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**Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Irish Clay Target Shooting Association which took place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Conference Center, Sport Ireland HQ.**

### In Attendance

*Acting Hon. Chairman Matthew Sheedy, Hon. Treasurer Nigel Sylvester, Hon. Secretary Nicola Elder, Provincial Directors Gerry Lawless, Malcolm Graham, and Mark McCourt.*

*There was a total of 19 members in attendance which constituted a quorum.*

### Welcome by the Chairman

*The Chairman, Matthew Sheedy welcomed everyone to the meeting, and he pointed out the fire exits. He asked everyone to stand for a minute's silence to remember members who had passed away during the year. He then established that there was a quorum present so that the meeting could go ahead.*

### Apologies

*Apologies were sent from Nigel Dowdall, Oliver Gough, Gerald Gough, and Gary Foy.*

### Minutes from the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

*A hardcopy of the minutes from the 87<sup>th</sup> AGM was available to all members at the meeting.*

*The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Gary Cunningham (C11230) and seconded by Darragh Fitzgerald (M10465). The minutes were adopted.*

### Chairman's Address

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Matthew Sheedy and I have been filling the position of Acting Chairman for the past few months.

It is with great satisfaction that at last we can hold a proper meeting and meet people face to face, as proceedings were majorly interrupted by the pandemic. Hopefully, this coming year will allow us to make good progress to benefit the Association.

Our membership has had a significant increase over the past few months. Currently there are 731 members, close to last years number, which is very gratifying to see. Going forward, the elected Board of Directors will be committed to improving all aspects of the operation of the Association to benefit all of its members.

The Association is presently in a healthy financial position and our goal is to maintain it.

I as the Acting Chairman cannot stress enough the importance of the contribution from the Task Groups in each discipline, as it is vital to the success of the Association. Another key factor where progress needs to be made is in the contribution from our Provincial Bodies, particularly in attracting new members to our Junior and Ladies Teams.

Currently, our National Shooting Grounds in Esker is in the process of forming a Committee to operate the running of the Shooting Grounds.

Another good development that merits mention is the setting up of the High Performance Council, which Nicola will brief you on later.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board for all their hard work over the past few months. I would like to pay a special tribute to Nicola, our Secretary and Nigel, our Treasurer, both of whom have done trojan work over the past few months.

I would also like to say a special word of thanks to all the people involved in the Shooting Grounds throughout the country for accommodating us throughout the year.

### **Honorary Secretary's Report**

Although it has only been 16 (*corrected*) weeks since we last met for an AGM, considerable change has happened during that time.

Firstly I would like to thank all 5 board members sat here. Since November 16<sup>th</sup> of last year, we have been in a position due to the quorum in the constitution, where every board member has had to turn up for every meeting, and every decision - with no exceptions. We haven't been able to do any ICTSA business unless we have all been present, which as you can image has been a lot of pressure. We hope to rectify that situation tonight with the election of second provincial delegates and encourage more to come forward in the coming months. Having given our word and commitment to the sport, the members of this board have stood up and given our time to attend every meeting and have been part of every decision. Since November 16<sup>th</sup> there has been a monumental 12 national executive meetings. And nobody here has missed a single one.

Secondly, I want to thank Mr Matthew Sheedy for taking a leadership post that he didn't ask for.

When I first joined the board 6 months ago, I was really concerned about the lack of volunteers and people putting their hand up to help run the sport they enjoy so much – my own reluctance included. I thought

it was a cultural issue – which it is in-part as many of our members aren't aware of the volunteer structure the sport has – however, I have come to realise that the best people for these roles are not the people who run into them head first with boundless enthusiasm, but in fact those who are cautious and considerate as to whether they are the right person for the job, and if they have the time to commit to it.

Leadership is about integrity, self-awareness, open-mindedness, and trust in the people you have around you to do their very best for the greater good of the sport. Matthew Sheedy has all of these qualities.

After a lot of hard work in November and December, working very closely with Nigel, we have managed to secure our Core Funding from Sport Ireland for 2022 despite concerns, and also carded funding for Aoife Gormally who qualified for carding criteria last year with a great performance in Osijek. It is important for us all understand that we are a small volunteer ran NGB, competing for funding against Governing Bodies with full time staff and mainstream sport, and we are not entitled to that funding – we must earn it.

Our Olympic disciplines are what keep us to be considered as a Sport, otherwise to people on the outside we are a hobby.

