

Minutes of the WAFTA AGM 2025

Venue: Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club, NP11 5BE

Date: 22nd January 2025 **Time:** 19.15. **Meeting called by:** Chair: John Johnston

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

1. **Apologies** – Dai Hicks, Simon Poulter, Richard Beaugie
2. **Minutes of OGM** held on the 8th November 2023 were agreed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed B/Gwent. Seconded Castleton
3. **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.
4. **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 – John Easterbrook – Re-elected
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 – Mark Bassett – Re-elected
5. **WTSF update.** Sports Wales provides funding to the WTSF, which in turn gives funding to WAFTA, thanks to John Johnston sitting on the committee. Sports Wales gives the funding as, in the past, shooting events have taken place in the Commonwealth Games with many medals being won by the Welsh team. However, the next Commonwealth Games in Scotland will not host ant shooting events. This may threaten the level of funding that WAFTA is able to receive. Further updates will be provided when available.

John Johnston also stated that he wished to step down from his role in the WTSF and is looking for a Volunteer to take over.
6. **Finances of WAFTA. Raised by Nelson.** A concern over the source of income for the WAFTA finances in the future has been confirmed by the WTSF update. Currently WAFTA depends on this grant, however, it is possible that this could cease completely. It was therefore agreed that WAFTA needs to be able to fund itself.

1. The first suggestion was to scrap the raffle. Proposed by Castleton, seconded by Blaenau Gwent. All in favour.
2. Entry fee to remain £10 per head. If attendance of any shoot is over 25 entrants £2 per entrant is to be paid to WAFTA. Clubs to pay for badges as before. Juniors pay £5. New policy to begin at the start of the 2025 Summer series.
Proposed by Nelson, seconded by Blaenau Gwent. All in favour

7. **Supported with sticks.** From October OGM. Castleton provided a minimum height requirement of 450mm from cradle to bottom of stick. Proposed by Castleton, seconded by Blaenau Gwent. All in favour.
8. **WAFTA Summer series shoot dates.** See attached spreadsheet.
9. **Trophies for the Winter series .** As a result of the uncertain financial future of WAFTA it was decided to remain as is. Trophies for first place only in each category. To be reviewed again at the next AGM. Proposed by Blaenau Gwent, seconded by Nelson. All in favour
10. **A.O.B.**
BFTA card holders names to be submitted to John Johnston by the end of January

Grand Slam to be held at Blaenau Gwent on 23rd February. Jack Harris to organise.

A new grade of Stick Class to be commenced for the 2025 Summer series. The ungraded class to be dropped and revert to the previous workings. New shooters compete in C class for the first 3 shoots and then get graded accordingly. Proposed by Nelson, seconded by Blaenau Gwent. All in favour

WAFTA bank account to be audited after Euros. Raised by Castleton. Response by Nelson stating that the accounts are available if required.

Next Meeting Dates: OGM 11th June 2025 at Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club

Meeting closed 20:30hrs

John Easterbrook
22/01/2025



WAFTA Chairman's Report 2024

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 our key objective.

Simon Evans passed away last year after a long and courageous battle against cancer. Simon was a very enthusiastic participant of our sport, and he will be missed. Oaktree will be hosting a memorial shoot for him on the 9th of February, and I would encourage as many as possible to attend.

WAFTA continues to support the BFTA UK shoot program, we will be hosting 2 GP's, and the BTFA Championships and Inter-regionals this year, a commitment only matched by NEFTA. WAFTA teams and shooters attended both the EFTC hosted by WAFTA and the WFTC in the USA. Mark will give details of our performance in all events in his report.

I would like to thank Jack Harris and Dorian Falconer for their efforts in organising and hosting the EFTC last year at Llantrisant. We have received many favourable comments from shooters for both the course layout and the great organisation of this event.

