



Scottish Target Shooting
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Annual General Meeting of Scottish Target Shooting

Date: Saturday 28th April 2018, 3.00pm

Venue: Caledonia House, 1 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ

ATTENDANCE

Angus Loudon, Chair (Director)
Oliver Barsby, Company Secretary, COO (Director)
Ian Thomson, Sport Vice Chair, Smallbore (Director)
Mike Barlow, Business Vice Chair, Fullbore (Director)
John Kemp, Coaching & Pathways Director (Director)
Tim Kidner, Fullbore AMG Chair (Director)
Martin Sinclair, Smallbore AMG Chair (Director)
Tim Liddon, Pistol & Gallery Rifle AMG Chair (Director)
Keith Shields, Clay AMG Chair (Director)
Graham Ellis, Air Pistol & Air Rifle AMG Chair (Director)
Mike Baillie-Hamilton, Fullbore
Charles Bestwick, Gallery Rifle
Lara Bestwick, Gallery Rifle
Christopher Chapman, Smallbore
Derek Greenwood, Smallbore
William Hamilton, Pistol
Hugh Hunter, Pistol
Mark Joyce, Pistol
Kirsty Liddon, Pistol

Morag Liddon, Pistol
Colin McEachran, Fullbore
Bruce McIntosh, Smallbore
Jim McIntosh, Smallbore
Nicholas Pye, Pistol
Greg Rastall, Gallery Rifle
Don Robertson, Pistol
Sheena Sharp, Smallbore
Alan Thomson, Air Pistol and Air Rifle
Robert Thomson, Smallbore
Janis Thomson, Pistol
Gavin Walker, Smallbore
Cumberland News Rifle Club
Watsonian Rifle Club
Aberdeen Full Bore Gun Club
Huntly Small-Bore Rifle Club
Dunfermline Small-Bore Rifle Club
Dechmont Air Rifle and Pistol Club
Balerno and Currie Rifle Club

ALSO ATTENDING

Office Manager
Office Manager
Jacqui Dunlop (JD)
Frances Lochtie (FL)

1. WELCOME BY STS CHAIR

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were intimated on behalf of:

Amanda Cobb, Finance Director (Director)
Cait McLaughlin, Communications & Marketing (Director)
Gareth McKenna, Performance & Pathways (Director)
Lindsay MacKenzie, Partnership Manager (sportscotland)
Crawford Alexander
Allan Alstead
Calum Fraser
Colin Gall
Stephen Gemmell
Glenn Gordon
David Grocott
Ann Hamilton
Dennis Hardie
John Henderson
Fiona Knape
Katie Knowles

Thomas McGregor
Davie McKenzie
Isobel McTaggart
Bruce Melvin
John Mercer
Sharon Niven
Scott Norval
Alice Ogilvie
Robert Osborn
Dave Parkinson

ACTIONS

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Victor Beaumont
Alexander Bestwick
Rebecca Bestwick
Sinclair Bruce
Beverley Burnside
Allan Campbell-Smith
Drew Christie
Nichola Coggle
John Crouch
Miao Cruickshank
Kerstin Dodd
Kyla Dodd
Graeme Dodds
Michael Drever

Leslie Kong
Jessica Liddon
Philip Lucey
Scott Lyon
Kenneth MacDonald
Ross MacDonald
Iain MacGregor
John Mackay
Richard Macmillan
Ronald Male
Kathleen Male
Walter Martin
William McAulay
Hamish McDonald

James Paterson
David Rees
Peter Richard
Emily Robertson
Lauren Robson
Stuart Russell
Richard Simpson
Hugh Simpson
John Smith
Jackie Smith
David Strachan
Robert Tonner
Henry Watson
Graham Webster

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM

a) APPROVAL

It was proposed by Colin McEachran and seconded by Tim Kidner that the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were a true record.

b) MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2017 AGM Minutes that would not be covered on the agenda.

4. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

a) PRESENTATION OF REPORT

The Chair's Annual Report (See Appendix A) was summarised verbally by the Chair, stating that the written report would and the Chair's Report from the 2018 Commonwealth Games (See Appendix B) would be circulated to the membership with the draft 2018 AGM Minutes.

b) ADOPTION OF REPORT

Approval of the Chair's report was proposed by Mike Barlow and seconded by Tim Liddon.

5. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

a) PRESENTATION OF REPORT

The Secretary's Annual Report (See Appendix C) was summarised verbally by the Secretary, stating that the full written report would be circulated to the membership with the draft 2018 AGM Minutes.

b) ADOPTION OF REPORT

Approval of the Chair's report was proposed by Mike Barlow and seconded by Colin McEachran.

6. PRESENTATION OF COMPANY'S ACCOUNTS

a) PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

OB presented the accounts in the absence of the Financial Director. OB reported that at the last AGM approval was given to appoint Tax IQ to inspect the Accounts. However, there had been difficulty with getting a response from the Company and Facts and Figures were appointed to ensure accounts could be tabled at the AGM and submitted to Companies House. OB confirmed that the costs for Fact and

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Figures was competitive with Tax IQ and as such did not cost the Company significantly more money. OB explained this to the membership to ensure transparency.

The Smallbore, Fullbore and Pistol AMGs are all processing their events through STS and are running well financially. The Pistol AMG also made a purchase of ten electronic targets at a cost of roughly £24,000. This has been taken out of the reserves built up by the AMG and inherited from the SPA and therefore it does not impact on STS reserves.

OB explained to the membership that the central STS body is losing money, something that is not apparent from the accounts due to the fact the AMGs are in profit. OB stressed the points raised in the Chair and Secretary's reports that to address this it is important that the membership figures increase to ensure the sustainability of the organisation.

It was noted that the Accounts do not need approved by the AMG, however if they will be circulated to Members and any questions on them should be directed to OB.

OB noted that currently STS receives investment from **sportscotland** of £75,000 and this figure will remain the same for 2018/19, with performance investment to be confirmed shortly. OB commented that this was a positive reflection on the work carried out by STS when, in the current financial climate, other sports are having their funding cut, so it is a positive endorsement of STS by **sportscotland**.

7. RESOLUTIONS

OB confirmed the requirements for resolutions as stipulated by the Articles explaining that an Ordinary Resolution requires a simple majority of eligible votes cast at the meeting, either in person or by proxy and a Special Resolution requires three quarters or more of eligible votes cast at the meeting, either in person or by proxy.

a) ORDINARY RESOLUTION 1: CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2019

It was proposed that Scottish Target Shooting's Membership Fees for 2019 will be:

Category	Change	Category	Change
£10 Essential	No Change	£5 Essential (Student)	No Change
£30 Dual	No Change	£15 Dual (Student)	+£5
£50 Enhanced	+£5	£25 Enhanced (Student)	+£5
£70 Complete	+£5	£35 Complete (Student)	+£5
£30 Club	No Change	£150 Club Plus	No Change

Combing the votes in the room with the proxy votes received, there were 74 votes in favour, 11 against and 9 abstentions. The 2019 Membership Fees were duly **APPROVED**. It was confirmed these would not be applied until the 2019 affiliation/renewal period.

b) ORDINARY RESOLUTION 2: APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANTS TO REVIEW 2018 ACCOUNTS

It was proposed that Scottish Target Shooting appoint Facts and Figures to review the Company's accounts for 2018.

Combing the votes in the room with the proxy votes received, there were 88 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 5 abstentions. To review the 2018 Accounts, Facts and Figures were duly **APPROVED**.