And so, it is important that we keep that in mind, and raise the aspirations of the membership to realise that that road is open to them. To do this, we have introduced the High-Performance Council. This council is a diverse group of people, with a healthy mix of opinions, whose purpose is it to provide the necessary structure for our Athletes to compete at the very top. This is an investment into the future of our sport and will avoid the issues previously encountered by more than one board. The Athletes meeting held here last week with HP director Jeff McCready included 7 athletes who all qualify for consideration under the interim ISSF selection procedure; and with clear milestones and targets to hit within that procedure, I have no doubt that that group will grow throughout this year.

Domestic sport is of course a key feeder into this, where it starts for us all, and where the large majority of the membership are involved in the sport. I'd like to congratulate the existing Discipline task groups for their hard work in producing full calendars and selection procedures for 2022, and welcome some of the newer members to the task groups who are currently working towards progress within their discipline. These things take time, and I ask you to please remember that this is their free time.

The last time I was stood here, I made a commitment to improve communication with the membership and our member grounds, which I believe is the key to the successful building of our sport and its participants. Today we are just shy (and I am talking a handful) of members away from the total membership we had for last year, and we have 11 months to grow that number. As the saying goes, lots done and lots to do.

Should I remain in this post following tonight's meeting, I look forward to a busy summer with 3 Home International competitions being hosted by the ICTSA, as well as hopefully a fruitful DTL Europeans, British and Home International being on the island with the UCPSA up in Banbridge. These competitions are an opportunity. They are an opportunity to showcase what Ireland has to offer in terms of both our quality of events and targets, but also our shooting talent, and we intend to make the most of that.

I will now pass over to Nigel for the Treasurers report.

## **Honorary Treasurer's Report**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. For those of you that don't know me I am Nigel Sylvester. I joined the ICTSA Executive in October 2020, and in April of 2021 I moved into the role as your Treasurer.

The short period since I last stood here in front of you has been both fulfilling and demanding. I said it last year and I will say it again. I honestly don't believe the majority of our members have a full understanding of just how much work is involved running the association. I again take my hat off to both the current executive, the regional executives, and also to members that previously filled roles on the executive and gave so much of their time freely, to develop, support and nurture the Association that we have today. I think us Executive members all have a duty to both fulfil our day-to-day roles, but also to leave the association with the records, processes and financial stability to allow our successor to succeed from day 1.

I thought it might be useful for you to understand what the treasurer role has entailed since we last met here at our last AGM:

- Obviously we have had a certain amount of turmoil with the change in our Chairman. This necessitated a number of task reassessments and restructuring of who does what in the executive. However we have put our heads down and got on with the job and these are some of our achievements:
  - We have processed (and now been granted) our core funding application from Sport Ireland for 2022.
  - We have processed our HP funding application for 2022, which was unsuccessful; however we have been advised that we could expect some additional funding through core, to be used for High Performance.
  - We have processed carding applications for 3 HP athletes, and been successful with 1 of these (Aoife Gormally).
  - We have advertised the High Performance Director role, and concluded a selection process, and appointed a new HP Director and indeed for the first time a HP Council.
  - We have launched our 2022 membership registration with huge success. To date we have processed 731 members for 2022, as well as 18 shooting grounds. To put these numbers in perspective at the end of 2021 we had 746 members and 22 grounds affiliated. Since opening 2022 subscriptions 84 or 11.4% of all memberships were new members. While we are well on our way to our target of 850 members in 2022, shooting grounds participation remain a concern to me. However we are seeing some chinks of light with some new grounds currently in discussions with us around joining the association and hosting registered events. We have several initiatives and upcoming announcements underway that we have designed to drive grounds affiliations.
  - Last year I reported that when I joined the Executive, I felt that our financial governance processes needed to be tightened up. In 2021 we put in place processes that include annual budgeting, and performance versus budget reports at monthly executive meetings, as well as my direct oversight expenses paid from association funds. I have now completed the implementation of an online financial system called Quickbooks. This

system is connected to all of our bank accounts including PayPal, and provides us with up to date, on demand, real-time reporting of cash flow, performance vs budget and balance sheet position. Our auditors have full time access to Quickbooks, and have fully endorsed the system and were complimentary about the positive impact it will have for our association. It will vastly streamline our year end process and the time taken to produce audited accounts for our members and stakeholders.

