

SCOTTISH CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
SUNDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2008
AT CLUNY CLAYS

Present: Walter Elliot, Chairman -
Julian Cordery, Treasurer
Tony Lithgow – Items 315 c onwards
Iain Dawson,
Ian Mann
Iain MacGregor
Jim Scott
Paul Nelson
Janice Clerk, Administrator – Items 325 onwards
Jacqui Dunlop, Minute Secretary

310. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Walter Elliot thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

311. ATTENDANCE

Paul Nelson, the new Skeet representative was welcomed to the meeting.

312. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Walter Martin. John Scott had sent his apologies and had resigned with immediate effect.

313. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13 JANUARY 2008

It was proposed by Iain MacGregor and seconded by Jim Scott the minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2008 were a true record.

314. MATTERS ARISING/ACTION REPORTS

- a. Discipline Representatives Role – Ian Mann has sent Tony Lithgow a copy of a report he had compiled on the role. It was felt that the Events Administrator's role should be looked at in conjunction with the Discipline Representative role. IM to circulate the summary of the DR's role to the Board for consideration at the next meeting. It was agreed that although the Event Administrator would be running the events the overall responsibility for the events would lie with the individual Discipline Representative, as it does at the moment.
- b. Ground Inspections – It was reported that Auchterhouse still needs to be inspected. It was agreed that all grounds that will be staging championships will be checked. It was also agreed that any ground which has a new layout would be checked before a registered shoot takes place, if possible. It is hoped to get the necessary inspections carried out as soon as possible.

- c. Team Kit Suppliers – Ian Mann had been in contact with the suppliers and had received the undernoted quote for Castellani jackets

Mesh Jackets - £68

Solid Jackets - £60

It was agreed that the style would be navy blue, with black leather or suede. It would have Scotland embroidered on the back and the shooter's name above the pocket - this will be an additional cost of approximately £5.

It was agreed that new caps would continue to receive £30 contribution to their jackets.

Team members would be given a badge to wear which would be different from the SCTA badge when they were selected to the Scottish team. Other members of the SCTA could purchase the jackets but would not have the "Team Member" badge. This would differentiate the team members.

The set up costs for the two badges would be a maximum of £80 each and it was agreed to proceed on that basis. IM

Polo shirts could also be provided at a cost of £10.50 as this was cheaper than the current suppliers it was agreed that Ian Mann would speak to the supplier and ask them to charge £15 per polo shirt with a contribution given back to the SCTA at the end of the year. IM

It was agreed that the Board would look at the catalogue and decide on what other kit could be supplied, ie waterproofs. Ian Mann confirmed that the company could supply individual orders.

It was agreed that team members could still continue to wear old jackets and that it would not be compulsory to purchase the new jackets.

It was agreed that Olympic Skeet Team Members would still be permitted to wear the pale blue jackets.

It was agreed that if a sponsor wished to sponsor kit it would have to come from the SCTA list.

Thanks were expressed to Ian Mann for his work in organising the team kit.

- d. Board Members – Ian Mann had circulated RWF's proposals and had not received a response. It was agreed that this would wait until the new Board was appointed and be discussed at the next meeting. All

315. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Julian Cordery reported that the Auditor had no issues with the accounts and these can now be signed off by the Chairman and Treasurer. The abbreviated accounts and summary have been sent to the membership with the notice of the AGM. JC/WE
- b. Membership – It was noted that at 25 February 2008 there are 1,021 members with 13 honorary members. This is down slightly but the Treasurer noted that some people up to the

end of April. A few people had joined using credit cards and this was easy to deal with. There are 496 members who join by direct debit.

- c. There is £160,000 in the bank currently but this will be depleted when the funding of teams has to start.
- d. The 6 shooters who were banned have rejoined this year.
- e. There was a discussion on the implications of entering a Scottish Shoot with an English number and vice versa. It was noted that the higher classification of the two is the one to count. It was noted that the CPSA have changed the classification cut-offs and the SCTA have not been notified of this. It was agreed that Iain Mann and Tony Lithgow would raise classifications at the next ICTSC/F meeting in March to try and get uniformity into the system. TL/IM
- f. Insurance – Julian Cordery reported that he is confident that coaches are covered under the policy but he will get confirmation of this and email it round the board. (*Action Julian Cordery*) JC

316 PLANNING

- a. Administrator – The sub-committee noted that they had met with Janice Clerk and agreed that she would be a great asset to the Board if they approved her appointment. Julian Cordery noted that the Inland Revenue would prefer people who are self-employed and only have one client to be employed by the client. It was agreed that the Administrator would therefore be employed by the Scottish Clay Target Association and that the cost of her employment would increase to £11,200 to take this change (Employer's NI) into account.

The Board agreed to employ Janice Clerk and a contract would be drawn up. The position would be probationary for six months. It was agreed that Janice would join the meeting to see if she had anything she would like to ask the Board and at this point Iain MacGregor would be asked to leave.