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c) SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**AMENDMENT 1**

Detailing recognised Association Management Groups. New Clause 28.5 (and renumbering of subsequent Clauses in Article 28) as undernoted:

The Association Management Groups recognised by the Board and membership of Scottish Target Shooting shall be:

- a) Air Pistol and Air Rifle
- b) Clay Target
- c) Fullbore Rifle
- d) Gallery Rifle
- e) Target Pistol
- f) Smallbore Rifle

Combing the votes in the room with the proxy votes received, there were 90 votes in favour, no votes against and 4 abstentions. The amendments to the Articles as outlined in Amendment 1 were therefore **APPROVED**.

AMENDMENT 2

Correct omissions from 2017 AGM updates to the Articles of Association enabling Junior Members to have the same privileges within the Articles as other individual Members. Clauses affected are 2.1; 32.1; 35.2; and 48.1.

Combing the votes in the room with the proxy votes received, there were 81 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 12 abstentions. The amendments to the Articles as outlined in Amendment 2 were therefore **APPROVED**.

The Articles would be updating accordingly.

8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There were no positions due for election at the AGM. The Chair reported the Board had approved the appointment of the undernoted Directors for a period of three years, noting that these were Board appointed roles:

- Cait McLaughlin – Communications & Marketing Director
- Gareth McKenna – Performance & Pathways Director (Re-Appointed)
- John Kemp – Coaching & Officials Director (Re-Appointed)

9. BOB AITKEN AWARD PRESENTATION

Nominations had been sought from the Membership for the Bob Aitken Service to Target Shooting Award and the Sports Development Group had had acted as the Selection Panel to select the 2018 recipient. The 2018 recipient was Donald McIntosh and it was agreed that as he was not able to be at the AGM, a suitable occasion to present the Award would be found. The Chair provided a brief summary regarding Bob and Donald (Appendix D).

10. VOTE OF THANKS AND CLOSE

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 1600.

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After formally closing the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Company, the Chair then asked the membership if they had any points to raise.

POINTS RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

a) AMGs

Charles Bestwick asked if a club was multi-disciplinary could they have a vote at the AGM on more than discipline. OB noted that in a club capacity this was not possible, however for individuals it was possible as there was a coaching dispensation if a member held coaching qualifications in more than one discipline. However, there was nothing to stop a Club having involvement with more than AGM. The Chair noted that this was something which would be discussed at the Board Away Day on 19 May.

b) GALLERY RIFLE

Charles Bestwick noted that Scottish Gallery Rifle Team won the National Championships in 2017. The Chair agreed to add this to the Annual Report.

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Appendix A: Chair's AGM Report

On the back of feedback from members and to better fit into the programme of members, this year's Annual General Meeting of Scottish Target Shooting (STS), the third since the body started, has been moved back to April to better fit into the competition schedule of our members. Despite this being our third AGM, 2017 was our first full year in operation as a Governing Body, a fact which is easy to lose sight of but that does not mean our Board and members should not and do not hold the body, rightfully, up to the highest standards and have the same expectations of governing bodies that have been in place for much longer.

Our relationship with Police Scotland, as evidenced by the session held last year and earlier today, is an extremely positive one. One of the rationale's behind forming STS was to better represent and engage the target shooting community with Police Scotland. I strongly believe this has been achieved and we are now in regular dialogue with numerous bodies involved in shooting from the Gun Trade Association (GTA), Scottish Association of Country Sports (SACS), British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) as well as Police Scotland and the Scottish Government resulting in not just the target shooting being united but the wider shooting community in Scotland being joined up. This has been a body driven by STS in its creation and now means Scotland is well ahead of its counterparts down south in many aspects of partnership working and the effective implementation of firearms legislation.

On the note of Police Scotland, this year STS was included in a consultation being run by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) into Firearms Licensing and responded on behalf of our members through a direct meeting as well as passing on comments that came in from members. One of the underlining comments was the positive feedback on the process in Scotland and improved engagement after an initial dip following the formation of single policing unit in Scotland. The second comment was a thread across STS and our members thinking was the role clubs can provide in helping to police individuals in the sport and recognising concerns at an early stage. It is in all our interests to prevent individuals damaging the reputation of the sport in Scotland and clubs are ready to help the police – STS responded that clubs could be better utilised for helping in local communities.