- We have tidied up some elements of the website, and hopefully made things easier to find for both members and visitors to our events. I believe that less than 10 members in total have paid annual subs via any route other than the website.
- Many of you will have seen the announcements from Country Sports Ireland regarding their underwriters pulling out of the Irish market. This took a lot of my time to ensure that our members would be covered under our Group policy for the duration of 2022.
- We have put in place budget for our junior coaching programme in 2022, and expect to build on the success of Aidan Collins and his team in 2021. In particular I am delighted to hear of provinces outside of Leinster that are putting coaches through Garda vetting and I look forward to adding their coaching programme to the website. In fact I understand that Munster ran a Child Protection course just last night which is a key step on the road to developing junior coaching.
- My thanks to Gary Cunningham for stepping into the Stats Officer role in 2022, and to Martin Gavigan as our outgoing stats officer. This is a big role in our organisation with weekly competition files to send out, results to process and publish, and leaderboards to update. Add requests for new classifications and it easily becomes a very busy job. I think we are off to a great start with the huge effort of classifications finished before year end, and as you will have noticed a refreshed diligence in publishing weekend results by Monday morning.
- I have tightened up processing of competition levies, with clubs required to pay levies due into our account within 7 days of the competition event. My thanks to the majority of clubs who follow this procedure. There are now very few laggards, who know who they are, and who I continue to chase for on-time payment.
- We have tightened up financial controls related to the way we run and manage our NSG at Esker. In particular we have now opened Esker's own bank account, and instituted controls to lodge takings each week and effect all payments through that bank account. Like all of our accounts the connectivity and daily updates to Quickbooks provides us with detailed and up to date data on Esker's financial performance.
- I have worked with our Nicola and our Chairman to complete our bi-annual returns and reports to Sport Ireland, one of a few key requirements in order to receive our annual funding.
- We have now completed the work wrapping up 2019 WESP, in particular following up and reconciling of unpaid prizes. We will reverse any remaining provisions around this event in 2021 accounts.
- One of our biggest focus areas in November and December is publishing the competition calendar for the new year. While the task groups are responsible for agreeing events and

dates with venues, there is a further element of work to load these into the calendar on the website. Last year we again achieved our objective of publishing the full calendar by 31 December, and hopefully this year we will avoid the subsequent disarray to the calendar of COVID.

- This year we are hosting three HCIT events, and these require budgets, accommodation and banquet bookings, deposits and a host of other finance related tasks.

Finally, I want to once again pay tribute to a special and dedicated member of your Executive. Last year I said we were delighted to welcome Nicola Elder onto the executive, and it must be said that Nicola has transformed the way we work and the focus to the important tasks. Nicola has led us (sometimes kicking and screaming) through the processes required by Sport Ireland to modernise our governance. She has transformed our communication with the members and the grounds. She gives of her time endlessly (as evidenced by emails she was answering at 6am just yesterday), and I am sure you all join me in saying a huge thank you to Nicola.

As a famous man once said “lots done, lots more to do”. Looking forward there are a few focus areas for your Treasurer:

- We have mid-year reports due for Sport Ireland in the near future
- I am currently working with three insurance companies / brokers to get quotes for our 2022/23 insurance renewals
- I will be working with the HP Director and his HP Council to submit an application for HP funding for 2023.
- One of our key focus areas for 2022 is the purchase of sporting traps for Esker. We thought we had a deal done to purchase a number of these last month but the deal fell through when the seller took the traps off the market just before we were to collect them. However we have not been deterred and will be procuring the first new sporting traps for Esker in the coming weeks.
- We will be submitting an application under the governments 2022 Sport and Recreation Capital Funding Programme for capital improvements to Esker (most likely more traps).

That wraps up my report, I'm happy to take questions either now or after we look at the 2020 accounts after the Anti-Doping Officers Report.

*There were no questions.*

### **Anti-Doping Officer' Report**

*Note: Nigel Sylvester read this report as stand-in Anti-Doping officer.*

Anti-doping is administered by Sport Ireland, and the ICTSA is required to be in compliance with their Anti-doping rules and duties in order to receive Sport Ireland funding. I am standing in for our current Anti-Doping Officer, however we are looking someone take over this role due to a change in their circumstances.

Anti-doping is taken very seriously by Sport Ireland and it's not just those competing at internationals that may be tested. Sport Ireland can test all ICTSA members here in Ireland at any time.

