

Minutes of the WAFTA AGM 2024

Venue: Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club, NP11 5BE

Date: 10th January 2024 **Time:** 19.15. **Meeting called by:** Chair: John Johnston

Present: John Johnston Tondy. Richard Beaugie, Pat Isaacs Castleton. Gwynne Robinson Quarry. Gareth James, Jack Harris, Howard Lloyd Blaenau Gwent. Simon Evans Oaktree. David Williams, Mark Bassett, Dorian Falconer Nelson.

- Apologies** – Dai Hicks, Simon Poulter,
- Minutes of OGM** held on the 8th November 2023 were agreed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed B/Gwent. Seconded Castleton
- Officers Reports.** The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Grading Officer submitted reports which were read out to the meeting. Copies of the reports are appended below. The Treasurers report has not been appended to these minutes as they will be on public view within the WAFTA Website but are held by club reps and can be viewed on request by members. The treasurer did report that expenditure exceeded income last year and we need to be considering reintroducing purchasing of badges by clubs and possibly a contribution from shoot fees
A summary of
- Election of officers.**
Current Officers are:
Chairman – John Johnston – Re-elected, but will stand down at end of the year.
Vice Chairman – Mark Bassett – Re-elected
Secretary – Richard Beaugie / Vacant – No nominations, so will continue until 11/2/24 EGM
Treasurer – David Hicks – Re-elected
Competitions Secretary – Mark Bassett – Re-elected
Web Manager – John Johnston – David Hicks to take over role from John.
Grading Officer – John Johnston – Mark Bassett will take over role from John during coming year.
- Shoot fees & Badges.** Review current suspension of shoot fees and the cost of badges for clubs:
With our current expenditure out stripping income, John suggested that the clubs pay for badges as we used to do. There is a possibility that the grant we have been receiving from WTSF may be cut or stopped altogether. If this were to happen WAFTA may need to look at reintroducing shoot fees which were £2.50 per shooter before they were suspended. Other options were suggested to lower the outgoings of WAFTA, including cuts to team clothing expenditure and reducing the number of badges handed out at shoots.
Oaktree proposed that badges only be given for 1st place. There was no seconder, so rejected.
John made two proposals:
1. That the clubs would be charged for badges at £2.00 per badge. Seconded by B/Gwent. This was agreed by Tondy, Nelson, Castleton, Quarry and Blaenau Gwent. Against was Oaktree. The motion was carried.

2. That shoot fees would be reintroduced IF the grant from WTSF is not available. Seconded by B/Gwent. Votes for: Tondu, B/Gwent, Castleton, Quarry. Against: Oaktree. Abstained: Nelson. The motion was carried.

It was also stated that the shoot raffle would not be affected by any of these changes.

6. **Badge design.** John showed some options to meeting. It was decided to use the dragon design that has been used before
7. **Supported shooting.** As with all shoot rules, WAFTA will adopt the rules agreed by BFTA at their Nov. 2023 AGM.
8. **WAFTA grading.** (See Grading Officers report) John proposed a change in the grading percentages to even out the number of competitors in each grade. Seconded Nelson and all agreed. John also informed the meeting that the rolling 14 would from the end of the winter series, be over two years as agreed previously.
9. **Team selection.** Current rules for Worlds/Euros team selection are:
 1. Competitors who came in top ten from previous years WFTC.
 2. Competitors by ranking from summer series
 3. A wild card.
 4. Captain to be highest ranking team member chosen from last summer series.

A discussion took place about whether the current rules needed changing. The argument against changing was that for WAFTA to enter the strongest team, a top ten worlds place and a wild card selection gave the best chance for the strongest team to be selected. A proposal was put forward by Oaktree that qualification through item 1. and 3. be removed and qualification to be only from the previous summer series. This would encourage competitors to attend WAFTA shoots and give those that support WAFTA a better chance of representing their country.

The proposal was seconded by Castleton. Against the proposal: Tondu, Nelson, B/Gwent and Quarry. The proposal was not carried.

Item 4. It was agreed that in future the Captain would be chosen by and voted in by the selected team. Proposed Castleton. Seconded Quarry. All voted in favour.

It was suggested that this subject be put on the agenda for the next OGM where it can be discussed after receiving the views of club members.
10. **Competition Secretary role.** Mark will take over the Grading Officer role as this will enable him to cover all aspects of the WAFTA competitions.
11. **World FT Championship & European FT Championship 2024 updates.**

John gave an update on the 2024 World Championships being held in Arizona. Entry fees are in the region of £260, so will be an expensive trip for those going. The competition is well organised and John is confident that it will be a professionally run event. Mark will put together a list of people who would like to attend and John will look after the registration for this event.

European Championships. Dorian gave an update on the EFTC. Currently 146 places have been taken and paid for. 5 countries took their full allocation and these will now be offered more places in the next round. The bank account that was being set up for this event has finally come online and so the money that has been paid into the WAFTA account will be transferred into the Euro24 account within the next two weeks.

When the next allocation is received, Mark will work through his list and offer places to in the order of Summer series placement.

The venue is being cleared and lanes cut in with about 20 lanes completed so far. Dorian said that there is a WhatsApp group that has been set up for the work party to keep in touch and if anyone is able to give a hand, get in touch with Dorian or Jack.

12. **Wales Target Shooting Federation** updates. John informed the meeting that elections to the board are due in March, but he doesn't intend to stand. He has approached someone who he feels would be suitably qualified to take over and is awaiting a response.

