

British International Clay Target Shooting Federation Ltd

**MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION'S BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MEETING 2304**

Held via Zoom

Date: 7th November 2023

Present: Mr N Woodward (NW) Chairman
Mr T Bobbett (TB) Deputy-Chairman
Miss M Rowe (MDR) Secretary
Mr C Bramley (CB) Treasurer

Olympic Trap
Mr T Bobbett (TB)

Olympic Skeet
Mr P Tudge (PT)
Mr A Lea (AL)

Helice
Mr D Jenkin (DJ)

FITASC Sporting
Mr N Woodward (NW)
Mr M Hance (MH)

Universal Trap
Mr T Bobbett (TB)

Compak

England Scotland Northern Ireland
Mrs N Heron (NAH) Ms E Barnes (EB) Mr H Henning (HH)
Mr J McIntyre (JM)

Wales
Mr R Harrison (RH)

Co-Opted Directors: Mr P Croft (PC) Ms M Conway (MC)

Meeting Opened: 18.32 hours.

2304.1 Opening Remarks

There were no declarations of interest.
The meeting is being recorded.

NJW asked that everything be kept factual and not personal.

2304.2 Apologies for Absence

Trevor Wilson whose proxy was carried by Harold Henning
Steve Ling whose proxy was carried by Terry Bobbett for OT & UT

2304.03 Co-option of Nick Adams

NW welcomed Nick to the Board as Compak Director.

Proposed: NW Seconded: MC Agreed.

2304.4 Minutes of 22nd August 2023 Meeting 2303

(a) Ratification

Proposed: TB; Seconded: MH – Agreed

(b) Matters Arising & Actions

None.

There were no actions list.

2304.5 Treasurers Report - CB

Spreadsheets had been sent out.

There are 776 paid up members to date.

A few levies from the debtor's list have been paid so CB will update.

Total Income £153,379.51

Current A/C: £2204.30

Reserve A/C: £44766.94 + UT Foundation

Total: £49368.24

The accountant will calculate the general expenses at the end of the year.

The two honorariums for this year are outstanding.

The general expenses figure will be reduced by the membership monies.

Need to focus on FITASC ground licences next year.

MH – Some FSP debtors go back long way, what do we do if the grounds don't pay? Is there a procedure in place, will the Licence eventually be revoked?

CB – the reps usually chase, Mickley Hall has not paid anything although invoices had been sent. EJ Churchill also owes a lot.

MH asked that going forward the discipline rep is copied in when an invoice goes out.

CB will send contact information to MH.

NJW suggested that if the monies are not paid after a couple of chances to pay being given then the licence should be revoked.

MC – need to establish a procedure which should be in the terms and conditions on the invoice stating the consequences for non-payment.

CB will put a warning on the invoice.

Proposal: Any unpaid invoice should be followed by a chasing invoice, if not paid then the ground is spoken to and finally if still no payment the licence is revoked.

Proposed: MH Seconded: NJW - Agreed

NAH – the cash balances on the disciplines still shows cash + assets so making them look richer than they are.

CB – cannot budget like this until the end of the year when have full figures including exact number of entries for each discipline.

NJW – the stock makes the difference; this needs to be taken off the disciplines and put into assets.

NJW has previously suggested that all stock goes into OT which is a little used fund, any sold then goes into OT fund.

Helice & OSK are separate as Helice runs its own stock and OSK does not send teams abroad.

CB – possibly over complicating it, outgoings are always the same.
NAH – only 3 disciplines this year made a small profit, so we are running down the reserves.
TB - £33,000 in OT, happy for it to be used this way.
Proposed: NJW Seconded: TB – Agreed
DJ queried whether the old levies would be written off – they will not.

2304.6 2024 FITASC Master National Teams

A Masters category is to be included in the 2024 FITASC World and European Championships.
NJW felt we should send teams in this category, but it is for the disciplines to decide and whether they can afford it.
MH – it is a recognised category, and it should be honoured. It goes back to having funds available but if a contribution has to be asked for, he felt it should be across all the categories.
TB & PJC agreed with this.
NAH – should ensure that there is enough money to send current categories rather than including a new one.
NJW/MH – there is nothing to say that individual entry fees will always be paid, team entry fees – yes.
NAH – damage might be done to shoots if shooters come thinking their entry fee will not be paid.
NJW – need to keep a firm hand on the disciplines and make plans to get funds or have a policy to tell shooters it will be done in a different way, can't do that at the outset.
EB thought if they are told halfway through the year, there could be an issue.
MC – shooters need to be aware at the start of the year that entry fees will be paid if funds available, there will be a new category so there maybe changes.
Action: MH to draft a notice to go on the website for Board approval.