In the event that one of our athletes was to fail a dope test, it is Sport Ireland and not the ICTSA that deals with the situation. Bans currently range from 2 years to life. That ban would include participation in any of the ICTSA's domestic events such as registered shoots.

Therefore, it is very important that everyone eligible for testing is made aware of their responsibilities as athletes to be compliant to the regulations. Sport Irelands e-learning course is available on the Sport Ireland website, and the ICTSA urges all members to do the course. Once you create a user account you can complete it at your own convenience.

Both prescription and over-the-counter medication should be checked using the Eirpharm website. This applies to something as simple as Lemsip. As reported many times, it is important to search the full name of the product; Lemsip is compliant, but Lemsip-Max is not. There is also a smart phone app which you can download which will allow you to check your medicine on the go.

In the case you are taking unavoidable medication which is banned or restricted in sport, such as steroids, insulin and some types of blood pressure medications, you can apply for a therapeutic use exemption (TUE) to prove that you genuinely need the medicine and are not taking it for performance enhancing reasons. Olympic Trap and Skeet shooters should note that the ISSF may also request copies of the medical records when travelling. The ISSF is dedicated to keeping its shooting disciplines clean, and will not tolerate the misuse of TUEs.

Other items which we know can result in a positive test are:

- Painkillers and Nasal Decongestants
- Medications purchased from abroad with varying ingredients.

When you travel we strongly suggest you take a supply of medicines purchased at home to avoid an accidental infringement, especially when travelling outside of the EU.

- Dietary Supplements are also a common cause of an accidental positive result.

Laboratory tests showed that 14% of dietary supplements were contaminated with banned or restricted substances. Unfortunately, supplements are not as regulated as medicines. They follow food regulations so one batch might be tested and another batch not, with the opportunity for cross contamination, or a change in ingredients. Advice is to avoid supplements unless you really need to take them. Again please use the guidelines on the Sport Ireland website.

Remember, athletes are solely responsible for ensuring they are compliant with Anti-doping regulations and doping is cheating. We all have a duty to keep the sport of clay target shooting clean and a level playing field for all. Your sport, your body, your responsibility.

## **Financial Statements and the Reports of the Auditor for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

***The Chairman handed the meeting over to the Treasurer Nigel Sylvester in the absence of Auditors.***

You all have a copy of the Financial Report there, and I will walk you through those now.

On the first page you have the company information, the directors who were in the company during the period of the report; some of you might be aware but the ICTSA is in fact a company and not just an association, we are a company limited by guarantee, which has no shares and no share holders – in the event of the company being wound up it is limited to a guarantee of around €1.27 for each of the members, and it is mine endeavour, and I'm sure the rest of the board, to make sure that never happens. The first pages include details of our auditors, bankers, and solicitors. An index. Then we move on to the directors' report which outlines our principal activities, the summary of the business for the year, the governance code we apply, any principle risks and uncertainties, a statement that we maintain accounting records, post balance sheet events and so on.

On to page 3 there is a statement of directors' responsibilities. Page 4 is our independent auditors report; for most companies of our size we wouldn't require to be independently audited, but as we are funded by government through Sport Ireland, we are required to have a full audit every year by an independent, qualified audit company. This year our audit report is pretty much completely clean; the auditors noted that they didn't attend a stock-take as we only have in our accounts €3.5k worth of stock at the end of the year which is primarily clays and a few skeet vests, so it is not material enough to send auditors to check these and would likely cost more than the value to do so. The auditors have given an opinion that our financial statements are consistent with our books and directors statements, and that all ends on page 6.

Page 7 is a statement of our income and expenses in summary – I'd like to remind you all that 2020 was the year we were most effected by Covid; we had the most amount of events cancelled and a fair amount of members didn't join the association that year as there were no internationals and less events, which is all reflected in our income. However, when you look at it against 2019 income, remember that things like the entry fees for the World English Sporting are included in the 2019 figures and therefore they are inflated. But to put things into perspective, it is my expectation that this year our turnover will be about €250k in 2022. There are various items of expenses and also High Performance costs – again as there was very little international competition during 2020 there was very little HP costs. When we look back in retrospect, the fact that we are able to have a High Performance program now in 2022 is primarily due to us not spending our HP funding for 2020, and we effectively came into 2022 with a full year of HP funding in the HP bank account; so it is important to us (myself and the performance director) that we re-acquire our HP funding for 2023, otherwise we will run out of money and have to consider taking some money from Core.

