



Victorian Clay Target Association.

Meeting held via video conferencing.
Tuesday, 4th January beginning at 7.00pm

MINUTES

1. Chairperson open meeting and welcomed all in attendance.
Meeting opened at 7.03pm
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Steve Trembath, Garry Cassells, Les Kadziela, Chris Langridge, Eddy Bidese, Stuart Allen, Casey Fletcher, Allan Kidd, Andrew Smith
Minute taker: Jeff Bell
3. Apologies: Malcolm Dyson, Brendan Moroni, Gary Hayden.
4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings
 Wednesday 7th October (confirmation required, motion to receive)
 Wednesday 17th November – pre-Carnival meeting
 Thursday 2nd December – Special Executive meeting

MOTION: That the Minutes of the previous meetings be received

Moved: Casey Fletcher

Seconded: Chris Langridge

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes.
 - 5.1 Review of Shade Sail progress
It was understood that, due to Flood Overlay issues and that no Planning Permit had been received, that the Shade Sails were not finished in time for the State Carnival. Since that time, a Planning Permit has been issued and, it was hoped that the project would be finished for the National ISSFs.
The Secretary reported to the meeting that he had received a phone call from the builder. Brad Luscombe, and that Brad was very confident that the sails would be ready for the ISSF event and that he had spent time at the Echuca site cleaning up excess dirt etc, ready for the installation of the sails.
The Secretary advised the meeting that an invoice had been received via Neil Haydon for the cost of the permit, \$508.90, and this was only to cover the costs associated with the Shire of Campaspe. It was further noted that Neil had donated his time and expertise in resolving this issue.
It was agreed by the meeting that a letter of thanks be sent to Neil.
 - 5.2 Property valuation – Casey Fletcher reported to the meeting that this task had not been completed as his contact was away on holidays. It is intended that the valuation will be completed as soon as the contact returns.
 - 5.3 Craig Henwood and the 2022 UT event at Echuca – this has been set in place for the 4th – 6th of March.

There had been a further request from Craig, on behalf of the Melbourne Gun Club that, should the new ISSF program chips not work in Melbourne's older Elfipa machines, could MGC borrow two of VCTA's machines for events in April and May.

It was the consensus of the meeting that VCTA support MGC with this request as MGC had assisted VCTA on several occasions in the past. It was further concluded that every effort should be made to get the Elfipa machines to MGC at the earliest opportunity.

5.4 Action list – this was reviewed for the last meeting.

6. Reports

i) Treasurer's report – as presented.

There was some explanation of items related to the Carnival. Essentially the Association is in a strong financial position given the money in the bank and we are about to start receiving the membership portion of the ACTA fees in the near future.

There was a question regarding Merchant Fees – the Treasurer explained that these fees are imposed by the bank for offering an Eftpos service to members for the payment of the nominations and practice by card.

The Treasurer also discussed the interim report for the Carnival with actual income and expenditure against expected income and expenditure. Overall, the figures were reasonably accurate. Overall profit from the Carnival was approx. \$4900.

It was highlighted that expenditure on prizes, including the ammunition that was used, was in excess of 50% of the nominations taken. It was agreed that prize expenditure should be reviewed for the 2022 Carnival.

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

Moved: Steve Trembath Seconded: Les Kadziela CARRIED

ii) ACTA Report (Les Kadziela)

- Letters have been, or advice has been received regarding intended correspondence re the 32gram load issue. This has been held over until next meeting.
- Budgets for 2022 were presented – a cash flow balance budget.
- Discussion regarding eliminating the "Best Presented Team" category at National events. VCTA needs to respond to this. Will continue for 2022.

The Executive indicated that they were happy for this event to continue. The feeling was that there is a 'sense of pride' associated with this event

- There was a request to run the National DTLs and Skeets side by side. Insufficient time to organise for 2022 but is on the agenda for 2023.
- National events have reverted to 100 target events.
- Constitution – feedback form clubs has been incorporated. It will soon be sent out for discussion prior to the AGM.
- Insurance cover for clubs – there are still clubs struggling to get insurance cover. ACTA looking at aggregating insurance for clubs.
- There was some discussion on getting a forensic audit after the saga of the funding for the Function Centre – this was deemed unnecessary at this time due to the number of 'audits' that had already taken place.

As a result of these discussions, the auditor will attend future AGMs and be available to discuss any issues.

MOTION: That the ACTA report be received.

