



Victorian Clay Target Association.

Meeting to be held by video link.
Monday, 18th July 2022.

MINUTES

1. Chairperson opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.
Special mention of Travis Williams as new delegate for North East Zone.
Meeting opened at 7.08pm
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Steve Trembath, Mel Treller, Garry Cassells, Mal Dyson, Les Kadziela, Chris Langridge, Allan Kidd, Andrew Smith, Brendan Moroni, Travis Williams, Gary Hayden.
Minute taker: Jeff Bell
3. Apologies - nil
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Sunday 10th April 2022
MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of July 10 be accepted and approved.
Moved: Gary Cassells Seconded: Chris Langridge CARRIED
5. Business arising from the Minutes.
 - 5.1 Item 5(iii) – clarification of information from Victoria Police website. The Secretary clarified the difference in information between the Firearms Bulletin and the information published on the Police website. The information on the website is a recommendation – the information on the Firearms Bulletin is the regulation.
 - 5.2 Action list
Les Kadziela reported to the meeting the progress that has been made regarding the upgrading of technology in the State Grounds office. Les has organised a technician to come to Echuca, quote the materials and installation, and then report back to the Executive. Most expense will be in the purchase of new TVs. Hopefully ready in time for the Ball Trap event.
6. Reports
 - i) Treasurer's report
Reports were forwarded to the Executive prior to the meeting. The Treasurer went through several different aspects of the report. There were a couple of questions from Les Kadziela regarding the allocation of particular transactions and how they have been reported through Xero. These questions have been forwarded to Sports Accounting Australia for clarification.
It was noted that the next ACTA loan repayment is due now and that payment will be made after the Commonwealth Titles.

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

Moved: Les Kadziela

Seconded: Mal Dyson

CARRIED

A question was asked about the Membership cards costs, approx. \$0.67 per member.
Furthermore, questions were asked about the readability of the barcode. It was explained

that there are hundreds of different barcode formats. The most common one has been used. Some older machines may be challenged by this but in these cases the Member Number can be used.

Changeover from EFTPOS to Square register.

At the request of the Office staff at the Carnival there was a request for a register/recording system for transactions. Lynne agreed to this. The Secretary/Treasurer has purchased a Square register and opened a Square account.

This will provide more accurate information on all VCTA transactions and will pay for itself within 3 years as there will be no monthly hire fee from the bank.

The fee for EFTPOS charges is also reduced.

Change to Fixed Deposit Term

The Term Deposit has matured. Need to notify bank of any changes to reinvestment. It was recommended that we reinvest for 9 months at 2%.

MOTION: That the recommendations of the Treasurer, both change to Square and reinvestment of the Term Deposit be endorsed by the Executive.

Moved: Les Kadziela

Seconded: Mal Dyson

CARRIED

ii) ACTA Report (Mal Dyson)

The main item from ACTA is the finalisation of the Constitution. It is very important that the new Constitution is accepted by the clubs. Votes to be counted at the end of September. Feedback so far is encouraging.

Main face-to-face meeting is in August (27 & 28). Skeet representatives will be in attendance.

The meeting will correspond with the National Sporting Clays championship at Wagga Wagga with the inclusion of sports trap.

Insurance is progressing with the hope that clubs will be able to insure their facilities and infrastructure – in conjunction with other shooting associations and Marsh insurance (Adelaide).

The position of National Handicapper is no longer required with MCMS and has been changed to a National Rules Supervisor and My Club My Score Handicapper. Colin Kneebone has been appointed to the position; Jim Shepherd remains as a Rules Supervisor. Clubs have been informed that they no longer require a Handicapper – this was sent to all clubs.

There is a new support email for MCMS – mcms@claytarget.com.au.

Sharon Kidd has been an extra support person in the National Office, unfortunately Sharon has now finished with the intention of going back to school to further her education.