13. **WAFTA Summer Series,**

28 April	Round 1 Nelson
05 May	Not the NEFTA B/Gwent
12 May	Round 2 Castleton
16 June	Round 3 Llantrisant
14 July	Round 4 Oaktree
28 July	Round 5 Tondu
1 st -3 rd August	European champs. Llantrisant
11 August	SWEFTA/WAFTA Challenge East Devon
25 August	Round 6 Quarry
08 September	Round 7 Blaenau Gwent
22 September	Welsh Masters. WAFTA/SWEFTA Challenge

14. **Any other business.** No

Next Meeting Dates: EGM 11th February 2024 at Tondu club ground

OGM 22nd May 2024 at Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club

Meeting closed 20:40hrs

Richard Beaugie
13/01/2024

WAFTA Chairman's Report 2023

Membership of WAFTA Clubs has increased year on year and it is good to see new members regularly attended WAFTA shoots. Growing our sport remains a key objective.

WAFTA continues to support the BFTA UK shoot program, hosting 2 GP's, the BTFA Masters and Showdown last year, a commitment only matched by NEFTA. WAFTA teams and shooters attended both the EFTC in Bulgaria and the WFTC in South Africa. Mark will give details of our performance in all events in his report.

WAFTA will be hosting the European FT championships in August this year and I would like to thank the EFTC team for their efforts in organising this event. They will require considerable support in laying out the courses and marshalling and would urge all that are available to assist them in these tasks.

The Welsh Target Shooting Federation continued to support WAFTA in 2023, and its financial help has enabled us to fully kit out our teams and provide trophies for our series competitions, without any contribution from Clubs to WAFTA funds. I hope that we will hear soon that we will be awarded a WTSF grant for 2024. However, the Welsh government has decided to cut their financial support for Sport Wales by up to 20% this year. Sport Wales funds the WTSF so we are expecting their support to be cut for 2024 and this may have an impact on any funding we receive for in future.

I am up for re-election as a director of the WTSF at the WTSF AGM in March 2024 and would like to relinquish this position, as I have served as a board member for 4 years. So, we will have to select and get a new director appointed, as this role is critical for our sport.

I would like to thank Richard Beaugie for the 5 years that he has diligently carried out the role of WAFTA Secretary. Richard has been very committed to this role and has been of great assistance to me and WAFTA members, he will be sorely missed.

If re-elected to my roles for 2024 then I only intend to serve for one further year, after which time I will stand down as Chairman, Grading Officer, and Web manager. This will give us time to select and train replacement members for these roles.

John Johnston



Secretaries Report 2023

I have made the decision to step down from the role of Secretary. This was not a decision I made lightly, but I feel that my enthusiasm and (to steal a Simon Evans quote) “Desire”, has waned over the past year or so. It needs someone with a bit more get up and go to take over the role and support John and the other officials to continue driving WAFTA forward.

When we applied to join the WTSF, I only attended the first few meetings with John and I have avoided the BFTA meetings. I am aware that in my role I should have been more active in meeting attendance, so once again hopefully the new Secretary will get more involved.

I would like to thank our Chair, John for his outstanding work in representing and promoting WAFTA both within Wales and also on the international arena. As a result of his efforts at the Welsh Target Shooting Federation, we have continued to receive grants which enabled us to waive club shoot fees and not charge for shoot badges.

Finally, I would like to wish our EFTC subcommittee the very best of luck with the championship being held in August. You have got a very busy and stressful six months ahead of you, but I am sure you will rise to the task and give the Europeans a competition to remember.

Richard Beaugie
WAFTA Sec.
10 Jan. 2024

Treasurers Report

Please see your Club Representative to view the Treasurers report

Grading Officers Report - 10.01.24

It is proposed that the grading % boundaries be altered to balance out the numbers per grade as A Class is out of balance with the 15/35/35/15% balance as shown below:

Grade	Grade %'s	Nos /Grade	% of Total	Proposed Grade %'s
AA	>87%	10	14.3	<85%
A	72-87%	29	41.4	74-85%
B	55-72%	20	28.6	55-74%
C	<55%	11	15.7	<55%

In addition, I will be deleting all the scores recorded on the rolling 14 spreadsheet prior to and including the 2021-22 Winter Series. This will be done when we have concluded the Winter 2023-24 Series. The rolling 14 should according to the grading rules be based upon the scores recorded over 2 years, however we retained these old scores to mitigate the effect that the Covid crisis had on grading, so that those who were unable to attend shoots were not unfairly graded as a result.

John Johnston

January 2024

Comp Sec Report 2023

2023 was a busy year to get through but as ever WAFTA shooters held their own again with some great results..

Dorian Falconer started the year off with winning the BFTA Championships AND Team WAFTA finishing 4th in the inter regionals.

We then had a full podium at the MAMBA Open with Dorian Falconer 1st, Simon Evans 2nd and Jack Harris 3rd..

The BFTA GP series

AA Class, Anthony Jones 2nd place , Jack Harris 4th place

A Class 5th place Simon Poulter

B Class 2nd John Easterbrook

C Class 2nd place Tyla Williams, 6th place Richard Griffiths, 8th place Julian Williams

World Championships in South Africa

Open PCP Class Jack Harris 2nd, Mark Bassett 4th, Dorian Falconer 11th,

Veterans class John Easterbrook 3rd, Steve Chubb 5th

Piston Class John Kociumbas 5th

Team Wales PCP finished 2nd

BFTA Showdown plate winner Simon Evans

European Championships in Bulgaria

Dorian Falconer 6th

WAFTA Summer series champions

AA Class Anthony Jones

A Class David Hicks

B Class Gordon Withers

C Class Craig Morgan

Piston Kevin Thomas

Open Class Barry Smith

There are some great results in there and from a personal view we could have all done better at some of the competitions. WAFTA has really proven that it can stand up against any team or individual in competition which is accredited to the region and how good the region's competitions are. Lets ensure 2024 is the same and it would be great to see WAFTA shooters at the events and improving..

Mark Bassett

WAFTA Comp Secretary