

## WAFTA OGM Minutes June 2026

**Venue:** Hafodyrynys Sports & Social Club, NP11 5BE

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 **Time:** 19.15. **Meeting called by:** Chair: Gordon Withers

**Present:** Gordon (Chairman) – Blaenau Gwent; John Easterbrook (Secretary) – Tondu/Oaktree; Dai Hicks (Treasurer), Peter Jenkins, Sotiris Exarhos – Tondu; Gwyn Robinson – Quarry; Howard Lloyd, Gareth James, Richard Jones, Richard Griffiths – Blaenau Gwent; Richard Beaugie – Castleton; Simon Poulter – Oaktree.

**1. Apologies** – Pat Isaacs

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

**3. WAFTA/SWEFTA Challenge.**

Raised by Castleton: The WAFTA/SWEFTA challenge will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Mendip. The reason for being on Saturday is that the clubhouse is open. The event will be a 50 shot course hosted by the Mendip Vice-Chair and Tony Fouracres. The stats will be done by the aforementioned wives. WAFTA has been asked to provide a marshal. Richard Jones (Crash) stepped up. A big thank you from WAFTA.

The top 8 scorers from each region count, Open, Sticks and sitting sticks score, though with a 5 shot handicap.

WAFTA has been asked to help provide medals, Blaenau Gwent offered to purchase 8 medals, thank you. Proposed by Castleton, seconded by Blaenau Gwent. All in favour.

**4. Safeguarding Update.**

Blaenau Gwent, Tondu and Nelson now have Club Safeguarding Officers (CSOs). Howard Lloyd for Blaenau Gwent, Sotiris Exarhos for Tondu and Dail Willims for Nelson. DBS requirements are being

sorted via Welsh Shooting as is Safeguarding training. The WAFTA website has been updated accordingly.

## **5. Welsh Shooting update.**

Grants are available at club level and links were sent to all committee members and the clubs were informed that they should register on the Welsh Shooting website on a link that was sent along with grants. This gives visibility for recruitment and helps when applying for any grants.

Work has been done on the WAFTA Pathway. The objective of this is to increase participation in the sport and see an increase in the WAFTA league shoots. The idea is to show shooters a structured way to be able to progress in the sport. WAFTA should receive an offer of a £6,234.33 to help us with this initiative. Coaching is part of this strategy and a Coach selection policy has been produced. This has been sent to all clubs and should be displayed, along with the Pathway, for people to apply. It will be a 2 day course in October, details to be confirmed. Can people please apply by the end of July either direct to the WAFTA Secretary or via club reps. Ideas were discussed as to how to use the money such as funded open day shoots.

Part of the Pathway is to understand club capacity. How many new members can WAFTA accept.

Blaenau Gwent – 0

Oaktree 3-4

Tondu 10-15

Castleton 7-10

Nelson 10-20

Quarry 6

Ideally a new club would help to grow the sport, possibly looking for existing clubs in other disciplines and see if there is a possibility to work together. Please let the club reps know of any ideas.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) is a mandatory policy within Welsh Shooting and as we are one of the associations within Welsh Shooting we will be adopting the relevant policies. The WAFTA Secretary is on the Welsh Shooting working group and updates will be provided.

## **6. Winter shoot dates.**

## WAFTA Winter Shoot Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
11 October 2026	Welsh Masters	Blaenau Gwent
18 October 2026		
25 October 2026	Winter 1	Oaktree
1 November 2026		
8 November 2026		
15 November 2026	Winter 2	Castleton
22 November 2026		
29 November 2026		
2 December 2026	Winter 3	Quarry
13 December 2026		
20 December 2026	X-mas shoot	Blaenau Gwent
27 December 2026		
3 January 2027		
10 January 2027	Winter 4	Blaenau Gwent
17 January 2027		
24 January 2027	Winter 5	Tondu
31 January 2027		
7 February 2027		
14 February 2027		
21 February 2027	Winter 6	Nelson
28 February 2027		
7 March 2027	Paul Jomes	Blaenau Gwent
14 March 2027		
21 March 2027		
28 March 2027	Grand Slam	TBC
4 April 2027		

### 7. Revision of WAFTA Constitution.

The Revision of the WAFTA Constitution to include virtual/ hybrid meetings is to be raised at the AGM

**8. A.O.B.**

Castleton raised that all meeting minutes should be uploaded onto the WAFTA website.

All were in favour of adding the re-introduction of a fee to enter the Grand Slam. To be raised at the next AGM

**9. Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be the OGM on Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 7.15 pm.  
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Meeting closed 20.50