season. Mark won the BFTA Masters and BFTA Championships, Jack Harris won the GP series and Dorian Folkner won the BFTA Showdown. Three WAFTA competitors in the top 5 of the World Championships and also won the World Championship Team event. We also won the Inter regionals team event.

4. **HSE Lead in ammunition update** John gave a report of the zoom meeting he attended with HSE. There were representatives from many organisations covering most aspects of shooting. Only half of the Agenda items were covered in the time set aside and a further meeting is planned. The inaccuracy of non-lead ammunition was discussed and all agreed that this was a major problem. The HSE are due to complete their consultation at the end of November, they will then draft a report of their recommendations which should be completed by August 2023. The report will then be presented to DEFRA, who will act on that report and may decide to introduce legislation to Parliament to affect those recommendations. Any recommendations would go before Parliament in 2024. If they decided on bringing in a law that would affect us, then that would come into force 5 years after that date. The meeting then discussed the issues of accuracy and cost of the non-lead alternatives and were in agreement that there is no current replacement that would meet our needs.

5. **BFTA AGM. Review Agenda items**

**Costs and subscriptions:** The meeting felt there was unlikely to be any changes.

**Election of Officers:** The current Secretary is standing down and Shaun Shore has put himself forward for the post.

Mark Bassett is standing as Vice Chair and James Kay is standing as Treasurer.

John Oxley is standing as Trade Liaison Officer and Scott Pywell is standing as Competition Manager. As Mark knows the nominees, he was able to vouch for their suitability for the posts. Also proposed was that Andrew Slade be made Hon. Vice President.

The post of Web Manager was discussed, as the current post holder has lost enthusiasm resulting in the Website looking tired and not up to date.

**Shoot dates:** Tondu and Oaktree are asking to host a double header and Nelson is asking for the Masters and Showdown for 2023.

Mark suggested that the GP series has reached the end of its useful life, with numbers falling and the cost of travelling being contributing factors. He said that with some of the nationals already being double headers, which is two competitions being held over a weekend, it would be quite easy to make this into a monthly competition.

The new Treasurer is going to carry out an inventory on equipment being held by BFTA.

Mark suggested that BFTA could supply a shoot kit to each region that would be looked after by that region to run competitions, rather than the current system of 3 kits that gets passed on from one region to the next.

### **BFTA proposed changes**

**New Showdown format:** Mark gave a summary of the new format and said that it seemed to go well with everyone getting at least 60 shots. The old format has not been getting the attendance needed to carry on, so it was felt that we should support the new format.

**Trophies:** Clarification is being sought for what trophies are available at each shoot at the point of booking in. John read out the proposed trophy allocation. The meeting felt that 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in all grades plus 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> was giving too many trophies and that 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> overall with the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class would be more appropriate, but leaving 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the Masters as there would be no grade trophies given.

**BFTA Euros:** It was thought that the BFTA Euros would return to Weston Park for next year due to the costs of holding it at Wold Farm and was supported by the meeting. It was also suggested that a change of name would be needed at some point due to the rising popularity of the EFTC Euros; the BFTA British Open was suggested by Mark.

**Target Colours:** WAFTA has proposed the adoption of Blue targets for use in BFTA competitions and the meeting supported this.

**Grade Boundaries:** John went through the proposed changes to the grades. After some discussion, the meeting asked if he would look at reducing the boundary for C grade as the >60% made moving up from C more difficult for new competitors.

**Piston Class:** John has proposed that if a competitor who normally shoots Piston class wishes to shoot PCP in any of the competitions, they would be placed into the next highest grade whilst shooting PCP. Mark suggested that if the competitor had previously shot PCP then the grade they were in prior to shooting Piston could be used.

**Clarification of Open Class in BFTA:** The meeting agrees with the statement that Open Class means "Open to any person that wishes to enter"

**Action to be taken in the event of a target being inadvertently set outside the shoot rules:** The item was discussed, but no decision was agreed on by the meeting.

**Shoot off rules:** Should the rules be followed or left to the discretion of the competition manager?  
The meeting felt that Rules should be followed where shoot offs are needed, but wanted more clarity on the countback rule used for some competitions.

**6. WFTC / EFTC 2023 team selection and updates**

To date, we have 3 people who are definitely going to South Africa with another 2 that we are waiting on confirmation from. There are 9 requesting a place for Bulgaria. We have requested clubs to speak to competitors and reply back to Richard to enable a finite list. We have heard from Oaktree, Castleton and Nelson, but are still waiting on a response from other clubs. Once we have the replies, Mark and Richard will get the team lists compiled.

**7. Waterproof score cards.** WAFTA had agreed to purchase 100 printed sheets giving 800 generic score that can be used by all clubs. Mark requested that John send him a sample before printing to ensure they include all the information we would need.

**8. AOB**

- Mark raised the issue of a Summer series trophy being sent back by the winner because the name had been misspelt, this had also happened the previous year. There was some discussion on whether the trophies needed names engraved on them and the feeling was that they should not be included in future.
- Blaenau Gwent asked when they should apply for new BFTA cards. John said that he would be sending out an email to all clubs in January.
- Clarification was sought for the need for BFTA cards to shoot WAFTA events and the need for other regional shooters to be members of a WAFTA club.

A card is required if the competitor wants their score to count in the event, but if they are not a cardholder, provided they are paid up members of a WAFTA club, which shows proof of insurance, they can take part but scores will not count.

If a competitor from another region wants to participate in a WAFTA event, they must hold a current BFTA card from their region. If they want their score to count in the WAFTA event, they must be members of a WAFTA club.

**9. Date of next Meeting (AGM) 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Meeting closed at 20.50 (Approx.)

Richard Beaugie  
WAFTA Secretary  
10/11/22

## Secretaries Report

When I took on the role of Secretary, one of the first changes I made was to tighten up on the circulation list I would use for communications between WAFTA and its membership. I believe my role is to contact and inform the individual clubs via their reps and not the whole WAFTA membership and to this end I send to two contacts per club plus the WAFTA officials. You Club Reps know your members and hopefully you use email, Facebook or other social media to keep them informed of club news and activities. This is I believe the correct way to cascade news down to and back up from the members of WAFTA.

Recently, I have sent via email, requests for agenda items, draft minutes to be checked, requests from NSRA to respond to the proposed lead ban and most recently a request to put together a list of competitors who are intending to travel to South Africa and Bulgaria using the qualifier list from summer 2022.

The response received from the clubs with very few exceptions has been poor to non-existent! When I receive an email from a club rep, you can expect a response from me. I would appreciate the same in return, that way I will know it has been received and read.

So I would like to ask the reps, have I got it wrong in using email, or would you prefer a different way of keeping in contact, maybe a WhatsApp group or similar? The alternative is to send me regular updates of your members contact details, so I can correspond with each of them directly, not something I would want to do!

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