- iii) Firearm Users Group Report
Nothing to report – next meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd
- iv) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report (Eddy Bidese)
The previous Executive meeting gave permission for the MOU to progress at the next Committee meeting. This should be held as soon as possible.
Two items had already been discussed in the meeting;
1. The valuation of the property
2. The VCTA's stocktake of equipment (assets) – (possibly to be done at the ISSF event)
- v) Zone Reports
South East – notices have gone out for the AGM to be held on February 9th at FACTC.
South West – nil
North East – nil
North West - nil

7. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

Items listed for discussion:

Inward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
1	19/10/21	Lisa Hasker (Vicsport)	Request for VCTA to join Vic Responsible Gambling Fed. initiative
			<i>The VCTA gave 'in principle' approval to support this and for VCTA to be added to those sports supporting Responsible Gambling.</i>
3	5/11/21	Paul Gilbert (ACTA)	November 21 Update
			<i>Most issues were covered in the ACTA report.</i>
4	8/11/21	Jane Vella (FACTC)	Michael Diamond's attendance at FACTC on Nov. 7
			<i>The issue is that Frankston took contrary action to that suggested by representatives of VCTA and should they be held accountable for this. Lynne spoke with Jane Vella about this issue and received clarification as to what had happened. Lynne has also spoken to Michael Diamond about the issue and ensured that Michael understood the full ramifications of what was/is required. Michael has been told that there are things that he must have before he can coach in Victoria again. Question was asked about the coaching situation and overseas coaches coming to Australia. It was pointed out that overseas coaches, on the whole, would have ISSF coaching accreditation.</i>
5	8/11/21	NE Zone	Clarification of Proposed Rule Changes re 32gm cartridges
			<i>This has been forwarded to the ACTA for actioning. Zone is seeking better communication between Zones, clubs and VCTA on these types of issues. Letter to be sent to Zone explaining VCTA's perspective and intent to improve this.</i>
6	8/11/21	NE Zone	2021 NE Zone Schoolpersons Championships - complaint
			<i>The NE Zone felt that an apology should be sought to the Zone and to Colin Finn for the actions and behaviour of Kate Fogarty (Assumption College) in relation to the Schoolperson's Event. After lengthy discussion it was felt that it would be better to take a positive approach to the situation, that clay target is an Olympic sport just as javelin and archery and sell the positives of the sport and what VCTA offers rather than concentrate on the negatives. There was also discussion about accessing video information from Shooting Australia and ACTA to assist with this. The President and the Secretary to discuss this further with Colin Finn and report back to the Executive on further action to be taken.</i>

7	16/11/21	Craig Henwood	Impact of proposed MCMS changes and ISSF
	<i>The issues outlined in this letter have resolved and rectified most of the issues in this letter. Some issues will only be resolved when further data has been accumulated.</i>		
10	1/12/21	Robert Aquilina (Lic. & Reg.)	Organiser Approval Permit
	<p><i>VCTA has been advised that Organising bodies are able to apply for an Approval Permit to assist with the exhibitors permits required at large events. The Secretary sought permission to explore this item further. Concern was expressed that VCTA may then have added responsibility if they have this permit – in particular, the storage of firearms and ammunition.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretary advised that he will not commit the VCTA without their approval. Report back to the next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Some discussion about supporting exhibitors as they form such an essential part of the Carnival and look into this further to support those people. Further discussion talked about the organisation of an authorised armoury.</i></p>		
12	7/12/21	Belinda Owen (Campaspe)	Inquiry from JR Richards re waste removal for VCTA events
	<i>An inquiry via Campaspe Shire regarding rubbish removal from the Carnival and why doesn't Campaspe look after this. From the letter – inquiries were made with J R Richards, and they have been offered at trial at the ISSF. The Secretary sought permission to enter into an agreement for this event – this was approved by the Executive.</i>		
13	8/12/21	Damien Hutchins	Proposal re Teams Event at the State Carnival
	<p><i>Damien Hutchins put forward a proposal, through the President, regarding a restructuring of the Teams Event at the State Carnival.</i></p> <p><i>It was further proposed that the Teams Event be scheduled to the Friday between the Handicap and the Double Rise during the day. This needs to be done to raise the prestige of the event. This was generally endorsed by the Executive.</i></p>		
15	10/12/21	Sarah Styles (Director - Office for Women in Sport)	Requirement for 40% of VCTA Committee to be female by end of October 2022 or all State Govt. funding to cease
	<p><i>This letter essentially states that unless the VCTA can increase its female participation on the Executive to 40% by October 31 it will no longer be eligible for State Government grant funding.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretary reported that he had had significant discussions with government departments in relation to this. In particular, it is difficult to get female representation when only 12-14% of the total membership are female. VCTA has tried several different strategies to resolve this, including additional appointed positions such as Anne Bell, Helen Dyson and Brooke Davis. This has still only achieved 19% of compliance.</i></p> <p><i>There is also a constitutional amendment that requires one female representative from each Zone. Allan Kidd to discuss this further with the Secretary in the coming week.</i></p>		
17	13/12/21	Les Kadziela (NW Zone)	Letter in relation to the rule phasing out 32 gm cartridges
	<i>This item will be discussed further at the next full ACTA Executive meeting.</i>		
18	13/12/21	Jane Vella (FACTC)	Swapping of Skeet Hall of Fame recipients and availability of VCTA representative for presentations.
	<p><i>A request from Jane Vella requesting a swap of Skeet Hall of fame recipients. This would mean that Michael Buttigieg will be the recipient in 2022 and Glenn Clark will receive it 2023.</i></p> <p><i>This was approved by the Executive.</i></p> <p><i>A VCTA representative will also be required to present the jacket on Friday 28th January. Steve Trembath and Lynne Curtis to attend.</i></p>		

Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
			Nil

MOTION: That the correspondence as presented be accepted and approved for action as required.

Moved: Andrew Smith

Seconded: Les Kadziela

CARRIED.

8. General Business

a. Review of State Carnival

It was reported to the meeting that there has been a resolution of the catering at Echuca with Kerrie Dean prepared to organise this for future events. A catering committee has been organised.

There was some discussion about the employment of the coffee van and the ice-cream van by Echuca.

Other items resolved from the meeting, in relation to the Carnival, included;

- Carnival will revert to original November dates in 2022
- Champion of Champions event will remain in the High Gun
- Team shoot moved to the Friday between the Double Rise and the Handicap
- Review of prize money, targets etc to be decided at a future meeting.

b. There was some discussion about the My Club My Scores program with emphasis on the intent that there will be a review of MCMS in six months' time.

Will there be an opportunity for clubs/members to have input into the review?

Should clubs/Zones have feedback it would be best to forward this directly to the ACTA. Further discussion indicated that feedback should be on how to improve the system, not on reverting to previously used processes.

Further discussion agreed that this feedback should come back to VCTA first.

c. It was brought to the meeting's notice that there had been an incident at Walmer club where a shooter had come to the club with three handicap books, two membership numbers and possibly Covid. The member in question is Norm Basile, also known as Onofrio Basile, and he is a member of the Werribee Gun Club.

It was suggested that, at the time, he was unfinancial.

There was discussion regarding the date that a member becomes 'unfinancial' – this date is December 31 – not January 31.

There was lengthy, heated debate regarding this issue, and it was suggested that Ray Peatling had been advised on the membership issue.

It was further advised that any complaints regarding these issues should be directed, in writing, to the Zone for actioning in the first instance.

Garry Cassells later informed the meeting that Norm Basile had tested positive for Covid and that the Walmer club was informing people in attendance at Walmer of the situation.

d. Les Kadziela inquired about the request for funding support for a 'Come and Try Day' that had been forwarded to the Secretary. The Secretary apologised that this had not been presented to the meeting and advised the Executive that funding was available through the Together More Active Grant. The Secretary also advised that Mildura had completed the appropriate paperwork and that the meeting should endorse Mildura's request for \$850.

MOTION: That the VCTA support the Come and Try Day at the Mildura club to the tune of \$850.

Moved: Steve Trembath

Seconded: Casey Fletcher

CARRIED

e. Commonwealth Titles – on hold until next meeting.

f. Rule Supervisors document – as presented to the meeting.

The document intends to define the responsibilities of the Rules Supervisor to the State Executive.

Secretary reported that two addition notes had been added to the circulated document;

- Correction of the reference to the new Rule Book
- Addition of a confidentiality clause

Several points were raised and discussed including;

- Where do the rules to be discussed come from? Mainly from within the supervisor's group.
- That the process of National, State, Zone, Club needs to be followed through on all items and should be followed through by National.
- State Rule Supervisors need to have clear direction from the State Executive.
- That the National Rule Supervisor needs a clear direction on what he/she can or cannot do.
- A letter should be written to National for National detail the roles and responsibilities of the Rules Supervisors and the process that needs to be followed.
- President and Secretary to develop this document further and report back to the Executive.

g. Secretary Leave dates for 2022.

Secretary requested a week's leave from February 14-18.

This was approved by the meeting.

9. Next meeting – the meeting resolved that the next meeting of the Executive should be a 'face-to-face' meeting. The Secretary was instructed to organise a venue at Sebastopol/Ballarat with a proposed date of April 10. Members of the Executive to be advised of the date and the time as soon as they are organised.

There was a request from Eddy Bidese that a date be set for a meeting of the Committee of Management. This is to be a call from the President.

10. Meeting closed at 9.20pm