Just to finish page 7, we have made a surplus or profit for the year of €22k and we have retained surplus for our association's company of €476k.

On page 8 of the balance sheet, there are no real surprises here. We have on our books intangible assets which are things like good will, and the in intangible assets primarily associated with having the National Shooting Grounds in Esker, at a book value of over €200k. And tangible assets – which are the buildings, plant and equipment etc, which are a little over €250k. As I said earlier there is also a small amount of stock. We have €85k of debtors, and nearly all of that was Sport Ireland funding which was granted to us in previous years but not paid because Sport Ireland have strict protocols around releasing those payments, one of which is that you have to have had your AGMs and another is that you submit your audited accounts, and as you all know we were late with the 2019 accounts and there was a knock on effect from that, which meant we didn't receive the granted funding for previous years and therefore they are recognised as debtors. Of that €85k, all of that has been received by us; most of it in 2022 as we achieved the things that we needed to release it. You will see that cash at bank has improved, that has gone up from €12k in 2019 to €42k in 2020, and I'm seeing that trend, that through financial diligence, at the end of 2021 we should have audited accounts with somewhere in the region of roughly €80k in the bank. We do have programs and plans for 2022 which will start to deplete those, but it is our ambition that we will maintain a solidly liquid association in terms of funding in the bank at all times.

There were a significant number of creditors by the end of 2020, many of those were creditors that we had recognised in 2019 – things like lawyers, CCI clays supplier, creditors associated with the World English Sporting 2019 from outstanding prizes etc. Those have all been paid now and resolved, and we are primarily a debt free organisation at this point in time. I think that gives enough of a summary around the exceptional items and various items in the summary, income statement and balance sheet.

So moving on, in accounts there are various notes which give some more detail around the basis of preparation, ongoing concern status and so on. There is nothing of any particular "note" in there – it is there because the Companies Act demands that this detail is in every set of audited accounts. On page 13 then there is more detail around directors renumeration; the directors of your organisation do this for love and not money, and we are all paid zero. There is some more detail about intangible assets and then over the page there are fixed assets, and then finally on pages 15 and 16 some other detail around the breakdown of debtors and creditors which we have already talked about. "Commitment under leases" for those of you who don't know, Esker has an annual rental of €2k per year, and it is a 20 year lease which is where the €40k of liability comes from. At the very end there is further breakdown of our income and expense items.

With that I will take a pause and ask if anyone would like to ask any questions?

**Peter Hanifan (L10187)** asked if it is possible for the next set of accounts from the auditors to have a separate breakdown of the National Shooting Grounds with income and expenditure.

**Hon Treasurer** expressed that this was a very good point, and that when the accounts were done this was over looked. In the new accounting system there are separate cost accounts for all the various costs, and separate revenue accounts for the various revenues from the National Shooting Grounds so there will a total income for events, then a breakdown of various costs – of the top of my head items that have their own accounts would be consumables like clays, depreciations, security, telephone, heating, power etc. So yes for 2021 accounts you will have that breakdown.

**Peter Hanifan (L10187)** said it would allow members to see whether the National Shooting Grounds is making a profit or a loss.

**Hon Treasurer** expressed that he is confident that the National Shooting Grounds will show a profit; and in fact knowing the numbers in the background it broke even for 2020, and for the year that it was that was a good performance. He said he is confident it will show profit; it is an important part of the ICTSA business and that is one of the reasons the decision was made to form a separate committee to run the National Shooting Grounds, Esker. He informed the floor that this will be primarily made up of local people to the ground who can run it on a weekly basis, and Garry Lawless will chair that committee. He also informed the floor that a bank account for the National Shooting Grounds has been opened after much difficulty, to effectively patrician the funding, income and expenses for that business unit. He concluded that Peter's point is well noted and well taken.

**Peter Hanifan (L10187)** thanked the Hon Treasurer.

Hon Treasurer asked for any further questions. There were none.

The Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder for the accounts. Larry Fay (L10061) proposed, and Pax Fox (L5512) seconded.

### **Remuneration of the Auditors**

A motion to authorise the Directors to fix the Remuneration of the Auditors, Woods and Partners was put forward by the National Executive at €3180 + VAT for 2022. The motion was proposed by Gary Cunningham (C11230) and seconded by Brian Hanratty (L10063).