2304.7 GB OT Team Member Subsidy – Abbey Ling – TB

BS do not pay costs for all people they select to shoot abroad. Shooters are not allowed to shop around for flights, accommodation etc, which makes it even more expensive.
Abbey Ling has shot 6 times for GB this year, more than any of the funded shooters. She could only shoot one of our two OT shoots; she was at a world cup for the other.
In the past the subsidy has been £250 for each shoot or pro-rata.
TB suggested increasing the figure to £300 which would give Abbey £900 (6 x £150).
AL queried where the OT pot had come from.
TB – This has built up over the years and the subsidy is a way of giving back to some shooters who TB feels get a raw deal from BS. It has been on the previous website and operated for a number of years.
AL – do we contact shooters offering this subsidy?
TB – not actively, we could probably advertise it wider.
NJW – need to make it clear on the website that there is a fund available for non-funded shooters.
NAH asked that we check what GB shooters have shot this year for GB plus our shoots and put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Need to make it

clear that shooters can only apply whilst there are funds in the OT account. PC felt the point was being missed that shooters are being financially penalised by BS and we ought to write to BS & UK Sport about this. NJW – need to investigate how many non-funded shooters have shot our shoots and shot for GB. MC suggested we could express our disapproval by advertising the subsidy on our website.

2304.8 OSK -Proposal to fund entry fees for Colts to 2024 UK Championships and BGP – AL & PT

AL had sent details out with numbers to back it up. Previously it would have been 2-4 shooters.

NJW queried whether the subsidy would have been the price paid to the grounds.

AL would like to pay the total entry fee. 2023 entry fee was £60 with the ground getting £45.

MC asked whether it was worth asking the ground owners to help with a contribution.

CB – the numbers are very small, so it is difficult to help. He said they could do something with the Friday practice rounds, say adding £1 per round.

MH – FSP had a colt's initiative a few years back, he approached some businesses for contributions e.g., cartridges, prizes, trophies etc and they saw a massive increase in the entries. If they did a free entry, it would have been for birds only entry, if they wanted to enter the prize pot then they had to pay that bit.

Proposal: Colts in OSK 2024 have totally free entry

Proposed: AL Seconded: PT – Agreed

JM asked when this would be made public, AL said once dates have been sorted.

2304.9 2024 FSP Shoot Format – MH

MH had sent out a paper.

In the last 6-8 months there have been issues with some grounds and the format used. Normally it is 25 targets over 4 layouts. The issues are time, space, noise issues and grounds financial gain.

MH feels we ought to be more flexible in how FSP is shot, as long as there are 60 singles and 20 pairs, it doesn't matter how it is presented to the shooter. We have this during the winter in any event so MH would like to extend this out to all year with the two other stipulations in his email, squads no more than 6 and a change in format being advertised well in advance. He has spoken to grounds, and they are happy to do the latter.

EB – Scotland – must have 7 in a squad otherwise it is not viable.

PJC – his only reservation is that selection shoots and GPs must be in the correct format.

MH confirmed that any event run by BICTSF would be run on the traditional system.

MH queried what should be done if format is not followed. Hodnet recently ran 4 x 25 bird layouts but presented 13 singles and 6 doubles.

NAH – the CPSA won't know what format has been used nor will they de-register it after it has been shot. It is for BICTSF to decide what to do, e.g.,

contact CPSA to take FSP off shoot programme for that ground. The CPSA system is wholly computerised.

RH commented that Hodnet have said their next shoot will not be registered so they can do what they want.

NJW – Hodnet needs to be spoken to.

Proposal: Format suggested by MH is available all year round, 60+40 presentation + hybrids and pre-advertised

Proposed: MH Seconded: NJW - Agreed

2304.10 AOB

- (a) NAH – CPSA have changed the company they recommend for doctor's certificates. Shootcert who BASC uses.
- (b) NAH – 7 Licensing authorises are running a trial, where the partner of the applicant is asked six questions, e.g. do you feel safe with guns in the house.
- (c) NAH reminded everyone to do the HSE survey which finishes on the 10th December.
- (d) PC updated everyone on recent deaths – Brian Hebditch, Jimmy Sylvestri and Steve Denny.
- (e) NA asked about forming a Compak sub-committee. He should go ahead and do this, no need to come back to the board.
- (f) NJW – queried whether 2024 membership and licence fees should be increased. He also asked CB to get a quote from the insurers for shooter insurance.
- (g) MH – entries for 2024 international events are opening, some are still using CPSA number. PC confirmed this does not kick in until 01.01.2024 so if entering now can still use CPSA number but shooters need to be reminded.

2304.10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 18.30 hours via zoom.

The AGM will be on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 19.30 hours via zoom.

Meeting Closed: 21.03 hours.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: