

British International Clay Target Shooting Federation Ltd

**MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION'S BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MEETING 2305**

Held via Zoom

Date: 9th January 2024

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

Olympic Trap
Mr T Bobbett (TB)

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

Helice
Mr D Jenkin (DJ)
Mr C Potter (CJP)

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

Universal Trap
Mr T Bobbett (TB)

Compak
M N Adams (NA)

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

Wales
Mr R Harrison (RH)

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

Meeting Opened: 18.35 hours.

2305.1 Opening Remarks

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

NJW asked that everything be kept factual and not personal.

2305.2 Apologies for Absence

Trevor Wilson whose proxy was carried by Harold Henning
Clive Bramley
Michael Bennett

2305.03 Co-option of Michael Bennett

Unfortunately, Mike was unable to attend the meeting due to an urgent work commitment so it was agreed that this item would be carried forward to the next meeting. Mike had sent his profound apologies.

2305.4 Minutes of 7th November 2023 Meeting 2304

(a) Ratification

Proposed: TB; Seconded: MC – Agreed

(b) Matters Arising & Actions

One item on the action list. MH has spoken to shooters, any category falls down to the financial position of the discipline. The Masters category should carry as much clout as the others. If there is not enough money then all squad members should contribute, no category should be penalised, even though the entry costs have increased.

FSP will only submit teams where they have full categories.

NAH – the Board helps with disciplines that doesn't have full funding. Teams go through selection procedures, so if we have them, we should send them. The Board's finances are one amount.

NJW – all disciplines should be treated equally.

TB suggested something should be put on the website outlining 2024 procedure.

MC – treat all team members equally, leave it up to each discipline as to what they have got and use it accordingly.

CJP – Helice team normally get £250 at year end, might now be £200 considering Masters category. Team entry is paid not individual ones.

Proposal: Distribution of funding to teams should be left in hands of discipline directors on condition all category teams are funded equally.

Proposed: MC Seconded: CJP Agreed

MH – If any discipline, including Helice, is short, then any director should be able to come back to the Board to ask to borrow from the pot with a view to clearing it at the end of the year.

2305.5 Treasurers Report

CB absent but had sent out accounts.

2305.6 GB OT Team Member Subsidy – TB

There had been various emails on this. NJW felt that BICTSF members should get something, non- members should not.

TB had sent out a paper. Abbey Ling and William Gilbert are members, the other three juniors are not. They shot the UKC the day after the Home International. The shoot was open to non-members.

We have been using the same policy since 2020, it was on the old website, but needs to be revised which TB will do. If they join this year and BS send them aboard unfunded then they can claim a contribution.

TB suggested Abbey Ling receive 6 x £125 and William Gilbert 2 x £125.

AL queried whether they knew they had to be members and offered to pay their membership now.

TB felt it would be wrong to pay retrospectively.

AL- we need to support juniors and should give it to all or none.

PC – MQS shooters cannot win a quota place. As a basic principle we should only support members. MH agreed.

NAH – AL and her had put a paper together. In 2020 all these shooters had shot OT/UT as juniors. Nothing was advertised so they would not be aware they had to be a paid-up member of BICTSF.
MC felt they were being penalised unfairly. They ought to be members, join and pay retrospectively for last year.
NAH – one of Abbey's shoots was ECH League which we should not fund.
TB found Abbey's email and confirmed all her shoots were ISSF ones.
PC suggested that funding should only be available to members but make an ex-gratia payment to those juniors for last year.
MH agreed with this as last year was a transitional year.
MC – need to publicise this clearly on the website, only paid up BICTSF members and need to include what competitions are to be included.
NJW – any RPOs should come out. TB felt Abbey should be given 2 x RPOs from last year.
MH – need to say whether RPOs count or not.
TB – count them in for 2023, out for 2024.
CJP – write off 2023, new rules for 2024.
£1625 to be paid out, need to join and then will get payments.

2305.7 FITASC Licence re Loughshore Sporting and Grounds in NI - NW

Everyone has seen the email from NJW and HH with his Board's opinion.
NJW – not too happy that we are in the middle of this.
Declan Scallion has 3 grounds in NI and wants to licence them individually, he has one already for Loughshore Sporting, happy to pay for another two.
Ulster are not happy for the reasons given in HH's email.
HH – NI is a very small shooting circuit; they try to make sure there is no duplication of shoots.
PC feels this is really between UCPSA and the Irish Association, we cannot refuse him a FITASC licence. Under the UCPSA licence he can only do shoots allocated to him by UCPSA. If he wants to run FITASC shoots, then he needs a licence.
HH – UCPSA and Irish association have spoken. His ground is in Ulster, but he wants to run ROI championships there.
PC – it needs the Irish Association to say he cannot hold the shoots in Ulster.
HH – there are only so many FITASC shooters in NI, cannot have shoots doubling up and decimating our shoots.
PC – having a FITASC Licence means he can run FITASC shoots all through the year.
MH – If a ground wants a licence, it is not for us to determine who they are holding the shoot for nor can we tell them they cannot hold a shoot.
PC – If he holds a shoot for one country then presumably the levies will go to that country.
NJW – FITASC HQ will not get involved.
MC – the two Irish associations and Declan need to get together and sort it out, we cannot rule either way, especially if FITASC Paris would not get involved.
HH – the concern is that Declan is running shoots against Ulster FITASC shoots.
NAH – need to be careful about giving a licence to a club in a country who might be working against the NGB of that country. Sovereignty issue.

EB – Scotland – all selection shoots run under SCTA with all levies going to SCTA. If a ground wants a separate licence for say a winter series, then they would not have a problem with that.

MH spoke to Declan a while back. He said not many shoots in NI so he would like to put more on for people. It is difficult for us to deny a commercial ground putting on more events.

HH – they are appealing all the time for more FITASC Shoots, cannot get enough shoots on their calendar.

NJW felt the way forward would be for us to hold off on the licences until all three parties (NI, Eire, and Declan) had spoken and come back to us.

HH will take it back to his Board.

2305.8 Change of Registered Office

We have been asked to change from the CPSA office.

Two options:

1 – MC has researched Companies that will act as host for RO. Cost approx. £40, £80 if forward mail.

2 – NJW would be happy for the Pub address to be used.

MDR pointed out any change would involve a fair amount of work as all paperwork etc would have to be changed. It is not going to happen quickly.

2305.9 AOB

(a) NAH – Are 2024 selection shoots going to be registered or closed? FSP and Compak will be registered. CPSA needs to be informed.

(b) NAH – Brook Bank FSP shoot – originally Somerset, had to be moved. When being set up, realised had to make it 20 bird layouts. We only piggy backed that shoot.

(MC & NJW left meeting. TB took the chair. Hosting transferred to TB, then to AL.)

MH – Mount Farm have issues with time. In respect of our ruling, presentation of the targets (60 x 1 & 20 x 2) is the critical part of selection. NAH asked for PC's view bearing in mind what we had previously voted on at his request. PC said he stands by it but if there are exceptional circumstances then he does not have a problem.

MH – there are 8 FSP shoots in 2024. Only the first one will be run on 20 birds due to restrictions on the ground. The remaining seven will have 25 bird layouts.

The four marked # are championship shoots which we are hosting.

EJ Churchill is contributing £5 per entry as opposed to the normal £1.

(c) EB – BICTSF Membership showing 2023, not 2024. CB needs to alter it.

(d) AL – OSK medals need to go to him not Doveridge.

2305.10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 17.30 hours. To be followed by the AGM at 19.30 hours and the usual post AGM meeting. All via zoom.

Meeting Closed: 20.26 hours.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: