

WAFTA OGM Minutes June 2025

Venue: Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club, NP11 5BE

Date: 29th October 2025 **Time:** 19.15. **Meeting called by:** Chair: John Johnston

Present: John Johnston (Chairman) – Tondu; John Easterbrook (Secretary) – Tondu/Oaktree; Dai Hicks (Treasurer) – Tondu; Gwyn Robinson – Quarry; Dai Williams – Nelson; Howard Lloyd, Gareth James, Crash Jones – Blaenau Gwent; Simon Poulter – Oaktree.

1. **Apologies** – Doz Falconer, Pat Isaacs, Richard Beaugie and Mark Bassett.

2. **WAFTA AGM minutes.** Proposed as a true record by Tondu and seconded by Oaktree, All in agreement.

3. **BFTA AGM Agenda**

There was a proposal from Nelson to add to the BFTA Agenda that all GP events should be double headers. A long discussion took place looking at the pros and cons of only double headers from the individual shooters perspective and for the good of the BFTA. It was decided that best option was to put forward a hybrid, much the same as this year's format of two double headers and three single GPs.
All were in agreement

Fees and subscription for 2026 remain unchanged.

Each of the proposed changes for 2026 were then discussed as follows;

- 13.1** Allow GP course setters to choose between x3 standers an x2 kneelers or x2 standers and x3 kneelers. (Needs a proposer) All in agreement.
- 13.2** Re-introduce prizes at each GP (NEFTA). It was agreed by all that more detail was required as to what are the prizes and the cost of the prizes over the year.
- 13.3** Shooters that are graded AA remain in AA even if their percentage drops below AA standard (MFTA). All not in agreement.

13.4 The final GP should be held in central location. (Needs proposer and details). It was agreed by all that more detail was needed.

13.5 GPs to be reduced to x1 session if less than 85 entrants. Start time 10.00; this decision is made when booking is closed. Those paying on the day will have to check the BFTA website to confirm if there are x1 or x2 sessions. (Needs a proposer). A lengthy discussion took place as to what is in the best interest to promote attendance figures at GPs and based on this proposal as it is All not in agreement.

13.6 Uniform safety brief with the addition of items pertinent to the ground being used (Needs a proposer). All in agreement.

13.7 Reintroduce 6 x £25 bonus bunny. (NEFTA). All not in agreement.

13.8 Review the way overall ties in the GP series are decided. (Needs proposer and details). All agreed that further details were needed.

13.9 Can a shooter be issued with a BFTA card/number on the day of a shoot, if they are a member of an affiliated club.(NEFTA). Reason for request: A NEFTA club had a member helping set up a BFTA shoot and the member was unable to shoot as they did not have a BFTA card/number. All not in agreement.

13.10 Change the last entry time for the masters from 11.45 to 10.30. Rationale: With x2 courses running simultaneously most shooters have commenced shooting at 10.00. If we allow shooters to book on as late as 11.45 we risk the situation that most shooters have finished yet we still have shooters on the course which delays shoot-offs and prize giving. (From Secretary, needs proposer). All in agreement.

4. **WTSF Update.** The Welsh Target Shooting Federation has now re-branded to Welsh Shooting.

Various coaching courses are available, such as how to improve standers. Also there are grants available for a variety of purposes. More information will be provided at the AGM

5. **Safeguarding update.** Safeguarding is considered to be a very important aspect of sport and the funding Welsh Shooting receives from Sport Wales is linked to Safeguarding processes that all affiliated members must have in place, including WAFTA. There are now quarterly meetings for the Safeguarding leads of each affiliation and quarterly newsletters. These will be sent out for all clubs to post. A question was raised by Blaenau Gwent as to the requirement for clubs to have a Safeguarding Officer for insurance purposes. The Lead Safeguard will feedback as soon as possible.

6. BFTA missing equipment.

The BFTA GP kit has a few items missing that are being sought. The keeling mats still need to be purchased

7. EFTC Italy.

Only x1 person, from Oaktree, has registered to go to the EFTC in Italy.

8. A.O.B.

The £2 per head contribution from clubs for shoots with 25 plus to be reviewed at AGM.

9. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be the AGM on January 28th 2026 at 7.15 pm. Venue Hafodyrynys Sports and Social Club.