On the international stage, our performance athletes and teams have once again been exceptional. At the European Championships in Baku in the summer of 2017 Jennifer and Seonaid McIntosh came away with three Gold medals between them with Jennifer winning Gold in the Prone, Seonaid in the 3P and then teaming up with a third athlete from England to win the team competition. In the shotgun disciplines, Scottish athletes Allan Ritchie and Mike Drever were selected to represent Great Britain at the first Para Trap World Cup in Lonato Italy in 2017. Allan has since gone on to have a great season and only last month, he and an Australian athlete set a new joint world record qualification score in Para-Trap of 110/125. There were also some great results achieved by David McMath at the World Championships and Sharon Niven at events in Cyprus and Serbia. In Pistol, Aedan Evans has had an incredible 12 months, rising through the ranks and competing at the World Junior Championships where he finished 7th. The season has also seen some great results for Jess Liddon who is building a wealth of international experience. At the Commonwealth Championships held out in Brisbane in November, Scotland came back with four medals, including a Gold medal for Jennifer McIntosh and Silver for Seonaid in the 50m Prone and a Gold for Seonaid in the 50m 3P event, while the pairing of Sandy Walker and Ian Shaw came away with a Bronze in the full-bore pairs competition. This was to set the scene for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, held in the Gold Coast, with the shooting element of the competition taking place at the Belmont Shooting Centre. Supported at the games by Donald McIntosh as Team Coach, Lindsay Peden as full-bore coach and Marco Micheli as the shotgun coach, Scotland sent a team of thirteen athletes. It was my privilege to be at the Games to represent STS and witness Scotland achieve six medals with a Gold for David McMath (Double Trap), Silver for Neil Stirton (50m Prone) and Bronze medals for Seonaid McIntosh (50m Prone and 50m 3P), Linda Pearson (Double Trap) and the pairing of Sandy Walker and Ian Shaw (Queens Prize Pairs), surpassing our pre-Games target of five medals.

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However, performance sport is not without its challenges. As many of you will be aware, shooting is not currently in the proposed programme for the 2022 Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham. The failure to include shooting has an impact across the whole sport, from grassroots to elite and across all disciplines, as Scotland's involvement impacts on both the investment made in the sport and removes one of the few opportunities it gets to be showcased to a wider sporting audience and therefore promote participation. The Board has been working with our partners at Commonwealth Games Scotland, as well as our fellow commonwealth nations and the ISSF to push for the inclusion of shooting in Birmingham and we will continue this fight over the next twelve months.

Additionally, we have been in discussions with **sportscotland** regarding the process of transitioning the performance programme to STS. The decision regarding the Commonwealth Games in 2022 has been a catalyst for this and the short timescales for reintegrating the programme have been challenging but it is a positive recognition of the position STS is now in and this has been recognised by **sportscotland**. This process continues to require significant resources but ultimately it presents a great opportunity for STS to directly manage the programme and positively influence the development of the sport, not just at the high performance level but reevaluating how we support and identify athletes further down the pathway showing ability in the sport.

Our relationship with British Shooting has also developed positively and over the past twelve months we have seen increased engagement and interaction with several meetings taking place between the two organisations, in part bonded by the common goal of keeping shooting in the Commonwealth Games, but also as our goals for developing the sport align and they recognise the work we are doing in Scotland. We will continue to push British Shooting on the matter of improving the distribution of events to the north of England and Scotland so Scots can access the same opportunities as those in the South of England. However, events such as the British Schools Pistol Championships have started a positive trend of STS delivering British Shooting events in Scotland and we hope this can be expanded to other events and disciplines.

We will continue to work with our partner at Commonwealth Games Scotland to lobby for the inclusion of shooting in 2022 and all future Games because of the important role the sport plays, not just for Scotland but for the Games as a whole. I have been buoyed by my experience in the Gold Coast and all Commonwealth Nations will be working with their CGAs to influence a change and I am pleased to say that Scotland is one of the leading bodies in this movement.