JC

- b. Valley Tech – they have supplied a PDF and powerpoint presentation and Julian Cordery agreed to email this around the Board. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with them to discuss the implementation and answer any questions the Board may have. Julian Cordery agreed to arrange the meeting.

317. MEMBERSHIP PACKS – this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

318. HOME INTERNATIONALS

It was reported that invitations for both the Olympic Skeet and Sporting have been issued.

Iain MacGregor noted that – as a trial for **2009** - the International Council have changed the make up of the Olympic Skeet and Trap teams to 9 seniors (with 5 to count) plus one lady, one junior and one veteran (55+) which may allow more countries to compete.

319. DTL HOME INTERNATIONAL

It was noted that David Gillies had contacted Ian Dawson who had circulated his email. It

was noted that the SCTA do not get involved with capital expenditure so if the ground cannot do the package they should not tender for the Home International.

320. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Coaching Sub-Committee reported that the response from members on the courses offered has been poor so what is being offered will be looked at. Julian Cordery has contacted Peter Croft and arranged dates that he is available for coaching and these will go on the website once they have been checked for clashes.

The Coaching Sub-Committee agreed to come back to the Board with amended STSF Selection criteria.

320a Safety/Referees Courses – this had been advertised but there were only two responses. Ian Dawson agreed to include an article in the next Bulletin. Iain MacGregor noted that Auchterhouse were struggling for referees for the first sporting shoot of the season and there were concerns regarding the refereeing of the Internationals.

321. TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

Walter Elliot had revised and circulated these to the Board and they are now on the website.

322. SKEET REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Nelson's resume had been sent round the Board and his appointment will be confirmed at the AGM. Tony Lithgow and Ian Dawson's appointments are also to be confirmed at the AGM.

323. DIRECTORS

Julian Cordery will arrange for the necessary forms to be signed for the new Directors and the resignations of Walter Elliot and Walter Martin.

324. COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014

Tony Lithgow reported that he has been involved with discussions regarding the location of the Clay Target Shooting for the Games. Don O'Driscoll has intimated he would be willing to host the event and has involved with his MSP. It was felt that it was incumbent upon the SCTA to make sure there was a legacy for the sport following the games. It was noted that the Commonwealth Games Board had not yet been appointed and further discussions would take place when this happened.

325. ADMINISTRATOR

Janice Clerk joined the meeting and Iain MacGregor left for Item 325. Janice felt that she would be in a better position to ask questions at the next meeting after the handover from Ricky Wright had taken place and she had a better understanding of what was involved in the role.

She confirmed that she would be happy to become an employee of the SCTA as long as the job description had not changed. She confirmed that she could start with immediate effect.

When the PO Box was set up notification would be included on the Bulletin . It was agreed that the phone would be answered 9.00 – 5.00 pm but she would not be expected to take calls in the evening.

326. AOCB

- a. Letter of Resignation – Walter Elliot noted that John Scott had resigned with immediate effect. Walter had written to him to thank him for his time on the Board.
- b. World Sporting Championships- It was agreed that the SCTA would pay for the team entry with individuals having to pay their own entry fees. It was confirmed that this is the Association’s policy for World Championships for all regulated disciplines.
- c. Team Skeet Vests- An email had been received from Shirley Bruce as she had not been able to get skeet vests for two shooters in the sporting team. It was noted that the new vests would shortly be available and that the subsidy of £30 would still be available.
- d. Keep Cups – Tony Lithgow reported that David Gillies would be bringing them to the AGM and that they could be presented at the AGM. Action AWL
- e. Team Captains – Tony Lithgow had received communication from Shona Marshall regarding the OT team captain selection. This is currently done on the basis of the best shooter and not on the number of years in the team. The Board noted the rationale for the best shooter being the captain in order that they can compete in the Captains’ Cup and it was agreed that selection would remain on that basis.
- f. BICTSF- Iain MacGregor noted that there is a proposal that each Home Nation pay £500 to this body and this was agreed in principle.

Iain MacGregor noted that Peter Croft had been voted off the BICTSF Board as Olympic Trap representative. He is, however, still nominated at the SCTA’s deputy representative on the Board.
- g. Radar Gun – due to funding from the STSF Iain MacGregor has purchased a radar gun and it was agreed that this would be used to set targets and publicised. The appropriate speed measurements for each discipline to be calculated/agreed and published on the web site as well as circulated to the grounds.
- h. Anonymous Correspondence – Julian Cordery had received two anonymous letters. It was agreed that the Board does not accept letters which are not signed or dealing with unnamed people and it was agreed that this would go on the website.
- i. AGM- the format for the AGM was gone through.
- j. Walter Elliot thanked the members of the Board for their forbearance and wished them every success for the future.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks for the Chairman.