### **Election of the Executive Committee**

As the Nominations included the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary chaired the voting for the Nominations, and pointed out that there were no other nominations received for these roles, and therefore the vote would be taken by a show of hands:

**Hon Chairman – Matthew Sheedy – Nominated by the National Executive.**

Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Connaught Provincial Director – Gary Cunningham – Nominated by Connaught Province.**

*Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.*

*The Chairman was handed-back the chair to continue the re-election of the existing National Executive Committee:*

**Hon Secretary – Nicola Elder**

*Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.*

**Hon Treasurer – Nigel Sylvester**

*Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.*

**Provincial Directors nominated by Ulster Province – Malcolm Graham**

*Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.*

**Provincial Directors nominated by Leinster Province - Mark McCourt**

*Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.*

**Provincial Directors nominated by Connaught Province - Gerard Lawless**

*Votes: Unanimous. No objections, and no abstentions.*

**Provincial Directors nominated by Munster Province - Now Vacant**

**Resolutions received in accordance with regulation 17(b)**

*There were no resolutions or motions proposed.*

**Any Other Business**

*The Chairman asked was there any other business or questions.*

**Pax Fox (L5512)** asked about the calendar for Sporting/Fitasc, with only 2 Fitasc shoots advertised, 4 or 5 Sporting Shoots, and no shoots for Esker advertised. Is there a reason for that?

**Hon Chairman** explained that at the moment the Sporting task group are due to come back to the Executive with their proposals.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** asked if the calendar (as it is) is due to change as there are no shoots in Esker.

**Hon Secretary** explained that the Task Group are working on a new calendar for the year so there will be amendments. She also noted that there are complications with Esker as there currently there are no traps there, which is being looked at, and complication about how the shoots in Esker will be run...

**Pax Fox (L5512)** pointed out that there were traps to run the Irish Open was run there last year.

**Hon Secretary** agreed but pointed out that those traps had to be hired which was expensive and wasn't financially feasible.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** said it was expensive because they were left there for weeks, and not expensive for one day.

**Hon Secretary** agreed and explained that is because at the moment there is nobody there to control Sporting in Esker, and that is something that has been tasked to the task group to come up with a solution. She explained that the task group has been formed for a total of two weeks and have already met twice, and suggested that the group are given time to get back to us.

**Larry Fay (L10061)** confirmed that he is on that task group and that the provisional calendar they are working on currently has only 3 weekends without a shoot up to the Home International.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** asked the Executive what the position is on buying traps for Esker.

**Hon Treasurer** answered that the Executive had an initial deal to buy traps from a club which fell through at the last minute. He explained that the Executive have pricing in for new traps and are gathering other quotes at the moment, and then the first number of traps will be bought. He explained that the board have communicated and committed to the task group that traps will be available for Sporting in Esker – either purchased or hired for events.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** pointed out that we don't know when those events are.

**Hon Treasurer** answered that we have seen a proposed calendar and that some of the dates in Esker clashed with other events – like the OSK Home International – and so has been sent back to the Task Group to resolve those. He explained that rather than uploading the calendar one by one, we will publish the full calendar together when it is finalised.

**Hon Secretary** confirmed that those will be communicated on the website and social media to the membership.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** pointed out that a lot of the shoots in the calendar at the moment are open Saturday and Sunday, and asked if that is still the case.

**Hon Treasurer** answered that he believes many of them will still be Saturday and Sunday events, but one in particular that has changed is the Irish Open Sporting which will now be 120 birds held on one day, rather than 100/100 over 2 days, to make it easier for members to travel and attend based on feedback.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** asked if standard 100 ESP event will be held over two days.

**Brian Hanratty (L10063)** asked Pat if that wasn't a good thing that they are two day events.

**Pax Fox (L5512)** said it would be for referees.

**Hon Treasurer** answered that the referee situation is another thing that the Sporting Task group have been tasked to get to grips, but they have been told they need to find an answer to that question.

*The Chairman asked the floor if there were any other questions. There were no further questions.*

#### **Date for the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

*The Chairman asked the floor if they would accept the commitment to the last week of September 2022 for the 89<sup>th</sup> AGM. The floor agreed, no objections.*

#### **Meeting Closure**

*The Chairman brought the meeting to a close.*