

British International Clay Target Shooting Federation Ltd

**MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION'S BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MEETING 2403**

Held via Zoom

Date: 10th September 2024

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 A Lea (AL)
Mr P Tudge (PT)

Helice

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)
Mr T Wilson (TW)

Wales
Mr R Harrison (RH)

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

In Attendance: Mr I Parker (IP)

Meeting Opened: 18.33 hours.

2403.1 Opening Remarks

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

2403.2 Apologies for Absence

Chris Potter – proxy given to Donovan Jenkin
Mike Bennett – proxy given to TB
Donovan Jenkin – both proxies given to NJW
John McIntyre
Dave Collins

2403.3 Minutes of 4th June 2024 Meeting 2402

(a) Ratification

Proposed: TB; Seconded: MH – Agreed

(b) Matters Arising & Actions

None

2403.4 Treasurers Report - CB

Accounts up to 31st August 2024 had been sent out.
Park Lodge have agreed to pay levies for last couple of years.
Debtors List – decisions need to be made – Redricks no longer exists. MH will chase Kegworth. Purbeck April 2023 should be written off.
All Garlands refunds have been done.
NA queried extra expenses for trophies on the Compak account. The extra trophy had been donated.
NA queried ground licence income of £137.50 – CB confirmed that income from some ground licences are split between disciplines.

2403.5 Review of Policy Documents

CB will go through them and allocate to the relevant people for review.

2403.6 Unloading Guns between Pegs/Stations for UT Competitions - TB

ISSF introduced this rule for OT. BS say it is not to do with safety, more presentational for people with safety concerns who are watching TV.
The CPSA have introduced this rule for ABT & DTL.
TB said it makes sense to bring all disciplines into line.
Proposal: Implement this rule from 1st October 2024.
Proposed: TB; Seconded: PC – Agreed.

2403.7 FITASC Communique re Super Sporting – NJW

Everyone had been copied into the communique from FITASC Paris – sanctions maybe imposed on any referee, course setter and possibly shooters who participate in Super Sporting.
NJW read out a statement he had prepared (copy attached) which included a proposal from him.
EB had sent a letter to the CPSA along similar lines. She spoke to JF Palinkas (JFP) and was asked to put forward her views which she has done.
NJW – if his proposal is adopted then the problem goes away.
IP asked for the proposal to be sent to him so he could take it back to the CPSA Board.
IP – FITASC alleges super sporting is an illegal copy of FITASC Sporting, he queried what law/documents it refers to.
NJW – Possibly French law.
IP – FITASC cannot own clay shooting.
PJC – registration of trademark/patents etc dates from the FEDECAT episode. Rules were passed by the General Assembly in 2015 and believes these are recognised under French law.

PJC will speak to JFP tomorrow and come back to the Board.

PJC had spoken to John Bidwell who confirmed that it was never meant to be the same as FSP, just an alternate to English Sporting.

PJC – shooters sanctions are still possible, to be decided later by Management Committee. He felt that FITASC have made a mistake here and will tell JFP this.

MH – he struggles with the decision made by FITASC; it needs to be made clear what the is the actual problem that FITASC have with Super Sporting. Nothing can be done until this is known.

PJC believes the problem lies with the format of doubles and singles on the stands. John Bidwell felt that the introduction of singles would lead to a conflict with FITASC, and he never intended this.

MH – the NSCA have been shooting it longer than us, why is the problem arising now? RH raised the same point.

IP has done searches for Trademarks/Patents etc and has only found the registration for FITASC and their badge. This is a NSCA invention, Bidwell saw it and brought it over here with a twist.

IP has spoken with the NSCA who are happy for shoots to be run including it being in cages not hoops. There are at least 5/6 huge differences to FSP.

If FITASC feel someone is passing off the discipline, then they may have a case.

The format of Super Sporting is totally different to FSP, it is close to English Sporting.

NJW believes the problem lies with international competitions.

MH – there is a shoot in Dubai in February 2025 being run by two English shooters. It is going to be a big event. FITASC cannot stop it so have issued these threats and have worded it so it relates to international referees and course setters.

IP – the CPSA will clarify the situation by the end of the week. Dubai is not a registered shoot. It is a big money shoot to promote clay shooting.

IP will talk to JFP and point out that the CPSA help FITASC in the UK.

PJC – he would like to talk to IP before he speaks to JFP.

IP is due to speak to JFP tomorrow, he feels that it is a very narrow-minded attack on the sport.

NJW – social media has inflamed the situation.

PJC – the only sanctions can be to prevent people taking part in FITASC World and European Championships. He wonders if there is to be a World Championship in Super Sporting.

TB – some years ago Mike Faux asked the CPSA if they had a problem with him running the World ABT Championship, they did not.

MC queried whether anyone had pointed out the differences to JFP.

PJC believes the Board have been advised of them. It is possibly better if he speaks to IP after he has spoken to JFP.

IP – the shooting fraternity will never confuse FSP with Super Sporting.

EB – it is like being a copy, shoot singles then doubles, the difference is in Super Sporting, the singles and doubles are shot whilst in the stand whereas with FSP you come out between the singles and doubles.

MH – until we know what their problem is we cannot address it. We need to think how to protect the British shooters/referees.

IP & NSCA have got to do the same for all those that want to run/shoot/referee Super Sporting, we are being attacked, what is next?

The path forward is that IP will talk to JFP, then PJC. PJC will then talk to

JFP. Wait to see what progress can be made over the next few days.
IP plans to issue a statement by the end of the week after seeing how tomorrow's calls go, meeting with NCSA and CPSA Board.
MH – BICTSF will need to make a statement as well.
NJW will hold off doing anything until he has spoken to IP.
MH – if FITASC'S problem is with the Dubai shoot, would it be worth altering the format slightly, so the problem goes away.
IP – why should we have to do this? Will not back down for no reason.
NJW – we need to await the outcome of the next few meetings.

2403.8 AOB

AL – OSK have their BGP this weekend. He would like to express their thanks to those who have supported them, namely CJP & Doveridge SG.

2403.9 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 18.30 hours via zoom.

Meeting Closed: 19.52 hours.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: