



Victorian Clay Target Association.

Minutes of the meeting held at the Sebastopol Bowling Club.
Sunday, 10th April 2022.

MINUTES

1. Chairperson opened the meeting at 9.59am and welcome all in attendance.
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Garry Cassells, Mal Dyson, Steve Trembath, Brendan Moroni, Mel Treller, Les Kadziela, Allan Kidd, Chris Langridge, Gary Hayden.
Minute taker: Jeff Bell

Apologies: Andrew Smith, Eddy Bidese.

MOTION: That the apologies for the meeting be accepted.

Moved: Mal Dyson

Seconded: Mel Treller

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings - Tuesday 4th January

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of January 4 be received.

Moved: Steve Trembath

Seconded: Garry Cassells

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes.

- 4.1 (Item 5.3) It was queried as to whether the actions regarding the loaning and borrowing of equipment from Melbourne Gun Club had been finalised. It was reported to the meeting that this was so. It was further reported that the machine that had been damaged by lightning at the ISSF Nationals had been successfully claimed for under the VCTA/ECCT insurance policy and that the money for the replacement machine had been placed in the Association's bank account. A replacement machine had been ordered. It was further noted that the damaged machine has been repaired and will be collected in the near future. This will be an important 'reserve' machine for future state events.

- 4.2 Action list – the following items were discussed;

- 4.2.1 Constitutional Review – it was suggested that action needs to occur in relation to the Constitutional Review and Strategic Plan completion, understanding that any Constitutional Review is dependent upon the ACTA completing its review of the national constitution.

ACTION: That the Secretary contact Steve Connelly from the CPR Group and organise a suitable meeting time, via video link, with invitations to be provided to all members of the Executive to attend.

- 4.2.2 Need for an IT person to review the information screens at the State Grounds and ensure that the current set-up is able to handle current MCMS requirements and display all information required. Discussion included;
 - Review of current screens
 - Exploration of improved internet access and subscription
 - Wireless router access

- Contact Andrew Fiek for expert advice
- Explore TV options.

(Note: Les Kadziela contacted the Secretary after the meeting and offered to accept responsibility for actioning these items.)

4.2.3 Speaker System at State Grounds to be investigated further to ensure that there is adequate coverage of all areas of the State grounds.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of January 4 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Steve Trembath

Seconded: Garry Cassells

CARRIED

5. Reports

i) Treasurer's report.

The report also included a specific report on the final outcomes of the National ISSF and Universal Trench events and a report on the costings associated with the upgrade of the Trench facilities at Echuca.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report, as presented, be received.

Moved: Allan Kidd

Seconded: Les Kadziela

CARRIED

ii) ACTA Report – Mal Dyson

- The Nationals, held at Wagga Wagga, were very successful with over 390 shooters in attendance.
- AGM was held on March 27
- The proposed new Constitution is to be sent to all clubs in the near future for comment.
- Auditors were present at the AGM to discuss/explain grant expenditure with all monies spent and accounted for appropriately.
- Current membership as at end of February – 11,551
- Skeet Nationals will begin on 15th May
- In 2023 – the Skeet Nationals will be just prior to the DTL Nationals. The Skeet event will begin on March 5th and finish on the 11th March. The Trap will begin on the 14th March and finish on the 20th March.
- The World Championships in South Africa in 2023 will begin on March 29th. The team has been selected.
- NZ have asked if we would send a Glenn Cup team to NZ in June this year.
- Conference Centre is starting to get bookings post Covid – this is a significant benefit to the association.

Question: For the Stone the Crows booking at Wagga over Easter, how much are the Caravan Display group paying to use the Wagga grounds?

Answer: \$20,000 but all costs such as power, water etc must be paid from this. In the future users will be requested to pay these extra costs.

Questions were asked about the awarding of a badge to a person who was awarded a badge for the Mackintosh Team but did not shoot on the Sunday. It was reported to the meeting that the incident had not gone unnoticed, and that further investigation is taking place.

There was also discussion about 'shoot offs' for second place that would have had Hall of Fame points attached – further investigation to take place.

Why were the reserves not named for the Open Team?

Updating of the Procedures Manual will ensure this doesn't happen in the future.

iii) Firearm Users Group Report

Last meeting of the group was on February 22nd.

Not a lot to report.

Main item was the new requirements for the storage of firearms that comes into effect on 30th August 2022. This was distributed to clubs earlier this year. Essentially the regulation is to ensure that firearms are stored in an appropriate receptacle and not a hardwood or coat locker.

It was further reported that two Executive officers had questioned whether there was any change to the storage of ammunition. This specific question was asked at the meeting and the answer was 'no'.

It was discussed that information has been published on the Victoria Police website that ammunition must be "While being transported, firearms and ammunition should be kept out of sight and stored in separate receptacles that are either secured to the inside of your vehicle or in a lockable component of your vehicle." The information continues that "this advice is a guide only" and that further information will be sought at the next FUG meeting.

iv) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report

It was reported that currently the VCTA and Echuca committees are looking at the legal endorsement of a new Memorandum of Understanding. The Echuca CTC legal representative, Danny Barlow from Dawes & Vary Riordan, is writing the document.

VCTA have engaged Rachelle Eyton from Coulter Legal, as their representative.

It was requested that the draft copy of the MOU be distributed to all Executive officers for their information.

v) Zone Reports

North West - recently had their AGM, no changes

South East - recently held their first round of the Zone Teams event at Werribee.
- Zone is now moving forward

South West - recently had AGM, new president and secretary

North East - AGM still to occur
- Casey Fletcher's vacancy to be filled at the AGM
- Zone Ball Trap to be held soon

6. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

Items listed for discussion:

Inward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
15	27/2/22	Murray Gruar – SW Zone	Letters of complaint
<i>(Gary Hayden asked to leave the meeting)</i> <i>The letters complaining about Gary's behaviour at Warrnambool CTC were tabled and discussed in detail. Several solutions were discussed. Suggestions in the letters about Gary being 'stood down' from positions were dismissed as those positions are Zone positions and not State.</i> <i>It was discussed that the Warrnambool club was looking for an apology from Gary and a possible 'good behaviour' term.</i> <i>(Gary invited to return to the meeting)</i> <i>Gary was provided with an opportunity to respond to the letters.</i> <i>(Gary asked to leave meeting during deliberation)</i>			

	<p><u>MOTION:</u> That Gary be asked to write letters of apology to both correspondents (Warrnambool CTC and Warrnambool Target Sports Centre) and that Gary be advised that he is on a 12 month good behaviour bond.</p> <p>Moved: Garry Cassells Seconded: Chris Langridge CARRIED</p> <p>(NB Mal Dyson abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest)</p> <p>(Gary returned to the meeting)</p> <p>Gary was informed of the outcome of the deliberation.</p> <p>Gary indicated that he accepted the findings of the committee.</p>		
21	11/3/22	Pam Boag – Child Safe	Child Safe audit
	<p>The Secretary reported to the meeting the request for an audit and a meeting by the Child Safe Standards Authority. It was reported that this had been completed. It was further reported that a draft Child Safe Standards document had been completed and sent to the Child Safe Authority for comment. The outcome of the meeting was a very positive one – Authority impressed with the progress that the Association has made.</p> <p>Once the Standards document has been completed it will be published on the website. A copy will be made available for clubs to use as their own document on the completion of the Association's one.</p>		
22	14/3/22	SIFA	Industry audit
	No further action required. VCTA will not contribute.		
23	23/3/22	Colin Finn – NE Zone	Response/review for MCMS
	<p>The letter from NE Zone was tabled with the Zone's recommendations for the future Rule Supervisor's review of MCMS and associated rules.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> That the letter from the North East Zone be forwarded to the ACTA with the endorsement of the VCTA Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Steve Trembath Seconded: Chris Langridge CARRIED</p>		
28	28/3/22	Lisa Hasker - Vicsport	LEAP course available to promote female administrators
	No expressions of interest were received and no recommendations for participation were suggested.		

Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
10	21/2/22	Robert Dunst (DJPR)	Report on current composition of VCTA Executive
	<p>It was reported to the meeting that the Secretary had responded to a request from DJPR regarding the composition of the VCTA Executive and whether it has made progress towards the 40% female participation. It was further reported that the Secretary had responded with the following information;</p> <p>Zone representatives = 12 (including 1 female)</p> <p>Appointed positions (with full voting rights) =</p> <p>Assistant Treasurer (Anne Bell)</p> <p>Nominations Secretary (Helen Dyson)</p> <p>Financial Advisor (Brooke Davis)</p> <p>Sponsorship Co-ordinator (Kelly Coogan)</p> <p>This means that 5 of the 16 positions are female = 31.25%</p> <p>To achieve the required 40%, a total of 7 of the 16 positions will need to be female.</p>		

7. General Business

a. Review of National ISSF event

The financial review of the ISSF event was discussed in the Treasurer's report. The Secretary raised the point of the importance of Executive assistance when hosting/running VCTA events. It cannot be left to one or two people, especially when there are significant jobs such as trap loading and reloading, rubbish removal etc that need to be done on a regular and daily basis. More assistance is required for these types of events.