STS continues to work closely with our key partner, **sportscotland**. Away from performance matters, this year has seen a change in our Partnership Manager with Gemma Fay leaving to go to Scottish Rugby. We thank Gemma for all she has done for the sport over her four years with us and we welcome Lindsay MacKenzie as our new Partnership Manager. Lindsay will be working with us through this critical time of transitioning the performance programme and more broadly, planning our next four years (and beyond) as we look to present our plan for 2019-23 to **sportscotland** in October this year. However, for the next twelve months, I am pleased to say our investment has remained at £75,000 which is a positive reflection on the work we are doing at a time when many sports are facing cuts due to financial pressures put on **sportscotland** by the Scottish Government.

A key area that has not progressed as I would have liked is the National Shooting Centre. Over the past year **sportscotland**, the preferred bidder and our selves have met on numerous occasions but we have hit a stumbling block with regards the indoor 50m range. We are continuing to work with our partners to find a solution but with the closure of Meadowbank, this issue is now critical, especially if Scotland is to continue the success mentioned earlier. I am disappointed not to have a more positive report on this area but we are putting all our efforts into finding a solution and ensuring we are not committing ourselves and our members to anything we should not.

I would like to stress that while the majority of my report has focused on performance sport, STS is and remains to be a body with an equal focus on grassroots shooting. Our Company Secretary will cover more of the domestic achievements and developments in his report but it is important to confirm the Board's commitment to supporting Scotland's clubs and grassroots shooters. The partnerships we have forged with **sportscotland**, Police Scotland and Scottish Government and other bodies involved in shooting in Scotland and across the UK are all crucial in keeping STS members central in any debates relating to

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shooting. As mentioned, Scotland’s involvement in the Commonwealth Games does not just impact on the performance end of the sport but is a crucial shop window for the sport to sell itself to the public and increase interest and participation. The Board has and will continue to look at new and innovative ways it can support existing members and appeal to new ones. The current membership numbers are undoubtedly a concern to the Board and if we are to really widen the services we can offer and get further engagement with partners then we need to greatly increase this number. The Board will continue to look at ways of doing this but we also welcome feedback and ideas from the membership.

Finally, we will also cover this later on in today’s AGM agenda, but I am pleased to say the Board is once again at full strength. At the last AGM the Shotgun AMG Chair Iain MacGregor was replaced by Keith Shields following a closely fought election. Our Communications & Marketing Director, Paul McFarlane, stood down at the end of last year but I am pleased to say we have found an excellent replacement in Cait McLaughlin who started with us at the beginning of the month and we hope to see an improvement in our communications over the next six months as a result. I am also pleased to say that in February the Board also approved the reappointment of John Kemp as our Coaching & Officials Director and Gareth McKenna as our Performance & Pathways Director after serving their initial first term of two years. With the changes and opportunities that face us over the coming few years, their experience and expertise will be vital. I would like to thank them for all their work to date and welcome their reappointment. I would also like to thank all my colleagues on the board, the staff and our members for their support and hard work over an extremely busy 2017. There are stern challenges ahead of us, not least trying to grow the membership, but with the people we have I know we are well placed to meet them head on.

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Appendix B: Chair's 2018 Commonwealth Games Gold Coast Report

In my capacity as Chair of Scottish Target Shooting, I attended the Commonwealth games on Gold Coast, Australia, over the period of my accreditation, being Tuesday 10 through to Sunday 15 April 2018.

My trip was partially funded by STS, as agreed by the Board, for accommodation and subsistence, with me funding my own travel to and from Australia. I was accommodated in the Mantra on View, in central Gold Coast, which had been designated 'Scotland House' and branded accordingly on the 2nd floor, with a dedicated space for CGS, and where the Commonwealth Games Scotland representatives (board members) were staying, along with some team family members. The athletes, coaches and support staff were all accommodated in the Athletes' Village on the north-east outskirts of Gold Coast which, by all accounts, was extremely well run, comfortable, and well-provisioned.

Shooting was conducted on the Belmont Range complex, in a suburb to the south east of Brisbane. This outstanding complex was perfect for every discipline, with a 1,000-yard fullbore range; a 50-firing point smallbore/pistol/air weapon qualification range, of an indoor/outdoor construction with a 10-lane 'Finals Hall', all with electronic scoring and with spectator seating; and a newly-constructed trap layout capable of taking 18 clay target shooters simultaneously, and again with plenty of spectator seating and electronic scoring. The whole site, which is of considerable size, was very well serviced by a shuttle bus system and a team of enthusiastic and very hospitable volunteers, or 'Games Shapers'.

The only slight disadvantage of the Belmont site was its distance from the Athletes' Village and 'Scotland House', but the journey time of about 1.5 hours compared very favourably with that between Glasgow and Barry Buddon in 2014, even if it did mean some rather early starts in the morning, and the transport system to and from the ranges for the athletes and myself was extremely reliable. Overall, the logistic arrangements seemed to be very smooth, and no athlete was, so far as I am aware, in any way disadvantaged by any aspect of the organization, meaning they could concentrate on their shooting.

I attended the ranges every day, Tuesday 10 through to Saturday 14 April, to support our shooters in their various events. These included:

- Men's 10m Air Pistol (Aedan Evans – DNQ for final)
- Women's 10m Air Pistol (Jess Liddon & Caroline Brownlie – Both DNQ for final)
- Women's 25m Pistol (Jess Liddon – DNQ for final)
- Men's 50m 3P (Neil Stirton – DNQ for final)
- Men's 50m Prone (Neil Stirton – Silver Medal)
- Women's 50m Prone (Jennifer & Seonaid McIntosh - Seonaid Bronze Medal, Jennifer 8th)
- Women's 50m 3P (Jennifer & Seonaid McIntosh – Seonaid Bronze medal, Jennifer 8th in final)
- Men's Double Trap (David McMath & Calum Fraser; David Gold Medal, Calum DNQ for final)
- Women's Double Trap (Linda Pearson – Bronze Medal)
- Women's Single Trap (Sharon Niven – 6th in final)
- Queen's Prize Pairs (Ian Shaw & Sandy Walker – Bronze Medal)
- Queen's Prize Individual (Ian Shaw 4th, Sandy Walker 10th)

I was delighted that Tim Kidner was chosen to be a judge in the fullbore event, and that Colin McEachran was able to pay a visit on Thursday 12 April. There were also a variety of family members out supporting the team, including Tim Liddon, Shirley McIntosh, David McMath's parents, and others. Support for Scotland's athletes was enthusiastic and appropriately vocal!

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Overall, the standard of shooting throughout the Games was of a very high standard in all disciplines, and the outstanding performance of our shooters, particularly those with little international or Games experience – has to be placed in this context. The team’s target of five medals was achieved and bettered, and represented some 14% of the total Scottish team aggregate, from a team that was only about 6% of the team’s total sporting strength, so a very good return. Donald McIntosh will be producing his own post-CG report, but I wish to place on record my thanks to him, Lindsey Peden (fullbore coach), Marco Micheli (shotgun coach) and all the other coaches and support staff, and all the athletes for an exceptional all-round performance. The team spirit was evident, and collegiate, turning up at each other’s events and finals, working for and supporting each other, regardless of their individual discipline. This was all most gratifying to witness.

I was very proud to be the Chair of STS at the Games, and everyone associated with shooting should be proud of what they achieved. It was a great privilege to witness the Saltire being raised half a dozen times at the awards ceremonies, and especially so to mark David McMath’s Gold medal.