The Welsh Target Shooting Federation continued to support WAFTA in 2024, and its financial help has enabled us to fully kit out our teams and provide trophies for our series competitions, with limited contribution from Clubs to WAFTA funds. I hope that we will hear soon that we will be awarded a WTSF grant for 2025. We will discuss future WAFTA funding later in the meeting.

I am up for re-election as a director of the WTSF at the WTSF AGM in 2026 and would like to relinquish this position, as will I have served as a board member for 6 years. So, we will have to select and get a new director appointed, as this role is critical for our sport. Any one interested can join me at the next WTSF OGM to gain some insight as to what this role involves.

I have served as chairman of WAFTA since 2015, and as I stated at the last AGM, I wish to relinquish this role at the AGM in 2026. I will of course be available to assist my successor(s) with any issues in future.

Let's look forward to another successful year.

John Johnston

Treasurers Report

Please see your Club Representative to view the Treasurers report

Competition Secretary Report

Individual Achievements

Jack Harris

BFTA Championships winner

BFTA GP series winner

WAFTA Summer series joint champion

2nd in World champs

Mark Bassett

BFTA championship 2nd place

WAFTA Summer series joint champion

4th in World champs

Team

Wales 3rd in World champs

Well done to Jack and Doz for a superb European Championship ay Llantrisant

WAFTA SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is my first year as Secretary of WAFTA and I'm still on a learning curve, a steep one. It is interesting to find out more about the workings that go on behind the scenes and in a weird way I'm quite enjoying the challenge.

I have managed to navigate my way around the NSRA website and also done an online Safeguarding course. Richard, our previous Secretary has helped guide me and is there if I need him. So he says!

I was very sad when Simon Evans passed away. I know he was a divisive character but he was always good to me and I enjoyed his company. He tried his best to mentor me, not an easy task. Now myself and Simon Poulter are taking over Oaktree and will be holding our first WAFTA shoot. Please be gentle with us. Our next major hurdle now is to repair or rebuild the cabin at Oaktree before it falls down.

I have a lot more to learn and I am going to attend the WTSF meetings with John Johnston to get a further understanding into the funding side of things. I suppose at some point I should attend a BFTA meeting.

Jack and Doz put in a tremendous amount of effort to put on an excellent European Championship at Llantrisant, a big thank you to them. Also a mention should also be made for the effort put in by Crash and Richard Griffiths. A big thank you for all the help in putting out the 3 courses.

On a personal note I really enjoy FT, even though it is the most frustrating sport known to man, or woman. I attend all the shoots that I can and have to tread that fine line between shooting and divorce. I have found my fellow shooters and committee members to be welcoming and helpful and thank you all concerned.

Let's look forward to another year of joy and frustration for all our shooters and members.

John Easterbrook

WAFTA 2025 Shoot Calander

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
23 rd MAR	OPEN-SO	LLANTRISANT
5th of April	BFTA Champs	Nelson
6th of April	BFTA Inters	Nelson
13th of April	ENGLISH OPEN	
20th of April		
27th of April	GP1	Throckmorton
4th of May	NEFTA CLASSIC	
11th of May	S1	OAKTREE - TBC
18th of May	GP2	Easr Tree
25th of May		
1st of June	S2	QUARRY
8th of June		
14th of June	GP3	Llantrisant
15th of June	GP4	Llantrisant
22nd of June	S3	CASTLETON
29th of June		
6th of July		
12th of July	GP5	Anston/Redfearn
13th of July	GP6	Anston/Redfearn
20th of July		
27th of July	S4	TONDU
3rd of August		
10th of August	GP7	Iceni
17th of August	S5	B/SWENT
19 to 24th of August	WFTC	N.Ireland
31st of August		
6th of September	BFTA Showdown	Emley Moor
7th of September	BFTA Masters	Emley Moor
14th of September		
21st of September	S6	NELSON
27th of September	BFTA British Open	Carisbrooke
28th of September	BFTA British Open	Carisbrooke
5th of October		
12th of October	WELSH MASTERS	B/SWENT