It was also noted that there is an issue in Trap 2 where the targets from one of the middle carousels is hitting the conduit and smashing the wiring. An electrician was brought in to repair the fault, but further repairs are required. The carousel may need to be repositioned.

b. Review of UT event

This event worked well. Care needs to be taken with the dates, especially in 2023. March is particularly busy.

Financial review completed in Treasurer's report. Noted that there were less competitors than usual.

c. Commonwealth Titles

It was agreed that the Commonwealth Titles will be held from Friday July 29 to Sunday July 31.

d. ID cards for VCTA members – Gary Hayden

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the need for a VCTA Membership card for all members. Items included;

- A need to assist those members without smart phones
- A method to prove membership when renewing firearms licence
- A method to speed up nomination process

A costing/price list was presented to the meeting by the Secretary showing the set-up, initial purchase costs and ongoing costs to VCTA of such an item.

MOTION: That the VCTA adopt, and invest in, a membership card for all VCTA members.

Moved: Gary Hayden

Seconded: Brendan Moroni

CARRIED

Note: Membership cards will be sent to club secretaries for distribution. There will be a charge for reprinting of cards. It is preferred that cards only need to be printed and distributed once for members.

e. MCMS Handicapping – already dealt with at Inward Correspondence 23

f. Secretary Leave – the Secretary notified the meeting that he was taking leave for the week following the meeting.

g. State Team selection

It was proposed that the VCTA adopt the same process for team selection as the ACTA use for Mackintosh Team selection. That is, the top 15 shooters are the Open Team first before Ladies, Juniors or Veterans are selected. Should they not make the Top 5 then their score goes back to their appropriate division.

MOTION: That the VCTA adopt the same rules that ACTA uses for the selection of Mackintosh teams for Victorian State teams.

Moved: Gary Hayden

Seconded: Mal Dyson

CARRIED

h. Ball Trap & School Student events (Sept 4 & 5)

The meeting was reminded that the State Ball Trap is to be held at the State Grounds on Sunday 4th of September with the School Student's Final to be held on Monday 5th September. Concern was expressed that someone needs to ensure that the traps are ready for Ball Trap and that there is sufficient assistance available on both days to run the shoot, trapping, supervision, armoury etc.

Gary Hayden will look at the trap set up.

It was also noted that people assisting at the School Student's will require a Working With Children's check.

i. Request for a representative to speak with the Commonwealth Games committee.

Shooting Australia have contacted Mal Dyson seeking a representative to speak to the Commonwealth Games committee to promote the VCTA and the shooting sports to be included in the proposed Victorian hosting of the Commonwealth Games.

It was noted that the less cost involved in hosting such an event will be in the sport's favour.

It was the consensus of the meeting was that Russell Mark be approached as he is overwhelming endorsed as the best person for this task.

j. The meeting raised concerns regarding the set-up of exhibitors at the recent

National Championships. (Trade sites) It was noted that there was a distinct lack of 'walk through' trade in the way that things were set-up. It was further noted that there are strict regulations in NSW that impact on this.

This has already been discussed at a National level and plans are in place to have the exhibitors closer to the Function Centre in the future.

It was further discussed regarding the costs associated with the event. A possible solution to this would be to hold the Double & Single Barrel and Points events on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday in preference to weekdays. By holding on a weekend this would encourage more participants. This will happen in 2023.

There was also some discussion about reducing nominations, but this impacts prizemoney available.

Invitations will be sent to the State bodies for input into how to make the Nationals better.

k. There was some discussion about the importance of explaining how MCMS works and, in particular, the percentage of shooters in each grade. There seem to be some discrepancies in the percentages and a better balance of competitors.

It was noted that there will be a review in July and that there will be opportunity for Rules Supervisors to make necessary changes.

l. Question was asked whether the two proposed Rule Supervisors, Adrian Cousens and Peter Beaman had signed the VCTA's Rule Supervisor's Guidelines.

The Secretary reported that Adrian Cousens had signed and returned his form, but Peter Beaman had not.

It was the consensus of the meeting that if Peter Beaman does not/or will not sign the form then Chris Langridge be appointed in his stead.

MOVED: That in the circumstances that Peter Beaman won't sign the form after contact by the President then Chris Langridge be appointed in his place.

Moved: Gary Hayden

Seconded: Steve Trembath

CARRIED

8. Next meeting – Monday, 18th July (two weeks prior to the Commonwealth Titles) by video link.
9. Meeting closed – 12.43pm