The issue of shooting at Birmingham in 2022 was raised frequently, often by the athletes themselves when being interviewed by the media around medal ceremonies, but also in the margins, in my conversations with other CGA Chairs, national/territory shooting Chairs, Chefs de Mission, shooting officials, athletes and spectators. The overwhelming view was one of great disappointment at the situation, and a desire to do all that could be done to influence the inclusion of shooting in 2022.

The Chair of Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF), Harry Murphy (Gibraltar) convened a meeting on Friday 13 April, at which he shared a platform with Peter Underhill (England, but representing ISSF); the meeting had representatives of most of the participating shooting nations/territories, and the broad outcomes of this were:

- A unanimous desire to do everything feasible to ensure that shooting was included in CG 2022.
- An outline plan to ensure that shooting will be included in some form in 2022; the options are:
 - Full inclusion, using the range complex at Bisley as a satellite venue (as happened for Manchester 2002, Barry Buddon for Glasgow 2014 and Belmont for Gold Coast 2018).
 - Full inclusion, but at split sites in the Birmingham area (there are sufficient ranges, but the Queen’s prize may need to be modified to allow it to be shot at a slightly shorter range; ISSF are happy to consider such a modification).
 - Some form of Commonwealth Shooting Federation ‘event’ being run at Bisley or similar, parallel to the CG 2022. This was recognized as an inadequate substitute and would make it difficult to justify funding for high performance in the run-up to 2022, but it would at least keep shooting ‘alive’ looking towards 2026.

The meeting agreed that all Associations needed to lobby their own CGAs and, where appropriate, their CG Regional committees, while there was also a need to influence the Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee (yet to be established). The key to such lobbying would be:

- An ‘evidence based’ approach, focusing on the benefits that shooting brought to CG (e.g. inclusion of small nations/territories, medal chances – and proportion of medals for shooting – for that cohort of participants, historical use of Bisley in the past etc.).
- Well-mannered, logical argument, with no room for hysteria or hyperbole/bad manners.
- Common argumentation, supplemented by individual nation/territory issues.
- A coordinated approach.

In addition, some political lobbying should also be considered; for example, the Australian Sports Minister will be writing to the Secretary of State for DCM&A to lobby for shooting’s inclusion, and other national ministers may do likewise. Peter Underhill briefed that he had already written to Birmingham 2022 on behalf of British Shooting, and ISSF representatives have



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met with Louise Martin CBE and David Grevemberg CBE from the Commonwealth Games Federation to 'make the case'. The message is – the door is not yet closed.

In terms of timing, the key date to target is the CG General Assembly in October 2019 – the Birmingham Organising Committee is yet to form, and will most likely not do so until late summer 2018. The key is to have a motion brought to the General Assembly in October 2019 to have shooting re-included, having done all the necessary background work and lobbying in advance of that meeting.

I left CSF and all present at the meeting assured that STS was fully and unyieldingly behind all and every effort to ensure that shooting is re-included, not just as a sport in 2022 but also as a 'core sport' for the future. To this end I offered to share some of Oliver's data on countries' medal successes with other nations/territories to help them build their arguments, while Peter Underhill assured all present that ISSF was equally keen to do what it could to ensure the same outcome, even to the extent of looking to recognise Commonwealth Games scores as World Records where appropriate, and introduce a 'ranking system' for Commonwealth shooters, noting that this presented a number of unique challenges in the Commonwealth context, especially surrounding 'nationality'.

As Chair, I will work with the Board and COO, and all Disciplines, to ensure that we play our part, along with our Commonwealth and ISSF partners, to get shooting back in the Games. I believe that reasoned, balanced, evidence-based and coordinated argument is the way ahead, and stands a very good chance of success. We must try.

In conclusion, Gold Coast 2018 was a great success for Scottish shooting. We exceeded our medal tally target, and narrowly missed out on one, if not two, other medals that could have gone our way on another day. The team were just that, and not a group of individuals, while the coaches were of tremendous support to their athletes. The investment in shooting was fully justified, and Paul Bush of CGS commented on how pleased he was with the return on investment. This gives STS valuable leverage as we head towards the next four-year funding round in April 2019, and will also make it easier for CGS to give shooting its fullest possible support for inclusion in 2022.

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Appendix C: Secretary's AGM Report



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Appendix D: 2018 Bob Aitken Award Winner

About The Award

Following Bob Aitken’s death in October 2016, Scottish Target Shooting wanted to recognise the fantastic contribution which Bob made to the sport of Target Shooting in both Scotland and further afield. We have decided that a fitting celebration of Bob’s contribution to Target Shooting in Scotland would be to have an award in his name – the Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award – in recognition of people who have served the sport over a number of years, just as Bob did. We feel that this is a fitting way of remembering all Bob has done for our sport on a yearly basis and using this to also recognise the service of others. The first presentation of the award was made in 2017.

2018 Winner – Donald McIntosh

Donald McIntosh is a true great in the world of shooting, with medal success as an international competitor for Scotland and now a renowned coach of athletes involved at Commonwealth, World and Olympic level.

Donald has been involved in this sport for nearly 40 years taking up shooting in 1978 and becoming a prominent member of EU Rifle Club while at the University of Edinburgh, gaining a Half-Blue in 1986/87 and a Full Blue in 1987/88. In 1988 he won the British Universities’ 3P Individual Championship. He later helped to form the EU Alumni Rifle Club.

He won his first international cap in 1989 and went on to be capped 59 times in his competitive career, ranking him 7th in the all-time list of Scottish caps.

He represented Scotland at the Commonwealth Championships in 1997, 1999 and 2001 as well as the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002. At the Commonwealth Championships in 1999 and again in 2001, he was a Gold medallist in the 50m Rifle 3P Pairs event. He has also been the Scottish Champion in 10m Air Rifle, 50m 3P, and 50m Prone events. Donald was inducted into the Scottish Smallbore Rifle Hall of Fame in 2007 in recognition of his shooting performances. However, this is where Donald’s story starts rather than ends.

Following his competitive career, he began coaching in 2003 and is now a pre-eminent force in the success of Scottish and British shooting. Athletes with whom he has worked have won numerous medals at the European Championships, the U21 World Championships, World Cups, the Commonwealth Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

He was a coach for Team GB at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Team Manager for Scotland’s shooters at the Glasgow 2014 and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. He has also been the Shooting Performance Manager for twelve years and, over the course of the last three Commonwealth Games, has been responsible for nineteen medals for Scotland in shooting. There is no doubt that over the time Donald has been involved in the programme, athletes in the sport of shooting are now better funded and better supported than ever before, and it is largely thanks to all his hard work and dedication.

Donald has always seen his roles representing Scotland, whether as an athlete or behind the scenes, as a privilege and his desire to see Scotland medal on the world stage is not just driven by a professional desire to succeed, but a deep rooted pride and passion for his country.

However, clearly one of Donald (and his wife Shirley’s) greatest and proudest achievements are their daughters, Jennifer and Seonaid. They have followed Donald and Shirley into the sport and have been coached by Donald with great success. In 2014, Jennifer succeeded her mum Shirley as Scotland’s most decorated Commonwealth Games athlete with a total of 5 medals. Not to be left behind, Seonaid has followed suit and at the recent Games in the Gold Coast, she came home with two bronze medals



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to open her Commonwealth Games medal account. In 2017 they came home with three Gold medals between them from the 2017 European Championships in the 3P, Prone and Team Rifle competitions, a first for Scotland.

At the end of April, Donald is stepping down as the Performance Programme Manager having guided Scotland’s shooters through twelve incredible years and a further six medals at the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast. Shooting is in Donald’s blood and there is no doubt he will still be involved in the sport in some capacity but we felt this was a suitable time to recognise all Donald has done for the sport, both in Scotland and on the world stage by presenting him with the Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award in 2018.



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