There is a full Rules Supervisors meeting on the 27th July. Colin Kneebone is chairing the meeting and Jim Shepherd is taking the Minutes. Meeting will be held via Zoom.

Questions;

When will there be a review of MCMS?

At the Rules Supervisor's meeting on July 27th. Their recommendations will be discussed by the full Executive at the next meeting.

How many clubs sent feedback?

One.

Why wasn't it mandated that all clubs had to respond?

Because it appears that MCMS is performing as required. NZ Skeet shooters were impressed with the system. NZ has spent a lot of money on trying to develop a system with no success.

It was raised by Chris Langridge, as one of the Rules Supervisors, that he had forwarded documentation to the Secretary for distribution to the Executive so that any feedback on the items to be discussed can be sent to Chris so that he can speak on behalf of the VCTA. If there are any issues – please pass on the Chris.

Is it too late for the Zones to make submissions to the meeting?

No, you have until next Wednesday (July 27).

iii) Firearm Users Group Report

There was a meeting of the FUG shortly after the April 10 Executive meeting. It was a relatively brief meeting for the group. There were two key pieces of information discussed;

1. The new storage regulations requirements that will come into effect on August 30. This information has been distributed to all clubs and the Executive.
2. The response to the question regarding any changes to ammunition storage and transportation.

A concern was expressed at the FUG meeting, by the Police, regarding the recent spate of firearm thefts and the lengths that criminals will go to access firearms. A press release was sent to the Secretary, and this has been forwarded to all clubs and the Executive and published on Facebook and “What’s Happening in the VCTA?” in the Clay Target News.

iv) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report

There has been no CoM meeting since the last Executive meeting. The last CoM meeting was held on 21st February 2022.

A question was asked about the progress of powered sites at the State Grounds. Whilst significant progress has been made and there has been a level of support from Campaspe Shire, there has been no further progress at this stage.

v) Zone Reports

South East

The next meeting of the Zone will be this coming Wednesday (July 20). It was meant to be held last week (July 13) but a several delegates were struck down by Covid. Nothing to report.

South West

Nothing to report (it’s \$#@% cold!)

North East

Nothing to report. Next meeting is in August.

North West

Zone had a meeting on the 19th June. It was a meeting to correlate the events within the Zone and the DTL Carnival in September. The Zone is interested in hosting an event where the qualification would be winning a Zone event in your Zone.

MOTION: That the reports, as presented, be received.

Moved: Garry Cassells

Seconded: Allan Kidd

CARRIED

7. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

Items listed for discussion:

Inward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
4	3/5/22	South West Academy	Request to support their program
	<p><i>This letter, combined with item 31, is a request for continued financial support for the Sports Academy programs for 2023. Questions were asked about the academy's reports back to VCTA. The Secretary responded that VCTA had received reports outlining each academy's program and review.</i></p> <p><i><u>MOTION:</u> That the VCTA continue to support the Academies for a further twelve months to the tune of \$1000 for each and wish them ongoing success with the work that they do.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Mal Dyson Seconded: Les Kadziela CARRIED</i></p>		
8	13/5/22	Craig Henwood	Suggested dates for UT at Echuca in 2023
	<p><i>There was some question regarding the dates for the UT event to be held at the State Grounds-Echuca CTC in 2023. The correspondence suggested a date of February 18 & 19.</i></p> <p><i>This will be the weekend after the Seaside Carnival and after the SA Carnival. The Yarra Valley Classic is on Feb. 24-26.</i></p> <p><i>At this stage the dates were agreed to. The Executive was reminded of the importance of ensuring that there is enough manpower to administer the event as it is a good fund-raising event for VCTA.</i></p>		
16 & 37	3/6/22	Paul Gilbert (ACTA)	Proposed new Constitution and voting
	<p><i>This letter is specifically sent to advise that the revised ACTA Constitution is completed after taking in the advice of clubs since the last ACTA AGM. It is now time for voting to accept/reject the new document. The letter also encourages the support of the new Constitution and outlines the importance of the document in relation to the amendments needed to support the transfer to a Company Limited by Guarantee.</i></p> <p><i>There was a further item (37) that shows the Notice of Motion required.</i></p> <p><i>In the discussion that followed, there was a further request to encourage clubs to ensure that they vote on this proposal.</i></p> <p><i>NB. Further discussion, and research, showed that the State does get a vote on the new Constitution.</i></p> <p><i><u>MOTION:</u> That the VCTA vote in support of the Notice of Motion and accept the new Constitution.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Mal Dyson Seconded: Allan Kidd WITHDRAWN</i></p> <p><i>Further discussion questioned whether the VCTA has a right to vote. As a result of this, Mal Dyson withdrew the motion until further information and clarification has been sought.</i></p>		
17	6/6/22	Robert Dunt (DJPR)	Notes from meeting with DJPR & Office of Women in Sport
	<p><i>It was reported to the Executive that the President and Secretary had met with representatives of OoWiS, Vicsport and DJPR regarding the requirement for 40% representation by women on the VCTA Executive. It was further reported that funding from the State Government for VCTA projects would cease as of October 27, 2022 unless the 40% criteria is met. Currently this stands at 31%.</i></p> <p><i>For VCTA to comply it would need 5 out of 12 or 7 out of 16 female members to comply.</i></p> <p><i>It was reported that OoWiS was unmovable on the 40% requirement, even though VCTA had made significant progress from 8% to 31% in the last two years. It was explained to OoWiS that females make up approx. 9% of the total VCTA membership and that half of this figure consisted of non-voting female juniors. This did not impact OoWiS's stance.</i></p> <p><i>The opinion was expressed that VCTA's decisions should be in the best interest of the sport and that VCTA and its decisions should not be dictated by the State Government or OoWiS.</i></p> <p><i>A further meeting with OoWiS is scheduled for the end of July.</i></p> <p><i>The question was asked whether a change in government will impact this. This is possible but it is an unknown at this stage.</i></p> <p><i>It was the consensus of the meeting that the VCTA 'sit and wait' and see what progresses in the coming months.</i></p>		
19	7/6/22	Rachelle Eyton (Coulter Legal)	Coulter Legal review of MOU with Echuca
	<p><i>It was reported to the meeting that Dawes & Vary Riordan (who also act on behalf of Echuca CTC) had sent to VCTA, via the lawyers acting on VCTA's behalf (Coulter Legal) a copy of the Memorandum of</i></p>		

	<p><i>Understanding for VCTA's perusal. The new Memorandum is listed as a "Deed of Co-Ownership" and, supposedly, has used the agreed, reviewed, MOU from 2021 as the basis for the new Deed. The letter from Coulter Legal outlines several elements of the new Deed that should be brought to VCTA's attention and indicates areas that differ significantly from the agreed guidelines of the original MOU and the 2021 MOU. The letter is seeking VCTA's view of the Deed and how it wishes Coulter Legal to respond on VCTA's behalf.</i></p> <p><i>There has been no response on these documents from Eddy Bidese currently.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that the documents should be resent to the members of the Executive for comment.</i></p> <p><i>Comments from the Executive are requested urgently for forwarding to Coulter Legal.</i></p>		
22	14/6/22	Wangaratta CTC	Request for support with EMP
	<p><i>This letter is a request for support regarding the Environmental Management Plan that has been issued for the club by the Wangaratta Shire. Further information was requested by Executive and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this to all Executive members for comment.</i></p>		
31	25/6/22	Anita Pistrin (Gipps Academy)	Report of activities and request for funding support
	Dealt with at item 4.		
33	1/7/22	Keddie Davis (DJPR)	Request for VCTA to be part of Together More Active review
	<p><i>The Secretary sought approval from the Executive to reply and submit to the Together More Active review. This was approved.</i></p>		
34	4/7/22	Helen Corry (DJPR)	Announcement of return of Athlete Pathways grants
	<p><i>With the time required to complete an application, is it worthwhile applying for this grant given that the VCTA is unlikely to achieve the 40% of women on the Board to be eligible for the grant.</i></p>		
35	4/7/22	Teresa Giordano (DJPR)	Invitation to attend govt. reception for volunteers
	<p><i>The VCTA has received an invitation to attend an event at Government House, the CEO(?) and one outstanding nominee put forward by VCTA. It was decided that an apology be sent as there is no definitive time (sometime in September) and that Lynne and Jeff cannot attend. The acceptance had to be in prior to the meeting and no leeway was allowed.</i></p> <p><i>It was expressed that, in the future, the invitation should be forwarded to the Executive to see if anyone can attend as it may have been an opportunity to network with Government and other sport administrators.</i></p>		
38	9/7/22	Scott Collier	Request for VCTA media support for new online site
	<p><i>Scott Collier was looking for support for the website he has created for the advertising of firearms for sale. It was agreed that given the current thefts of firearms and information distributed by the Police Licensing Division – that we don't support this at this time.</i></p>		

Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
		n/a	

8. General Business

a. Commonwealth Titles

To be run at the State Grounds-Echuca CTC from July 28-31.

Who will be there;

Les Kadziela

Allan Kidd

Chris Langridge

Gary Hayden

Garry Cassells

Travis Williams

Andrew Smith

Lynne Curtis

Jeff Bell (Office)

Les Kadziela (MCMS)
Jeff Bell (Office)
Garry Cassells (Shoot Marshall)
Gary Hayden (Shoot Marshall)

Toilets are organised by JV Services

Trappers – Jeff & Anne to use their contacts from the Carnival to check availability.

Rate of pay is \$100 per day.

Stands to be transported to trap layouts by Conrad.

Several Executive members will be attendance Thursday morning to check and load traps.

It is expected that 6 or 7 traps will be used – dependant upon numbers. 100 expected.

b. ID cards for VCTA members

Every member that has paid their ACTA membership up to the end of April should have their card by now. There have been 2 print runs.

A question was asked about

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

Due to ammunition shortages, Spartan Global is unable to provide ammunition for the School Students events. Winchester has offered to step up and provide ammunition at a cost of \$9.90 per box. Ammunition will be delivered.

Secretary reported that there is a shortage of medals, and it may be necessary to use the medals that VCTA use for the Carnival to make up the shortfall if the ordered medals do not arrive in time (17 days). Executive accepted this compromise.

d. Secretary request to not send out Club administrators form

In the past, the Secretary has sent a form to clubs so that clubs could send their current position holders – President, Secretary etc. This information is also requested by the ACTA. It is a 'double up' of information. It was suggested that clubs be encouraged to ensure that the ACTA database information is up to date and the Secretary can obtain any necessary from there. Reminders will be sent to clubs on a regular basis to ensure information is accurate.

The Executive accepted this proposal.

e. Chris Langridge reminded the meeting that the Secretary will be sending out the information provided to the Rules Supervisors and that any opinions or comments need to be returned to Chris or Adrian Cousens by Wednesday July 27.

f. The question was asked about the progress of the submission by Shooting Australia to have shooting sports reinstituted into the Commonwealth Games.

It was reported back to the meeting that SA, in combination with representatives of the shooting sports, had been preparing a submission for the Commonwealth Games Authority. Professional assistance is being sought for the preparation of the submission. Representatives at the meeting assured the Executive that all that was being done was 'being done' to give the best possible chance for shooting to be on the program.

Some Executive members inquired as to using government contacts to try and aid the situation. The Executive were advised that anything that may be able to help should be initiated.

- g. The question was asked about illegal targets and that clubs should be setting the targets using radar guns.
Further discussion emphasised the importance of this.

9. Next meeting – October 10 (pre-Carnival)

10. Meeting closed 9.15pm